

**SERVICES - ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK  
22nd to 29th January 2017**

SH - Sacred Heart Church M18 7WJ  
SF - Saint Francis Church M12 5DT

17.00 CONFESSION (SF)  
17.30 MASS (SF)

**SUN 22nd THIRD SUNDAY  
COMBONI MISSION APPEAL**

10.00 CONFESSION (SH)  
10.30 MASS (SH)  
11.40 LEGION OF MARY (SH)  
12.00 BAPTISM (SH)  
Joshua Mukeh Ngaojla  
14.00 WALKING CLUB

**MON 23rd**

NO MASS (SH)

**TUE 24th St Francis de Sales**

10.00 MASS (SH)  
13.00 OVER FIFTIES ... CLUB (SH)  
19.00 ST ANTHONY'S NOVENA (SF)  
19.00 SAFE ~ AMBITION (SH)

**WED 25th THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL**

9.15 MASS (SH)  
19.00 YOUTH GROUP (SH)

**THU 26th St Timothy and St Titus**

9.00 MASS (SF)  
11.30 THURSDAY CLUB (SH)

**FRI 27th St Angela Merici**

10.00 MASS (SH)  
19.00 FLOWER CLUB (SH)

**SAT 28th St Thomas Aquinas**

10.00 MASS (SH)  
10.30 ADORATION (SH)

17.00 CONFESSION (SF)  
17.30 MASS (SF)

**SUN 29th FOURTH SUNDAY  
CARITAS SUNDAY**

10.00 CONFESSION (SH)  
10.30 MASS (SH)  
11.40 LEGION OF MARY (SH)  
14.00 WALKING CLUB

ATTENDANCE	Sacred Heart	Saint Francis
14th / 15th Jan	267	85

COLLECTIONS	Sacred Heart	Saint Francis
Envelopes 14th / 15th Jan	£124.35	£122.72
Loose Plate 14th / 15th Jan	£304.53	£105.61
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£428.88</b>	<b>£228.33</b>

WELCOMERS	THIS WEEK 21st / 22nd Jan	NEXT WEEK 28th / 29th Jan
17.30 (Sat) Saint Francis	Pat Cowsil Pat Taylor	Anthony Eduah Ken Wishart
10.30 Sacred Heart	Sally Geraghty Sheila Downey Elizabeth Smith Kingsley Ajueyitsi	Anthony Tetlow Jill Moorhouse Ann Wilson Wendy Rigby

READERS	THIS WEEK 21st / 22nd Jan	NEXT WEEK 28th / 29th Jan
17.30 (Sat) Saint Francis	Anthony Baker Jainy Chackochan	Joshua Pidowe Lawrence Ndadaye
10.30 Sacred Heart	Ehi Itua Michael Itua	Clare Neary Gemma McGungle

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	THIS WEEK 21st / 22nd Jan	NEXT WEEK 28th / 29th Jan
17.30 (Sat) Saint Francis	Albertina Ndadaye Maree Jordan Maureen Smith	Anthony Baker Frank Galvin Mary Brennan
10.30 Sacred Heart	Clare Neary Dolores Smith Nancy Nalikata Sheila Downey Wendy Rigby	Imose Itua Lawrence Barboza Margaret Painter Marjorie Fisher Michael Painter

CLEANING	Sacred Heart	Saint Francis
Week beginning 22nd January	Wednesday 25th Jan	



**SACRED HEART AND SAINT FRANCIS PARISH**

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**22nd January 2017 - THIRD SUNDAY - Year A**

**'Stay with us Lord on our Journey'**



If you follow me, it's people you'll catch, says Jesus in today's gospel. We all agree that we want to follow Jesus and come closer to God. But why are we so shy about fishing for others? Why do we find it hard to try and bring others to Christ?

Is it a cultural thing? Have we bought into the great deception that it's not the done thing to parade our faith on our sleeve? Yet if our faith is the single most important thing about our whole lives, how can we think of wearing it in our pocket? If our Christian belief is the one thing that makes sense of our existence, that provides us with the wherewithal to cope with what life throws at us, then how can we think of keeping it to ourselves and not trying to get others to experience it?

Don't talk about religion or politics, the saying goes. But if religion is about the ultimate meaning of life and politics is about how we organise it, then not to talk about either of them condemns us to the pleasantries of surface-living. Yet life's issues are deeper than talking about the weather, and faith's issues touch the core of reality.

Could it be that we're afraid of talking to others about our faith because we think we will be shown to be lacking? Is it because we feel ashamed and embarrassed because religious people are often caricatured as cranks in the media? Is it because we don't want to disturb people? Would we not disturb someone whose coat was on fire? Would we never tell a crying child that the toy needs to be switched on before it will work properly?

If we're not prepared to lead people towards God, then who is? And yet leading people to God is part of our "contract". To be a follower of Christ implies that we too proclaim the good news to the ends of the earth. Or at the very least to the ends of our street. If we talk to others and they begin to ask us questions that we can't answer, then it's a simple task to put them in touch with those who can.

**COMBONI ~ VERONA MISSION APPEAL**

this weekend we welcome  
Fr John Downey Comboni ~ Verona Missionary  
to make the annual Mission Appeal  
please be generous in the retiring collection

**SINGING AT MASS**

Singing is an important part of making the Mass a real experience of celebration. St Augustine said that when we sing our prayers we pray twice. Please join in the singing at Mass. Our lead singers and choir are there to help the congregation not replace them. Also it would be great to have more lead singers, choir members and musicians with instruments - if you can help please make yourself known.

**MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS**

Donor - INTS God's mercy and protection over our family

Donor - INTS success in exams  
Betty Ruane and family - INTS  
Regine Tchantcho - INTS

Sr Delia Young FMSJ - INTS New Year Blessings  
Flatley Family - INTS New Year Blessings  
Geraghty Family - INTS New Year Blessings  
Tarpey Family - INTS New Year Blessings  
Winnie Byrne - INTS New Year Blessings

Ken Wishart - INTS Birthday - 19 JAN  
Kevin Connolly - INTS Birthday  
Marlene Jones - INTS Birthday

Donor - INTS successful surgery  
Ken Wishart - INTS speedy recovery  
Kate McCarthy - INTS successful treatment  
Mary Nolan - INTS successful treatment  
Renee Kane - INTS successful treatment  
Sam Corcoran - INTS successful treatment

Beverley Alwan - RIP RD  
Jeff Rigby - RIP RD

Shirley Welsby - RIP Anniv (19th Jan)  
Nano Convery - RIP 2nd Anniv (21st Jan)  
Peter Murray - RIP Anniv (22nd Jan)  
James Lorrigan - RIP Anniv (23rd Jan)  
James Dennis - RIP 40th Anniv (29th Jan)

Tony McAssey - RIP 80th Birthday (24th Jan)  
Fr Terence Schofield - RIP 70th Birthday (31st Jan)

to request Mass Intentions and Prayers please  
see Fr Derek or contact the parish office

**SICK AND HOUSEBOUND  
PARISHIONERS**

we remember in our prayers  
the sick and housebound

**CONDOLENCES**

we offer our sincere condolences to

**Rigby Family**  
Jeff Rigby RIP

**WELCOMERS MEETING (SH)**

there will be a meeting  
for all those already involved in  
welcoming ministry  
at the 10.30am Sunday Mass  
those who would like to get involved  
and any other interested parishioners

11.30 to 12.00  
Sunday 29th January 2017

**MUSIC MINISTRY MEETING (SH)**

there will be a meeting  
for all those already involved in  
music ministry  
at the 10.30am Sunday Mass  
those who would like to get involved  
and any other interested parishioners

11.30 to 12.00  
Sunday 5th February 2017

**READERS MEETING (SH)**

there will be a meeting  
for all those already involved in  
reading ministry  
at the 10.30am Sunday Mass  
those who would like to get involved  
and any other interested parishioners

11.30 to 12.00  
Sunday 12th February 2017

**ABC - ABOUT BEING CATHOLIC  
MEETING**

next meeting  
Sunday 12th February 2016 (SH)  
12.00noon to 1.00pm

**RASSEMBLEMENT  
PAROISSIENS FRANCOPHONES (SH)  
MEETING  
FRANCOPHONE PARISHIONERS**

il y aura un rassemblement pour les  
paroissiens francophones  
à 19:00 le vendredi 17 février  
suivie d'un repas simple

**PLEASE NOTE THE  
CHANGE OF DAY AND TIME**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
followed by  
HEALING MASS**

(fourth Friday of each month)

Friday 24th February 2017  
Sacred Heart Church

6.00pm - Station of the Cross  
weather permitting in the Garden, or in church  
7.00pm - Mass with Anointing of the Sick  
8.00pm - Supper (£1 donation)

Our Lady Undoer of Knots  
St Pio of Pietrelcina  
St Peregrine  
pray for us

All are welcome.

**CHARITY FUNDRAISING**

as we plan the activities for the year ahead  
we would like to establish  
a calendar of dates for charity fundraising

those who would like to  
run events

or make collections at the end of Mass  
please email the parish office  
with details of the charity  
and the dates you would like

**VOLUNTEERS**

because of the poor financial situation  
of our parish  
we need volunteer help  
to keep it going

if can you spare a few hours  
on a regular basis  
please contact the parish office

**BAPTISM**

if you would like to have  
your child baptised

**step one**

please contact the parish office  
and make an appointment to see Fr Derek

**step two**

attend a baptism preparation session

**step three**

fix the baptism date

**FIRST CONFESSION  
AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

children in Year three and above  
are invited to register by sending Fr Derek  
(via school or via the parish office)  
a letter of request  
and a copy of both their  
birth and baptism certificates

**SAFE - GORTON  
COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECTS**

As a parish we have three  
Community Outreach Projects  
under the title of SAFE - Gorton.  
The projects are open to everyone who  
lives in Gorton and the surrounding areas.

**SAFE  
COMMUNITY CAFE**

under review

**SAFE  
COMMUNITY YOUTH MUSIC PROJECT  
AMBITION**

(safe-gorton.com)  
for young people interested in music  
and various aspects of production  
no charge  
Tuesday  
7.00pm to 9.00pm

**SAFE  
COMMUNITY GARDEN**

everyone welcome  
no charge  
Saturday  
12.00noon to 2.00pm  
and at other times by arrangement