



The Sacred Heart Church, Petworth
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November 29th 2009 First Sunday of Advent (Year C)

Saturday	28 th	5.30pm	Mass	The People of the Parish
Sunday	29 th	8.30am (Duncton)	Mass	Patricia Rose Morley RIP
		10.30am	Mass	Rev J Burke RIP (F)
Monday	30 th	10.00am	<u>Eucharistic Service</u>	
Tuesday	1 st	10.00am	Mass	Alison Stewart RIP
Wednesday	2 nd	10.00am	Eucharistic Service	
Thursday	3 rd	10.00am	<u>Mass</u>	
Friday	4 th	10.00am	Mass	Patricia Rose Morley RIP
Saturday	5 th	12.00Noon	Mass	
		5.30pm	Mass	The People of the Parish
Sunday	6 th	8.30am (Duncton)	Mass	
		10.30am	Mass	

Confessions: Saturdays at 5.00pm or by appointment

This Week

This Sunday There will be a service of Advent hymns and readings with Benediction, at 5pm.

This Tuesday there will be a meeting in The Presbytery at 7.30pm for those thinking about becoming Catholics: The Sacraments

This Tuesday Advent Group in The Presbytery at 7.30pm.

Next Sunday The Parish Council meets after the 10.30am Mass

There will be coffee after the 10.30am Mass.

Saints Days This Week

Monday S. Andrew

Some Forthcoming Dates

Sunday November 29th Advent 1.

Service of hymns and readings for Advent with Benediction, at 5pm.

Sunday December 6th The 10.30am Mass will be a children's mass.

There will be coffee after the 10.30am Mass.

The Parish Council meets after the 10.30am Mass.

Saturday December 19th

Holy Hour to pray for priests 4.30pm.

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.

Christmas Cards There are still some available in the Presbytery.

First Sunday of Advent

November 29th

**Service of Readings and Hymns for
Advent with Benediction**

5pm

ADVENT PROGRAMME

There will be a series of meetings in the Presbytery on Tuesday evenings

November 24th, December 1st, 8th and 15th.

[I know there will also be a meeting for people considering becoming Catholics on Dec 1st - we will use 2 rooms!]

I Believe

A series of meetings for people considering the possibility of becoming Catholics

These meetings will offer you a chance to explore the Catholic faith
Meeting 'The Sacraments'
Tuesday December 1st
7.30pm at The Presbytery
Anyone is welcome

✂**Let The Children Live!** I have sent off a total of £1504.30, in addition to any contributions that may have been sent direct. Thank you for your generosity.

✂**Christmas Flowers** There will be no special collection for Christmas Flowers, but if you would like to make a contribution please use one of the envelopes at the back of the church marked 'Christmas Flowers'.

✂**Christmas Cake Raffle** Once more there will be a raffle in aid of the Lourdes Fund. Tickets will be on sale next Sunday and the Sunday after (50p each or 5 for £2), with the draw made on the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

Talents Questionnaire Many thanks to the 50+ people who have replied, we are now looking through the responses. Rest assured all the information will be safely stored and we may call on your help when we need it, so don't worry if you don't hear anything from me for a while.

Last Sunday's offertory The average weekly amount given by standing order is £375.00. Last Sunday's collection was £435.57, of which £331.47 was in envelopes and £104.10 was loose cash.

Last Sunday's second collection for the retired priests of the diocese raised £314.39. Many thanks for your generosity.

Last Sunday's homily is available at the back of the church.

In Mary-Darkness

by Jessica Powers (A Carmelite sister)

I live my Advent in the womb of Mary
And on one night when a great star swings free
From its high mooring and walks down the sky
To be the dot above the Christus i,
I shall be born of her by blessed grace.
I wait in Mary-darkness, faith's walled place,
With hope's expectance of nativity.
I knew for long she carried me and fed me,
Guarded and loved me, though I could not see,
But only now, with inward jubilee,
I come upon earth's most amazing knowledge:
Someone is hidden in this dark with me.

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).