



The Sacred Heart Church, Petworth
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December 20th 2009 Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year C)

Saturday	19 th	5.30pm	Mass	Maureen McGovern's intentions
Sunday	20 th	8.30am (Duncton)	Mass	The People of the Parish
		10.30am	Mass	Nonah Byrne's intentions
Monday	21 st	10.00am	Mass	Eric Wells RIP
		2.00pm	Funeral Mass	for Bridget Hunter
		7.30pm	Parish Penitential Service	
Tuesday	22 nd	10.00am	Mass	
Wednesday	23 rd	10.00am	Mass	Anne Buckley RIP
Thursday	24 th	10.00am	Mass	
		Midnight	Mass	Talli Jones RIP
Friday	25 th	8.30am (Duncton)	Mass	The People of the Parish
		10.30am	Mass	C & M Willock Dawes (F)
Saturday	26 th	12.00Noon	Mass	
		5.30pm	Mass	The People of the Parish
Sunday	27 th	8.30am (Duncton)	Mass	Private Intention
		10.30am	Mass	Cronney & Christina Murphy RIP

Confessions: Saturdays at 5.00pm or by appointment

This Week

This Sunday There will be children's liturgy at the 10.30am Mass.

This Monday Penitential service at 7.30pm.

This Tuesday Church cleaning at Duncton.

Saints Days This Week

Friday Christmas Day

Saturday St. Stephen's Day

Next Sunday The Holy Family

Some Forthcoming Dates

Sunday December 20th Choir singing at 10.30am Mass

Children's Liturgy at 10.30am Mass.

Monday December 21st Parish Penitential Service at 7.30pm.

Tuesday December 22nd Church cleaning at Duncton

Sunday January 3rd Parish Party after 1030am Mass.

Advent Penitential Service

Our penitential service will take place on Monday December 21st in Petworth. Four other priests will be joining us for the evening

✂**Afrikids** There are some new posters on the noticeboard about Afrikids. We have sold more than £900 worth of pyjamas on behalf of Afrikids. I have some order forms if you are still interested in buying some, or they can be ordered from Afrikids direct.

✘ **Jeremy McNiven**, who many of you will have known, died last week. His funeral will be at 10am on January 6th at the Catholic Church in Midhurst



We would like to thank all of our wonderful parishioners for their support and friendship throughout another year, and to wish you all a very Happy and Blessed Christmas

Parish Christmas Party This year's party will be after the 10.30am Mass on **Sunday January 3rd**.

From The Homily of Pope Benedict XVI for Midnight Mass 2008

"The Creator who holds all things in his hands, on whom we all depend, makes himself small and in need of human love. God is in the stable. In the Old Testament the Temple was considered almost as God's footstool; the sacred ark was the place in which he was mysteriously present in the midst of men and women. Above the temple, hidden, stood the cloud of God's glory. Now it stands above the stable. God is in the cloud of the poverty of a homeless child: an impenetrable cloud, and yet – a cloud of glory! How, indeed, could his love for humanity, his solicitude for us, have appeared greater and more pure? The cloud of hiddenness, the cloud of the poverty of a child totally in need of love, is at the same time the cloud of glory. For nothing can be more sublime, nothing greater than the love which thus stoops down, descends, becomes dependent. The glory of the true God becomes visible when the eyes of our hearts are opened before the stable of Bethlehem."

The Lamp in the Lady Chapel burns this week in honour of Our Lady and in thanksgiving

Welcome to anyone who may be visiting our church, or if you have recently arrived in the area. We hope that you will enjoy being with us for our worship. There is a very brief history of the Sacred Heart Church by the doorway – please help yourself to a copy.

If you are putting money in the collection (for which we are always very grateful) you might like to use one of the yellow envelopes at the back of the church labeled 'Gift Aid Declaration'. These allow us to reclaim the tax paid on the gift, increasing its value to us by 28% (at no cost to you).

Church cleaning All volunteers and cleaners please come and join the Christmas clean at Duncton on Tuesday 22nd.

✘ **The Christmas Offering** (the collection taken at the Christmas masses) forms an important part of the Parish Priest's income - for which, as always, he is very grateful! If you are a taxpayer you are permitted to Gift Aid this offering, using one of the yellow Gift Aid envelopes. If you will be away at Christmas and wish to leave an offering before/after you travel, please mark the envelope 'Christmas offering'.

Christmas Cake Raffle Once more there will be a raffle in aid of the Lourdes Fund. Tickets are on sale this weekend (50p each or 5 for £2), with the draw made after 10.30am Mass on Sunday.

Last Sunday's offertory The average weekly amount given by standing order is £375.00. Last Sunday's collection was £464.46, of which £410.46 was in envelopes and £54.00 was loose cash.