

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART
EGLWYS Y GALON SANCTAIDD
KOŚCIÓŁ NAJŚWIĘTSZEGO SERCA PANA JEZUSA
DIOCESAN SHRINE OF DIVINE MERCY
CHRISTMAS 2017 AND NEW YEAR 2018

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Christmas at a quick glance

4th Sunday of Advent Sat Vigil Mass 5.30pm
Sun 24th Holy Mass 9.30am, 11am
End of Advent NB -No 6.30pm Sunday Mass

Christmas Eve Nativity play 5pm
Childrens Vigil Mass 5.30pm
Carol service 11.30pm and Blessing of Crib
Midnight Mass
Christmas Day NB Church open 9am – 6pm
9.30am, 11am

Christmas Week. 26th Dec 10.30am,
27th Dec 7.30pm, 28th Dec 10.30am,
29th 7.30pm, 30th Dec 10.30 am
Weekend (as normal) New Years day- 12 noon

Misericordias Domini in aeternum cantabo -I will Sing forever of the Mercy of the Lord

What a great Christmas gift it would be to bring someone else with you to Confession and let them experience the Lords Mercy in their lives. A Blessed and Happy Christmas means being at peace with God through a good confession and all ready to start 2018 and whatever it brings. Bringing someone with you to confession over these next days is the best gift you can give someone this Christmas. Visiting priests are coming on Dec 20th –Fr Mansel and Fr Artur. We are grateful to Fr Martin who has been for the Immaculate Conception.

Help needed -We are in urgent need of helpers for the rotas. Please complete and return the rota sheet ASAP. All previous rotas will come to an end and we are not presuming that parishioners will continue as normal as this has led to the church not being cleaned for one month and for one team to do the collection for three consecutive weeks. A new returned rota form for 2018 will enable the rotas to be up to date.

Midnight Mass is at Midnight and will be forever associated with the celebration of Christmas even by those outside of the Catholic Church. The beauty and mystery of Midnight Mass has so many lasting memories for so many people and still retains its beauty and sublime majesty and prayerfulness. Please make an effort to support the Midnight Mass.

Many thanks to all those who so faithfully serve the parish in so many ways over this last year and also to those who have made a special effort in welcoming and assisting our new parish Sisters. Your continued help is needed in 2018.

Readers for Christmas Many thanks to those who have offered to read –Vigil Children Catechism Class,

Midnight 1st Reading -Alyn Bevan, Psalm-Kathryn, 2nd and B Prayers -Kevin Harvey.

9.30am Liz Arthur -All readings, **11am**- 1st Reading and Psalm –Suzanne, 2nd reading and B.Prayers Pauline.
3 readers are needed for the 11.30pm Carol Service please.

I join and unite myself with the parish sisters and Fr Andrzej in wishing each and every one of you a very Blessed and Happy Christmas. You will all be remembered in a special way at Midnight Mass, that the Lord may bless you and your loved ones with his presence and with graces for this Christmas and the forthcoming year our Lord 2018.

Whats on at a glance

Dec 17th Blessing of Cribs,, parishioners giving Ponsiattia planst, C and Italian Lunch (Fully Booked)

Daily Events -Holy Mass

Chaplet of Divine Mercy for the Dying in Parish and Hospital

Weekly events

Sunday – 4.30pm Choir (Centre),
Monday– 7pm Adult formation classes (back room),
7pm Lectio Divina Prayer Group (Centre)
8pm Charismatic prayer (see Sheila or Frances)
Tuesday – 4.30 pm Harmony Guitar Group (term time)
6.30pm Legion of Mary (Back room)
Thursday– 7.30pm SVP meeting (Centre)
Friday - 3pm Hour of Mercy
Saturday– Music Lesson, 1st Holy Communion Classes,
Childrens Rosary and Mass and homily (Term time)

Confessions These are heard regularly and also on Sundays when both priests are at home. Otherwise as follows: - Wed 7pm, Fri 7pm, Sat 11am +5pm. Sunday 9am and during Masses (if both of us here)

Monthly Events

1st Mondays – 7.30pm Healing service (as and when advertised)
1st Wednesday – 2.30pm Holy Mass and Over 50's Group (Centre)
1st Friday– All day Eucharistic Adoration
3rd Friday – 6.30pm Divine Mercy Holy Hour, Mass, Study Group

Contact names for Various Parish Activities

Hall Hire –	Paul Relf
SVP President -	Bernard Regan
Legion of Mary -	Mer Badilla
Social events -	Heather Harris
1st Holy Communion -	Mrs Liz Arthur
Confirmation -	Arthur Jones
Choir -	Kathryn Merry
Finance and Envelopes and Gift Aid -	Pauline Morris
Parish Childrens Guitar group	Brian Griffiths
Childrens Liturgy -	Suzanne Romano
Parish Safe Guarding Rep -	Elaine Rees

Activities for Children. Do you know about the following activities each week for our parish Children?

Harmony Guitar group –Tue 4.30pm Term time

Sat Music lessons, Term closes Dec 16th – Jan 13th

1st Communion class 2018 Registration closed

Childrens Rosary and Mass Sat 10.15am- in term time

Liturgy for Children Sun Mass 9.30am, 11am -All year

24th Dec 5pm Nativity Play 5.30pm Childrens Mass

Forthcoming Childrens Events – Jan 7th Family mass 11am

Catechism Class resumes Jan 6th 2018 -3.30pm with rehearsal for 11am Sunday Family Epiphany Mass

Rotas

17th Dec

Our Lady – Mary Kelly
Linen Leni
Counters, Helen, Ann + John
Cleaning All Cleaners please
Flowers AJ + Sheru

24th Dec

Our Lady – Mary Kelly
Linen Leni
Counters, Chris + Sheila
Cleaners anyone who is free
Flowers Parishioners Ponsiattia

31st Dec

Our Lady – Dessia
Linen - Kerelite Community
Counters, any offers
Cleaning - any offers
Flowers- Parishioners Ponsiattia

2nd Collection - 1st Sunday of each month for the sisters. Dec -£321

We are grateful to parishioners and catechism families who have undertaken a Direct debit to financially support the sisters.

Christmas Fayre £1181.40

December collections

Week .92 £1294 Week2 £1039.26

The Centre Please- Note the Centre will be closed from Dec 18th – January 9th 2018. No Bookings during these dates

Legacy- If you are writing your Will please remember the Shrine and Parish.

Heating Only Jesus was born in a barn, all other please close the Church door. The heating is on.

The Parish office is now closed until 8th January 2018.

Passports, Baptism forms, certificates, CV references etc will have to wait until return from parish Pilgrimage to Rome.

Sun 17th Dec Gaudete Sunday

5.30pm Int of Anna
9.30am For Cleo
11am For Mary Bryan and M.Kinsella
6.30pm

Mon 18th 9.30am Donor Int DMP
Tue 19th 9.30am Healy/ Curran Family
Wed 20th 9.30am Holy Souls

6.30pm Holy Hour with Visiting Confessors, Fr Mansel and Fr Artur

7.30pm Christine Doyle- Eileen Rowe

Thurs 21st 9.30am M Escorio /Emmanuel
Visiting Confessor - Fr Artur

Priest Day of prayer 1-5pm

Fri 22nd 9.30am Holy Souls
7.30pm M Escorio/Emmanuel

Sat 23rd 10.15 The Rosary
10.30am Judiell Pasia + Thuvelyn Lucero

Sunday 24th 4th Sunday of Advent

5.30pm Vigil Mass
9.30am Hugh Lambert- R +J George
11am Parents of Liz Arthur
NB No 6.30pm

Christmas Eve

5pm Nativity Play

5.30pm Childrens Mass Kristy -Brian + Colleen

11.30pm Carol service + Blessing of Crib

Midnight Mass- 1) Tomo Family

2) Poor Claire sisters Kathryn + Sheila

Christmas Day- Church open 9am – 6pm

9.30am 1)Int of Fr Jason
2) Mary Barnard-- R+J George
11am 1) Missa Pro Populo
2) Phyllis + Trevor Williams – Judith

Christmas Octave

26th 10,30am Agnes Martel Int
27th 10.30am Int of the Daughters of the Sacred Heart
7pm Carols +Benediction
7.30pm Mother Gabriel 100th Birthday Kathryn + Sheila
28th 10.30am Lolite San Felipe family int

29th 10.30am *Available*
12 noon Wedding
7pm Carols and Benediction
7.30pm Gordon Hanford -Philip
30th Rosary 10.15am
10.30 am Estrellas Ints

Sunday 31st Dec The Holy Family

Consecration of Parish families to the Holy family at the end of all Masses

5.30pm Sat Vigil Mass
9.30am Enid McDonell –Family
11am Poor Claires- Kathryn + Sheila
4pm SyroMalabar Mass
6.30pm

Mon 1st January Mary Mother of God

11.30am The Rosary and Veni Creator

12 Midday Holy Mass Int of Tim TR

Parish Pilgrimage to Rome

Tue 2nd 6.45am
9.30am *Available*
Wed 3rd 2.30pm *Available*
7.30pm *Available*
Thurs 4th 9.30am Elfyd Tomas- Kath

Fri 5th 1st Friday

9.30am Vocations- The Bishop
All day Adoration Please sign up
6.30pm Holy Hour
7.30pm *Available*

Sat 6th 1st Saturday

The Rosary 10.15am
10.30am Our Lady -John O Sullivan

Sun 7th The Epiphany of the Lord

5.30pm Vigil Mass
9.30am Int of Angelina Children
11am Family Mass- Pro Pop
3pm latin Mass The Sharpings
6.30pm Int of Fr Andrzej

Mon 8th 9.30am Eryl- Birthday
7.30pm Healing Service

End of the Christmas Season

Tue 9.30am, Wed 7.30pm, Thurs 9.30am,
Fri 7.30pm, Sat 10.30am (10.15 Rosary)

Baptism requests are not arranged by phone or email but after Sunday Mass for registered parishioners. (of at least 6months)

Lessons for Adults-Faith formation, see Fr Andrzej

Advent/Christmas Events

Dec 18th Confessions at the Mumbles Fr Jason
Dec 20th Confessions Fr Artur + Fr Mansel 6pm -8pm
Dec 21 Fr Artur Confessions Morriston 9am -10.30
Dec 21st Confessions 5pm Town Hill- Fr Andrzej

Dec 23/24/ 25 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas

May I gently remind you that as Christmas is a Monday , Catholics have to attend and fulfil both Sunday Mass Obligation and Christmas obligation.

Options for you to choose from -

- 1 Sunday Morning and Christmas vigil
- 2 Sat vigil and Christmas vigil
- 3 Sat vigil and Christmas day
- 4 Sunday Morning and Christmas Morning

Mass Intentions

Please note the 1st Friday Mass 9.30am Mass, 1st Sat Mass + 1st Thursday Mass and 1st Monday Mass intention each month has been booked for the year. Mass intentions given to Fr Andrzej are announced but not printed as he is often on supply. Please ensure Mass requests are early.

"The Iwobi family are grateful to the entire clergy and parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish for their love and support as we celebrated Chuka and Letty's 60th wedding anniversary on the 3rd of December. The celebratory couple were overjoyed to receive a Papal blessing which was presented to them on the day. Thank you".

The Catechism Classes are for Children who attend Sacred Heart Morriston Parish as it is their families who contribute financially to the parish which in turn supports the Sisters by means of the Sunday collection and the 1st Sunday 2nd Collection. It is also important to realise that in these classes Children are also prepared for the Monthly Family Mass which takes place on the 1st Sunday of the Month 11am at the Sacred Heart. From January a register will be kept of Catechism Children present at Sunday Mass.

Christmas ends on Monday January 8th 2018 . Help needed please to dismantle the decorations and flowers

Monthly Healing Service will take place on Monday Jan 8th at 7.30pm

1st Holy Communion 2019 yes 2019 Please be aware that the preparation of children who are now aged 5 have begun their preparation for 2019.

Christmas offering envelops . This is your gift to the priests not as a Christmas present but to support them through the year as here in the UK this is the main source of income to supplement the annual wage of £2500 about £200 a month. Your financial gift in the Christmas Day collection helps the priests to run the car, clothes, holidays, day off, toiletries, etc.

Thanks to the SVP for the recent Christmas party organised for the sick , elderly, housebound and needy of the parish

A candle for you at Christmas £2.50 now on sale with card and a candle for church over Christmas

Sick visitations for Christmas Communion

Monday 18th Dec Mr and Mrs De Marco, Mr Ferro, Mr Seddon, Mrs and Mrs Warchol, John Simons , Cleo, Mary Jones, Maureen Edwards, Angela, Nancy, Wyn Kelly, Sylvia Carson, Sheila Thomas, Jean Roberts, Monna

Tuesday 19th Sue Pullman, Kath Thomas, Betty Palmer, Maureen Vessey, Mary Grant, Carmel Poles, Mrs Pompa, Silvio Giannini Mary Chapman, Jenny, Vera, Eileen, Rene James. If families of the above can kindly notify their relatives/nursing home so as they can be aware of the visit of the priests these days.

Effectiveness- By sharing ourselves out Fr Andrzej and myself can reach more people and accomplish more for the glory of God and for your benefit .

Eg Legion of Mary, Latin Mass, Catechism classes - cared for by Fr Jason

Adult Instruction, guitar group, healing service –cared for by Fr Andrzej

Rome Pilgrimage Fr Jason and 24 parishioners will be in Rome for the Epiphany Mass with the Holy Father. Be assured of prayers at the various holy sites and basilicas

Divine Mercy Chapel The beautiful Cream and Red Ponsietta plants and decorations for Christmas in the Chapel have been sponsored "In thanksgiving" by the Tomo Family.

Further damage to the Hall. Sadly an electric socket was recently smashed and this has caused a severe fire and health risk to the Hall and to the fingers of Children. As of yet no one has reported the incident and we now face a bill to pay for electrician.