



ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF
SACRED HEART & ST GERARD
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Services this Week

Tuesday	6.00pm 7.00pm	Confessions until 6.45pm Mass in Sacred Heart
Wednesday	10.00am 7.00pm	Mass in Sacred Heart Advent Reconciliation Service in St Gerard's
Thursday	9.30am 6.00pm	Mass in St Gerard's Confessions after Mass Funeral Reception into Church
Friday	9.30am	Funeral Mass in St Gerard's <i>Jane Curran RIP</i>
Saturday	4.00pm 5.30pm	Vigil Mass in St Gerard's Vigil Mass in Sacred Heart
Sunday	10.00am 11.30am	Mass in St Gerard's Mass in Sacred Heart

The Scriptures

First Reading
Zephaniah 3:14-18

Isaiah 12
Sing and shout for joy for
great in your midst is the
Holy One of Israel.

Second Reading
Philippians 4:4-7

Alleluia, alleluia!
*The spirit of the Lord has been
given to me. He has sent me to
bring the good news to the
poor.*
Alleluia!

Gospel
Luke 3:10-18

Advent Penitential Service

There will be an Advent Penitential Service on Wednesday 15th December at 7.00pm in St Gerard's Church. As we remain in uncertain times with continued hesitancy the bishop has given permission for General absolution to be used on this occasion. Having listened to the Word of God we will be invited to reflect and examine our consciences before the celebration of the Sacrament with general absolution.

Individual celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation continues to be available on a Tuesday evening in Sacred Heart Church and a Thursday morning in St Gerard's Church.

Thank You

The collection last weekend was £1211. The parish also receives an average of £430 weekly in electronic donations.

Parish Christmas Card

There are parish Christmas cards available as you enter and exit both Churches with times of Mass at Christmas and New Year.

Please take some and put them through your neighbours door and extend an invite to those who may not have been at Mass for a while and help share the news of our Christmas celebrations.

Please remember in your prayers

Sick:

Baby Felix Durnion, Jackie Chinskie, Betty McDermott, Lorraine McCarthy, Jane Curran, Leanne McGovern, Billy Mosedale, Thomas O'Donnell, Marcella Taylor, Fr Raymond Jaconelli, Avril Fannon, Matt MacDonald, Jean Murphy, Megan Carlin, Jamie Devine, Elizabeth Lunny, Margaret McMahan, Tom Downie, Mary Malone, Annie Taggart, Betty McAuley, Angela Ferguson,

Recently Dead: Johann Nairn, Arthur Lenagh, Jane Curran, Tommy Kone, Mark McGrady, Eileen McQuade, Kathleen Moore, David McAlroy,

Months Minds: Mary & Gerry Mays, Eddie & Anne McAuley, Gerry Mays, Lisa McAlevey, Delia Brown, Marie Bell, Mulrain Family, Duffy Family, John Boyle, Agnes McGrath,

Anniversaries: Susan Mays, Thomas & Margaret Brennan, Cathy McAuley, Tom Malone, James Quinn,

Sisters of St. Peter Claver

Our mission calendars are available at the back of both Sacred Heart & St. Gerard's churches

Your donations are most appreciated!

Please Pray for

Arthur Lenagh RIP

Whose funeral will be celebrated on Tuesday 14th December at 1.30pm in Holytown Crematorium

Jane Curran RIP

Whose remains will be received into the Church on Thursday 16th December at 6.00pm and whose funeral will be celebrated on Friday at 9.30am in St Gerard's Church

David McAlroy RIP

Funeral Arrangements to be confirmed

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Parish Building & Finance Meeting

on Wednesday 19th January at 7.00pm
In Sacred Heart Church

Everyone is welcome to discuss the repairs and maintenance, of our churches and halls as well as the financial implications of these decisions for our parish finances.

Funerals

To clarify after a few enquiries, funerals in the church are currently not limited and are open for anyone to attend.

Advent Prayer

Lord Jesus,
Master of both the light
and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit
upon our preparations for Christmas.

We who have so much to do and seek
quiet spaces to hear your voice each day,

We who are anxious over many things
look forward to your coming among us.

We who are blessed in so many ways
long for the complete joy of your
kingdom.

We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy
of your presence.

We are your people, walking in darkness,
yet seeking the light.

To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"
Amen.

- Henri J.M. Nouwen