



THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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Parish Priest: Canon Colin Wolczak

Parish Secretary: Lisa Perry Pastoral Assistant: Lara Merk

Parish Office Opening Times: Mon, Tues & Thurs 9am – 12 noon
Church Opening Times: For Mass each day and Eucharistic Adoration (see below)
and Mon, Tues and Thurs 9am-1pm (except school holidays)

Prayers for the Sick

Fr David Weston
Tom Piggins
Peter Scoles
Casey Jones
Maria Jupp
Raymond Burtenshaw
Leslie Weller
Sarah Sparrow

**And all the sick & housebound
And all who have died**

Collections:

Offertory:

3rd Dec: £1487.23

10th Dec: £ 1318.26

Second Collections:

10th December Christmas Flowers
:£394.34

Forthcoming Collections:

Christmas Period – Friends of the Holy Land

Crib Offering – Catholic Children's Society

Christmas Offering:

Your Christmas offering is a personal gift to the parish priest, envelopes available on the benches and at back of the church. Many thanks in advance for your generosity, and for all your kind cards and gifts.

Christmas Invitation Cards

Please pick up a handful of Sacred Heart Christmas Cards from the Porch inviting your family, friends and neighbours to join us this Christmas.

Parish Office - Holidays:

The Parish Office will be closed from Wednesday 20th December to Wednesday 3rd January inclusive for annual holiday. For urgent matters leave a message on the answerphone

Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man.
Pope Francis

CHRISTMAS PERIOD NEWSLETTER

17th, 24th & 31st December 2017

3rd, 4th Sunday of Advent and The Holy Family - Year B

Mass Times and Intentions

SATURDAY	Dec 16	6pm	Ernest Eaton RIP
SUNDAY	Dec 17	9.30am	People of the Parish
		11.30am	Maurice Compton RIP
MONDAY	Dec 18	10am	Breda McCormack Int
TUESDAY	Dec 19	10am	Eileen Cousins & her dec rel and friends
WEDNESDAY	Dec 20	8am	Gillian Mortell RIP
THURSDAY	Dec 21	12noon	Kath Parsons RIP
FRIDAY	Dec 22	8am	Margaret Hickey RIP
SATURDAY	Dec 23	6pm	Eleanor White Int
SUNDAY	Dec 24	9.30am	People of the Parish
		11.30am	Lesley Ann Churchill
		6pm	Mary Kennedy's Int
		12midnight	Yvonne & Wiktor Wolczak RIP
MONDAY	Dec 25	9.30am	Benjamin & Ludmella Harrison RIP
		11.30am	Patrick Halligan RIP
TUESDAY	Dec 26	10am	Rev Fredk Thomas Edwards & Family
WEDNESDAY	Dec 27	8am	Bertram Head RIP
THURSDAY	Dec 28	12noon	Keon Martin RIP
FRIDAY	Dec 29	8am	Frances Crowley RIP
SATURDAY	Dec 30	6pm	People of the Parish
SUNDAY	Dec 31	9.30am	Jim Clarke RIP
		11.30am	Members of the Capelli Family
MONDAY	Jan 1	10am	John Kuipers Int
TUESDAY	Jan 2	10am	John Nicholas Crowe & Parents and Rels
WEDNESDAY	Jan 3	8am	Kathleen O'Sullivan RIP
THURSDAY	Jan 4	12noon	Austen & Chrysantha Gunawardena RIP
FRIDAY	Jan 5	8am	Ellen & John Francis Lynch

Please book Mass Intentions in advance – now booking Masses for Jan/Feb 2018
CONFESSIONS: 5-15pm-5.45pm every Saturday. 11.15am-11.45am First Saturday of month.
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Mondays 9am-8pm Tue 9-10am, Thurs 11am including Rosary until 18th December.

Then from 1st January - Mon 9-10am, Tue 9-10am, Thurs 11am including Rosary.

A message from Canon Colin

Dear Parishioners,

This being the last newsletter before we celebrate the Nativity of the Lord and the New Year, may I take this opportunity to thank you all for the wonderful welcome I have received from you all, and to wish you all a very Happy and Holy Christmas and every Blessing for 2018.

Christmas Service Times

Christmas Eve:

6pm Family Mass, First Mass of Christmas with Blessing of Crib
Midnight Mass preceded by Carols at 11.30pm

Christmas Day:

9.30am Family Mass
11.30am Sung Mass

With every blessing
Fr Colin

ALL OUR CHURCH SERVICES ARE STREAMED LIVE. TO VIEW GO TO www.sacredheartrove.org.uk/videos.html

Parish Diary

Thurs 21st Dec 7.30pm SVP Meeting –Parish Room
Sat 6th Jan 9.15am FHC Session - Parish Room
9.45am RCIA session – Parish House

Cottesmore St Mary's School Application Forms

If you are applying for a place at our local Catholic Primary school, Cottesmore St Mary's School or another of our local Catholic Primary schools, please remember that the closing date for applications is 15th January 2018.

Intentional Marriage - Reflection Day. All marriages, no matter how wonderful, can always be enriched. Ensuring our marriage doesn't become stale and floundering requires giving it attention. Making a choice to become intentional about our marriages is more than a good idea, as Catholics it's part of our reason for being. Christian marriage is a vocation, a calling from God to live our lives in a certain way to bring him glory by imitating the love he has for us. For people interested in exploring how they can invest more into their marriage please join us at Worth Abbey on **February 10th 2018 at 1.30pm** for inspiration from organisations that support marriage, followed by Mass with Bishop Richard. For further information or to book please contact Katherine Bergin on 01293651152 or katherine.bergin@dabnet.org

Friends of the Holy Land Appeal at Christmas. Each year FHL distributes around £96,000 of medical grants in the Holy Land. Since forming in 2009, we have enabled hundreds of Christians to have medications, operations and investigations that would have been beyond their means otherwise. Our Bethlehem office regularly identifies upwards of 200 cases a year needing urgent medical attention, many of whom also lack the income for the most basic essentials of life. FHL is meeting a need that few others can fulfil. As well as cases in the West Bank, Gaza and Israel, we are receiving more applications to support Christian refugees who have fled Iraq and are now living in Jordan. To donate and for more information visit their <https://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/>.

Altar Servers Rome Pilgrimage: At the invitation of the Holy Father, the Archconfraternity of St Stephen (Guild of Altar Servers) is organising a five-day trip to Rome in July, 2018. For more information and to book go to <http://www.paxtravel.co.uk/guild-of-st-stephen>.

Hospital Visits – If you know of anyone who is in the RSC Hospital and requires a visit from the hospital Chaplain please contact Fr Peter Fitch on 01273 087839 or frpeterfitch@hotmail.co.uk

Pilates Class at Sacred Heart. Fridays at 2pm in the Parish Room. For more info please contact Sheila Conlon sheilaconlon1@gmail.com

Next Newsletter: Sunday 7th January. All notices by **10am Tues 2nd January.**

Hangleton & West Blatchington Foodbank

December is upon us! Thinking of doing a Reverse Advent Calendar this year instead of gorging on chocolate? Below is a list of items we most need. You can drop any of the items off on Sunday 17th December between 2-4 pm or on Wednesday 20th December from 9.30 am-5 pm. Outside of this time is difficult for us to accommodate as we are only open on a Wednesday.

Reverse Advent Calendar

December

- 1st Small Coffee
- 2nd Small (250g) Sugar
- 3rd Shampoo
- 4th Conditioner
- 5th Shower Gel
- 6th Deodorant (Men's and Womens)
- 7th Vegetable oil
- 8th UHT Milk
- 9th Long life Juice
- 10th Tinned Vegetarian Food
- 11th Noodles
- 12th Washing up liquid
- 13th Shaving foam
- 14th Toothbrushes
- 15th Toothpaste
- 16th Toilet Roll
- 17th Washing Powder

Night Shelter: We have now operated for four of our nine scheduled weeks. If you would like to volunteer during our final five weeks, we still have a few vacancies on the overnight (10.30pm to 6.30am) and morning (6.15am to 8.00am) shifts for back-up reserves if our regular volunteers are unable to work their shifts and also to relieve them. Please complete a Volunteer Sign-up form (available in the porch) and hand it to the Parish Office, Fr Colin or to an organizer. Thank you.

Catholic Education - Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard. The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it, now we need you to tell them not to U-turn on their promise to Catholics. Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/education-cap> or search for Catholic Education in your search engine to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy.

New Prayer Group - RCIA Past & Present – LECTIO DIVINA, Prayer of the Heart. Next meeting Wednesday 3rd January 2018 7.00pm in the Parish Room and thereafter the first Wednesday of each month at 7pm. Anyone is welcome to join us! Contact Liz Flynn on 01273 729935. Thank you.

Parish Room every week!

Mon: **Tai Chi 50+** 11.30 – 12.30, Ian Kendall 07900 193230 or iktaichi@me.com.

Monday Club 2 – 4pm Chat, cakes & raffle

Christian Meditation 7 -8pm. The Christian meditation group will resume on 8th January. It will not be meeting again before Christmas. Info Tim 07870 360551

HAVE A BLESSED AND PEACEFUL WEEK!

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