



The Sacred Heart Standard

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3rd December 2019



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Dear Parents, Children, Staff & Governors,

Inspire a generation



ADVENT CAROL SERVICE: This will take place at church on Thursday 19th December 2019 at 7pm. There will be a collection for Bolton Hospice.

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS: All who celebrate(d) their baptism birthday in December: Maddison, Harrison, Kieran, Eleanor, Oscar, Leo, Lara, Leela and Sophie.

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MUSIC: Mrs Hardman (our Piano/Keyboard teacher) has three spaces left in her schedule. If you would like your child to receive lessons please book online at www.boltonmusicservice.com We also have Guitar, Voice, brass and violin tuition in school which can be booked in the same way.

RESPECT TOKENS: Well done to our winners last week, 3JC.

REVERSE ADVENT: Thank you for all of the donations we have received so far.

		SUPPORTING CARITAS CORNERSTONE <i>Be inventive in hospitality. ROMANS 12:13</i> JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE JESUS THIS CHRISTMAS	
02 DEC	TOILETRIES SHOWER GEL	16 DEC	MINCE PIES
03 DEC	TOOTHBRUSH TOOTHPASTE	17 DEC	BISCUITS
04 DEC	TINNED FISH	18 DEC	CHOCOLATES & SWEETS
05 DEC	TINNED POTATOES TINNED VEGETABLES	19 DEC	CHRISTMAS PUDDING
06 DEC	ST NICHOLAS DAY GIFTS	20 DEC	NAPPIES & BABY SUPPLIES
09 DEC	GRAVY GRANULES	THESE ARE ONLY SUGGESTIONS ANYTHING THAT WILL MAKE CHRISTMAS JOYOUS FOR OUR VULNERABLE BROTHERS AND SISTERS IS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED. St Nicholas Day Gifts: Reception – For anyone Y1 and Y2 – For children Y3 and Y4 – For ladies Y5 and Y6 – For gentlemen	
10 DEC	TINNED MEATS TINNED SOUPS		
11 DEC	TEA COFFEE HOT CHOCOLATE		
12 DEC	JELLIES ANGEL DELIGHT		
13 DEC	TINNED DESSERTS		

SACRED HEART PARISH FAST CHRISTMAS FAIR: A big thank you to all who supported our Sacred Heart Parish Families and School Together Christmas Fair.

SCHOOL CHOIR: Well done to our school Choir who performed at the switching on of the lights in St Bartholomew's Church. They sang 'O Holy Night' beautifully and everyone agreed that they were amazing.

SWIMMING: The last sessions took place on Monday 2nd December for Y6 and Tuesday 3rd December for Y5.

ATTENDANCE: Well done to our winners for last week Year 2 with 94.41%.

EVENTS COMING UP: You are most welcome to our assemblies, Masses and other events that are coming up. All provisional dates are included in our first SH Standard of each term, a shorter list for that term will be included in all other newsletters:

Mon 2nd Dec: Reverse Advent begins
 Mon 2nd Dec: 5D going to Mass at church – 9:30am
 Mon 2nd Dec: Y6 Swimming at Westhoughton Pool
 Tues 3rd Dec: Y5 Swimming at Westhoughton Pool
 Fri 6th Dec: St Nicholas / Christmas Jumper Day:
 (Gift giving for Cornerstone & Caritas Children / Family Project)
 Fri 6th Dec: RB will be leading class assembly
 Sat 7th Dec: Christmas Concert at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral
 Mon 9th Dec: 5G going to Mass at church – 9:30am
 Mon 9th Dec: KS1 Christmas Service (2pm & 7pm)
 Tue 10th Dec: LKS2 Christmas Service (2pm & 7pm)
 Wed 11th Dec: UKS2 Christmas Service 2pm & 7pm
 Fri 13th Dec: 3JC will be leading class assembly
 Fri 13th Dec: Choir singing at the town hall (morning)
 Fri 13th Dec: 3DC trip to British Commercial Vehicle Museum
 Mon 16th Dec: 4W going to Mass at church – 9:30am
 Mon 16th Dec: Reception Christmas Service (2.30pm & 5.30pm)
 Tues 17th Dec: 3JC trip to British Commercial Vehicle Museum
 Wed 18th Dec: Christmas Lunch (Christmas Jumper may be worn)
 Thur 19th Dec: Advent Carol Service in church (7pm)
 Fri 20th Dec: To be confirmed who will be leading class assembly
 Fri 20th Dec: Sacred Heart Autumn Term Ends at 2.15pm

	Year Group	Group Attendance %
1 st	Year 2	94.41
2 nd	Year 5	93.39
3 rd	Reception	92.71
4 th	Year 6	91.90
5 th	Year 4	91.36
6 th	Year 3	89.50
7 th	Year 1	83.97
	Whole School	91.04



Thank you for your continued support as we **walk** together

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LITURGY

Mon:	Advent weekday	Mass	9.30 am
Tue:	St. Francis Xavier	Mass	9.30 am
Wed:	Feria	Eucharistic Service	9.30 am
Thurs:	Advent weekday	Requiem Mass for Frances Strickleton	10.00 am
Fri:	St. Nicholas	Confessions	9.00-9.25 am
		Rosary	9.10 am
		Mass	9.30 pm
Sat:	St. Ambrose	Confessions	5.30-5.55pm
	2 nd Sunday of Advent	Vigil Mass	6.00 pm
Sun:	2 nd Sunday of Advent	Mass	10.00 am



Please remember

in your prayers all the sick and all who minister to them.

MASSSES RECEIVED: Frances Strickleton (x4), Margaret Nightingale, Shirley Fairbrother, Decd. members of Owens Family, Ellen and Tommy Reilly, Pat Donnelly (sick), Rita Bentham, Martin and Alice Stenson, Stenson and Fairhurst Families, Fr. B. O'Leary, Fr. H.PMcCarroll, Winifred Owens and Marion Smart

LATELY DEAD: Frances Strickleton, Margaret Nightingale, Rita Bentham



REQUIESCAST IN PACE: This Thursday morning we gather to celebrate the Mass of Requiem for Frances Mary Strickleton beginning at 10.00 a.m.. Please remember Frances and her family in your prayers.

CHRISTMAS FAIR: THIS WEEKEND: Our Christmas Fair will be held in school commencing at 11.00 am.
Home Bake items will **STILL** be welcome.

FLOWERS FOR CHURCH: If you would like to help towards the cost of providing flowers for our church for the Christmas season then please give your donation to Margaret Wardach or alternatively, you can give your donation to Father Barry.

PARISH COUNCIL: I'm indebted to the following parishioners who have very kindly agreed to be members of the Parish council: Brian Wardach, Martin Johnson, Gwen McGrath, Cathy Ward, Margaret Forster, Steve McCoy, and Esther Thoms.

CARITAS PARISH REP: My thanks to Gwen McGrath for very kindly agreeing to take on the role of Caritas Rep. She will be the link between *Caritas Salford* and myself and all our Social outreach projects will, in time, fall under this area.

BAPTISM: This weekend we welcomed through the Sacrament of Baptism: **Bella Sophia Nichols** as a member of the Family of God in the Salford Diocese.

OUTSIDE LIGHTING: The outside lighting is nearly complete, and all lights, apart from the two large lights, have now been changed to LED. The cost so far for the repairs and upgrade is £ **1181.74**. Our thanks to Ian Finn of Dennis Finn & Sons for the work so far.

HOPE IN THE FUTURE: Back in October the Bishop wrote to us about Stage Three of "*Hope in the Future*", inviting us to think and talk and pray about "Living the Sunday Eucharist". Next week (weekend 7th/ 8th December) there will be another short Pastoral message from the Bishop, together with a "worksheet" for us to begin our reflection. There will be three more of these in the coming Liturgical Year, so there will be plenty to think about! Every week, from today to the end of August we will be issuing a short reflection for inclusion in your parish newsletters. Week by week we will go through the Sunday Mass, offering thoughts and explanations which it is hoped will enhance our celebrations, and allow them to become more and more a real and vibrant encounter with God. A reminder that the Hope in the Future initiative is a discernment process with **no** set pace other than, the pace it takes, and as long as it takes, so no rush. Stage THREE which we begin today, stands independent of stage one and two. So with this in mind THIS Sunday we will have the opportunity to receive Holy Communion under both forms (Body & Blood) and we are asked to look towards how **WE** prepare ourselves for Mass? Since today we begin a new liturgical year, this is a good weekend to begin to think about Sunday Mass! But where do we begin? With the Opening Hymn? The Sign of the Cross? The greeting at the church door? Sunday Mass actually begins during the week before, in our minds and hearts. We should all come to Mass **prepared**. This preparation can take different forms – for some it might be reflecting on the scriptures beforehand, for others practising music or readings or writing intercessions. But every parishioner should begin their Sunday Mass before they get to Church! An easy way is to bring an **intention**. The priest will be offering Mass for a particular intention – either the needs of the parish community or a specific intention he has been asked to offer – and everyone can do the same. Think of your intention before you come to Mass: this week it might be for yourself, or a member of your family or a friend, or for the poor or hungry of the world, or for a particular tragedy you have seen on the news, or a particular joy in your family. Think of what you will offer Mass for – remember your intention, and pray it in the quiet moments of Sunday Mass. You are coming to Mass to meet Jesus – prepare for this meeting by thinking of what you are going to offer Him!

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: It has been my practice to, on the First Sunday of Advent, recommission **ALL** the Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist. This simple act will take place this weekend at ALL Masses after the homily.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: The new Offertory envelopes are ready for collection in the large meeting room. This is the most convenient way to support the Parish. Thank you to all who already participate in the scheme. If you would like a set of envelopes please see either John Martin or Jim Maxfield.