

## **SACRED HEART CHURCH NEWSLETTER**

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B), 14<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

**TODAY** is Peace Sunday when we pray not only for world peace but especially for peace in strife-torn countries in the Middle East. In addition, we keep in mind Pope Francis' special intention for the month of January, that Christians and other religious minorities in Asian countries may be able to practise their faith in full freedom.

**SERVICES THIS WEEK** : Please note that there will be no daily mass this coming week. There will be no services Monday – Wednesday inclusive. Prior to the Parish Lunch on Thursday, there will be a Eucharistic Service at 12.10 p.m. On Friday, the usual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 11 a.m. will be followed by a Eucharistic Service at 12 noon. On Saturday, there will be no midday mass but the 6.15 p.m. Vigil Mass for Sunday will take place as normal.

### **FEASTS OF THE WEEK :**

**St Anthony (Wednesday)** : He was born into a wealthy family but retired to the Egyptian desert by the age of 20, attracting many followers who shared his austere lifestyle. Anthony bequeathed to the Church an example of life spent in solitude and total devotion to prayer. He died in 356, believed to be about 105, and is honoured as the Patriarch of Monks.

**St Wulstan (Friday)** : Born in Warwickshire c.1008, he became a Benedictine monk of the cathedral priory of Worcester. Appointed bishop in 1062, Wulstan was one of the few Anglo-Saxons in high office to survive the Norman Conquest. His wise and benevolent rule lasted 32 years during which he had the cathedral rebuilt and reformed his diocese, also making strenuous efforts to stop the slave-trade in Bristol. He was renowned as a confessor and for his care of the poor and the sick, and also for the high standards he demanded of his clergy.

**St Fabian & St Sebastian (Saturday)** : Fabian was chosen as Bishop of Rome in 236 and gave a great example of steadfastness during a time of persecution when the emperor Decius decided to restore pagan worship in 250. Fabian died a martyr's death and was buried in the catacombs alongside the Appian Way out of Rome. Sebastian, a former officer in the emperor Diocletian's Imperial Guard, became a Christian and was also martyred in Rome during a

later persecution under the same emperor. Sebastian too was buried alongside the Appian Way and his tomb became the most well-known and most frequently visited in subsequent centuries.

**ANNIVERSARIES :** Please remember in your prayers all whose anniversaries occur about this time, including : Josie Hargreaves, Eileen Edwards, Denys Mahon, Helen West, Nina Regan, Theresa Regan, Teresa Gaffney, Ken Talbot, Emma Holden, Kenneth Ingram, Ken Fish, Lena Martin, Kath Holden, Roland Wilson, Margaret Settingington, Jack Settingington, Nicholas John Warland.

Please pray also for the happy repose of the soul of Steve Crook who died suddenly last weekend. We offer our sincere condolences to his wife Mary and all the family in their very sad loss. May he now rest in the peace of the risen Lord.

**PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2018 :** This year's programme will begin in a fortnight's time on Sunday morning, 29<sup>th</sup> January, in the Parish Room at 10.30. If you have a child in Year 3 at school, or 8 years-of-age or older, who would like to make their First Holy Communion here at Sacred Heart in the summer this year, please see Mary Mooney who will be available in the sacristy after Sunday Mass for the next two weekends or alternatively contact her by 'phone on 680539 for full details of the arrangements.

**CHURCH HEATING :** Apologies if you find the heating in the church under-strength this weekend. There has been a developing problem with the individual heaters and the necessary parts for repairs were not immediately available to us. It is expected that the required work will be carried out and completed during the coming week.

**PARISH LUNCH :** A reminder that the January lunch will be served on Thursday this week in the Parish Room from 12.30 p.m. There is still just time to add names to the list on the notice-board today.

**'CAFÉ SOCIETY' CABARET NIGHT :** A good number of bookings have already been made for this special night in the Parish Room on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> February, featuring this very engaging four-piece band, 'Café Society' who will take us back with catchy tunes and lyrics even to the era of the Charleston, all delivered with gentle throwaway humour. Not to be missed! To complement the evening's entertainment, a two-course hot meal will be served. If you would like to be there (and why not?), please sign the list on

**the notice-board as soon as possible, as remaining places are now limited.  
The cost will be £15.00.**

**Many thanks to our very popular artiste David Marshall for a most entertaining evening at last weekend's Twelfth-Night celebration and also to our very hard-working catering team of volunteers who put so much effort into ensuring the success and enjoyment of the event.**

**BINGO as usual in the Parish Room on Thursday evening from 7.45.**

**KNIT 'N' NATTER group meetings resume tomorrow (Monday) afternoon in the Parish Room from 2 p.m. Mary wishes all members a happy New Year and hopes to see you there.**

**MOTHERS' PRAYERS : Meeting on Tuesday evening this week at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Room.**

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THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE SCHEDULE FOR CLARITY - IF YOU GO FOR THIS USUAL FORMAT, THERE IS NO NEED TO PRINT ALL THE PREVIOUS INFORMATION.

Monday, 15 <sup>th</sup> January :	NO SERVICE
Tuesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> January :	NO SERVICE
Wednesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> January : St Anthony	NO SERVICE
Thursday, 18 <sup>th</sup> January :	Eucharistic Service 12.10 p.m.
Friday, 19 <sup>th</sup> January : St Wulstan (Exposition from 11 a.m.)	Eucharistic Service 12 noon
Saturday, 20 <sup>th</sup> January : Ss. Fabian & Sebastian	6.15 p.m.
Sunday, 21 <sup>st</sup> January :	10.30 a.m.