



TO THE GREATER GLORY OF GOD  
**The Church of the Sacred Heart, Lauriston**  
 SERVED BY THE SOCIETY OF JESUS  
**Third Sunday of Advent (Year B)**  
 17<sup>th</sup> December 2017



At Christmas time our city is bathed in light. But so many have no idea that this light symbolises our Lord Jesus, the Light of the World, born among us at this time. And we may ask ourselves into the lives of how many people this Christmas will we bring the Light of Jesus? How many will experience Jesus being reborn within them through our witnessing? There are so many people out there who live in darkness. There are so many who are poor in so many ways, even though financially well-off. So many who lack real freedom, the freedom to choose truth and love in all they do and say. So many who are deafened by the consumerist din around them. So many, in the midst of all the superficial jollity, who feel lonely, unwanted, rejected, marginalised. So many broken hearts amid all the party-going. There are people who simply hate Christmas because it only increases their inner pain and deep sadness. So many out there are waiting. Waiting for us to shine the light of Christ on them and to turn their lives into experiences of joy, of wholeness and integrity. The joy of Jesus, the joy of Christmas can only be ours to the extent that we work with Jesus to bring that joy into the lives of others too.

Frank Doyle SJ



Thank you for last weekend's collection of £1156.00.

The new rota for Readers/Eucharistic Ministers is available outside the sacristy.

**There will be no tea/coffee after 10.45 Mass on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December, but it will resume on 31<sup>st</sup> December**



**Entrance Antiphon:** Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

**Response to the Psalm:** My soul rejoices in my God.

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

**Communion Antiphon:** Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

**First Reading:** Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11 I exult for joy in the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Luke 1:46-50, 53-54

**Second Reading:** 1 Thess 5:16-24 God has called you and he will not fail you.

**Gospel:** John 1:6-8, 19-28 There stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming.

All are welcome to the Sacred Heart Church, whether for one visit, or one of many. Please join us for a cup of tea or coffee in the hall after the 10.45am Mass.

**Nativity Play, Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

**at 10.45am Mass:** The dress rehearsal will take place on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December from 10am - 12noon. For more information contact Louise Aldridge (337 2078 or 0796 896 1297).

**Percussion Band at Christmas Vigil Mass, 6.30pm on Christmas Eve:**

All children who would like to play percussion instruments at the Christmas Vigil Mass at 6.30pm on Christmas Eve are invited to go out with the Children's Liturgy Group for a practice at the 10.45am Mass on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

**CAROL SINGING**

The Choir invite you to join them on a carol singing tour of the locality on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. Meet outside the Church at 7pm to spread some cheer and raise funds for the Refugee Survival Trust.

**Advent Evening of Reflection**

through poetry and Christmas Music with the Dovecot Singers. Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm at St Catharine's Convent, Lauriston Gardens. There will be a retiring collection to support St Catharine's Homeless Project.

**Journey through Advent**

An experience of Taize Style Prayer Sacred Heart Church, 7.15pm – 8.15pm Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Looking for something meaningful to help you prepare for Christmas? Come and join us as we experience faith through music, silence and reflection. All are welcome whether you want to stay for the hour or just pop in, say a prayer and go.



**Mass Times During Christmas Season at St Joseph's House, Gilmore Place**

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December  
 1<sup>st</sup> Mass of Christmas at 5pm.

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December  
 Christmas Day Mass at 10.30am.

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January  
 Mass at 10.30am.

The usual evening Masses on Tuesdays & Thursdays are suspended until Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January, when they will resume.

**Sunday Masses:**

Sat 6.30 pm; Sun 7.45 am, 10.45 am, 8.00 pm

**Weekday Masses**

In Sacred Heart and St Patrick's parishes

	7.45am	12.30pm	5.30pm
Mon	Sacred ♥	St Pat's	Sacred ♥
Tue	St Pat's	Sacred ♥	SJH
Wed	Sacred ♥	St Pat's	Sacred ♥
Thu	St Pat's	Sacred ♥	SJH
Fri	Sacred ♥	St Pat's	Sacred ♥
Sat	St Pat's	Sacred ♥	

St Pat's=St Patrick's, Cowgate, EH1 1TQ

SJH = St Joseph's House, 43 Gilmore Place, EH3 9NG

**Confessions:**

Mon-Fri: 12.00-12.25 pm

Sat: 1.00-2.00 pm., 5.00-6.20 pm

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:**

Saturday 5.00-6.15 pm

**Rosary:** Weekdays at 12.15 pm**Baptisms and Marriages:**

By arrangement with the Pastoral Assistant

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**THIS WEEK**

Mon	18	Feria	Matt 1:18-24
Tue	19	Feria	Luke 1:5-25
Wed	20	Feria	Luke 1:26-28
Thu	21	Feria	Luke 1:39-45
Fri	22	Feria	Luke 1:46-56
Sat	23	Feria	Luke 1:57-66
Sun	24	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent (B)	Luke 1:26-38

**Diary Dates 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

Mon	Rosary for the Unborn 6.15pm: Voice of the voiceless.
Tue	The Lunch Club will meet at 1pm. Charismatic Prayer Group 6.30pm in the Madonna Prayer Room AA Group 7.30 pm.
Wed	Vespers 7.30pm St Catharine's Convent.
Thu	Legion of Mary 3.45 - 4.45pm at St Joseph's, Gilmore Place. Choir Practice 7.30 pm.
Fri	Chaplet of Divine Mercy 3.00 pm. Christian Meditation Group 7.00 pm.

**Christmas and New Year Services 2017/18****Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December, The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Masses (Vigil: Sat. 6.30pm) 7:45am, 10:45am

*Children's Nativity Play at the 10.45am Mass*Christmas Vigil Mass 6:30pm (*Children open the crib*)Mass of Christmas Night 11:00pm (*Carols from 10.30pm*)**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December, Christmas Day**Masses 7:45am, 10:45am (*no evening Mass*)*N.B. Church closes after 10:45 Mass***Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> December, St Stephen's Day**Mass 12:30pm (*no morning or evening Mass*)

Confessions 1pm - 2pm

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> December - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> December**

Confessions and Masses at the usual weekday times

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December, Feast of the Holy Family**

Masses (Vigil: Sat. 6.30pm) 7:45am, 10:45am, 8.00pm

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January, Feast of Mary, Mother of God (Public Holiday)**Mass 12:30pm (*no morning or evening Mass*)

Confessions 12:00 - 12:25pm

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January**

Confessions and Masses at the usual weekday times

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January, Feast of the Epiphany**

Masses (Vigil: Sat. 6.30pm) 7:45am, 10:45am, 8.00pm

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January, the Baptism of the Lord**

Mass 7.45am, 5.30pm

Confessions 12:00 - 12:25pm

**GREEN TIP FOR DECEMBER  
SAVE TREES, MONEY, TIME.**

Instead of writing Christmas cards to each of your friends at Sacred Heart, write one card and pop it into the post box in the foyer. These will decorate the tea & coffee area of the hall.

**We pray for the sick and those who care for them:** Nilda D'Agostino, Norah D'Agostino, Theresa Donoghue, John McPartlin, Samantha Carey, Collette Duffy, Mary McMillan, Theresa Robb, Patrick Shevlane, Kathy Fagan, Linda Gunn, Cathy Donoghue, Ona Goldie, Maureen Dey, Irene Degnin, Dorothy & Manuel Jarque, Christina Smith, Lawrence Malone, Roberta Pavel, Pat Crowe, Stella Reynolds, Rita Collins, Mary Kelly, Teresa Dickson, Rose McGonagal, Mary Mullen, Christopher Browne, Anselmo Caldeira, Anya Hamilton, Janet Moss, Jacqueline Millar, Betty McDermott, Francis Brennan, Benedicte Gaspard, Alex Gormley and Bettie Blackie.

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