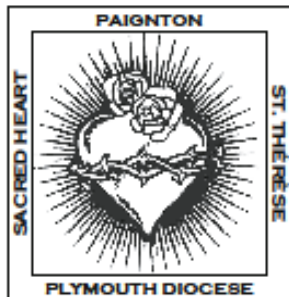


# Parish of the Sacred Heart & St Thérèse of the Child Jesus



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## Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2017– Third Sunday of Advent B Psalter 3

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Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> December <i>Vigil for the Third Sunday of Advent</i>	5.30pm 6.00pm	Confessions Holy Mass	John Bennett RIP
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> December <i>Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday</i>	10.00am	Holy Mass	Sydney Wilks RIP
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December <i>Advent Weekday</i>	10.00am	Holy Mass	Frederick George and Mary Underhill RIP
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December <i>Advent Weekday</i>	10.00am	Holy Mass	Peter Lyne RIP
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December <i>Advent Weekday</i>	10.00am	Holy Mass	Dorothy and Frank Stasior RIP
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December <i>Advent Weekday</i>	<b>9.00am</b>	Holy Mass	Intentions of Violet Francis
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December <i>Advent Weekday</i>	9.00am 10.00am	Holy Hour Holy Mass	Anthony John Sibeth RIP
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December <i>Vigil for the Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	5.30pm 6.00pm	Confessions Holy Mass	Jessie Meredith RIP
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> December <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> <b>VIGIL MASS FOR THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD.</b> <b>CAROLS FOLLOWED BY MIDNIGHT MASS.</b>	10.00am <b>6.00PM</b>  <b>11.30PM</b> <b>MIDNIGHT</b>	Holy Mass <b>HOLY MASS</b>  <b>CAROLS</b> <b>HOLY MASS</b>	Raymond Pursey RIP  The Sick and Housebound  People of the Parish
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> December <b>CHRISTMAS DAY MASS</b>	<b>10.00AM</b>	<b>HOLY MASS</b>	Private Intentions of Fr. Mark

**RIP:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Dorothea Sibeth RIP and all those who have died recently. We remember also those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

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

**SICK & HOUSEBOUND:** Please pray for all the sick or housebound in our Parish and those who are particularly poorly at this time.

**PARISH COLLECTIONS :** Last week's offerings amounted to £568.80  
Standing Orders for last week : £262.75  
Thank you for your generosity

**Parish Office.** This week the office will be open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9.30am – 12.30pm. The office will be closed on Monday and Friday.

If you have anything you would like included in the bulletin please submit it by **Wednesday** (email or, if in writing, put it through the Presbytery postbox). **Please bear in mind that the newsletter will cover two weeks.**

**Diocesan Year Book 2018:** For sale in the Sacristy. £4.00

**2018 Calendars :** There are 2018 Sacred Heart School Calendars for sale, by the school, in the porch for £5 each. Half of all proceeds will go to Rowcroft Hospice.



**Parish Website:** Are you a whizz on the computer? Could you help us to update our website and make it more attractive? Then there's a task for you! Contact the Office or Fr. Mark.

**December 2B1:** Come and join us this Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. Theme 'Jesus – the reason for the season.' Sing, pray, eat, chat – Goodrington Methodist Church at 7.30pm. Celebrate Christmas in a relaxed atmosphere with friends from different churches. All welcome.

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Please pray for Oliver Samuel Baxter who will be baptised this weekend.

**Altar Servers' Practice:** Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 4pm. Very important.

#### Children's Letters to Pope Francis

Dear Pope Francis,  
Do bad people have a guardian angel too?  
With lots of love Karla Marie. Age 10, Nicaragua

Dear Karla,

We all have a guardian angel! One way to help people who are doing bad things is to pray to their guardian angels so their angels can help them do what is good. Another thing you can do is pray to your own guardian angel so that he becomes friends with the guardian angel of a person who is doing wrong. That person's angel can urge him to come to his senses. Children should realize that every person - bad or good - has a guardian angel to pray to so that their angels can take care of them. God gives us angels to help us improve, change, and become people who do what pleases God. Guardian angels accompany people who do wrong. The angels try to help them realise their mistakes and where they are not on the right path. Our angels help us to think good thoughts and, in general, they take care of us. Of course, some people don't always listen to their guardian angel, and some almost never listen. Still, their angel always accompanies them.

Franciscus

#### Christmas Offering

Christmas offering envelopes are available in the porch. This is your personal gift to the priest at Christmas and can be put in the collection basket any time during the Season of Christmas.

#### Gaudete Sunday

*On Gaudete Sunday, in the middle of Advent, the Church lightens the mood a little and the priest may wear rose vestments. The change in colour, from purple, provides us with encouragement to continue our spiritual preparation, especially prayer and fasting. However, it shows a shift in the season of Advent, away from repentance and towards celebration. For this same reason, the third candle of the Advent wreath is also rose coloured. The term 'Gaudete' refers to the first word of the Entrance Antiphon "Rejoice".*

*"Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near."*

*Philippians 4: 4-5*