

**SERVICES - ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**  
**29th January to 5th February 2017**

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

17.00 CONFESSION (SF)  
 17.30 MASS (SF)  
**SUN 29th** **FOURTH SUNDAY**  
**CARITAS SUNDAY**  
 10.00 CONFESSION (SH)  
 10.30 MASS (SH)  
 11.30 SAFE - COMMUNITY CAFÉ (SH)  
 11.30 WELCOMERS MEETING (SH)  
 11.40 LEGION OF MARY (SH)  
 14.00 WALKING CLUB

**MON 30th**  
 NO MASS (SH)

**TUE 31st** St John Bosco  
 10.00 MASS (SH)  
 10.30 ADORATION (SH)  
 13.00 OVER FIFTIES ... CLUB (SH)  
 19.00 ST ANTHONY'S NOVENA (SF)  
 19.00 SAFE ~ AMBITION (SH)

**WED 1st**  
 9.15 MASS (SH)  
 18.00 GENERATION YOUTH GROUP (SH)

**THU 2nd** PRESENTATION OF THE LORD  
 FEAST OF CANDLEMASS  
 9.00 MASS (SF)  
 11.30 THURSDAY CLUB (SH)

**FRI 3rd** St Blaise  
 10.00 MASS (SH)  
 13.15\* FUNERAL SERVICE (SH)  
 Vincent O'Connor RIP  
 19.00 FLOWER CLUB (SH)

**SAT 4th**  
 10.00 MASS (SH)

17.00 CONFESSION (SF)  
 17.30 MASS (SF)  
**SUN 5th** **FIFTH SUNDAY**  
 10.00 CONFESSION (SH)  
 10.30 MASS (SH)  
 11.30 SAFE - COMMUNITY CAFÉ (SH)  
 11.30 MUSIC MINISTRY MEETING (SH)  
 11.40 LEGION OF MARY (SH)  
 12.00 BAPTISM PREP. MEETING (SH)  
 14.00 WALKING CLUB

ATTENDANCE	Sacred Heart	Saint Francis
21st / 22nd Jan	255	84

COLLECTIONS	Sacred Heart	Saint Francis
Envelopes 21st / 22nd Jan	£192.85	£129.30
Loose Plate 21st / 22nd Jan	£354.99	£138.86
<b>TOTAL</b>	£547.84	£268.16

WELCOMERS	THIS WEEK 28th / 29th Jan	NEXT WEEK 4th / 5th Feb
17.30 (Sat) Saint Francis	Anthony Eduah Ken Wishart	John Loftus Tommy Loftus
10.30 Sacred Heart	Anthony Tetlow Jill Moorhouse - Ann Wilson Wendy Rigby	Annie Gordon Margaret Painter - John Ngaojia Veronica Okeke

READERS	THIS WEEK 28th / 29th Jan	NEXT WEEK 4th / 5th Feb
17.30 (Sat) Saint Francis	Joshua Pidowe Lawrence Ndaday	Frank Galvin Pat Taylor
10.30 Sacred Heart	Clare Neary Gemma McGungle	Job Itua Maree Jordan

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	THIS WEEK 28th / 29th Jan	NEXT WEEK 4th / 5th Feb
17.30 (Sat) Saint Francis	Anthony Baker Frank Galvin Mary Brennan	Anthony Eduah Jainy Chackochan Winnie Byrne
10.30 Sacred Heart	Imose Itua Lawrence Barboza Margaret Painter Marjorie Fisher Michael Painter	Clare Neary Dolores Smith Elizabeth Senghore Nancy Nalikata Sheila Downey

CLEANING	Sacred Heart	Saint Francis
Week beginning 29th January	Wednesday 1st Feb	



**SACRED HEART AND SAINT FRANCIS PARISH**

Sacred Heart Presbytery, Levenshulme Road, Gorton M18 7WJ  
 Salford Roman Catholic Diocese  
 Registered Charity No. 250037



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**29th January 2017 - FOURTH SUNDAY - Year A**

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



One of the prayers that children are taught to say begins with the words "Gentle Jesus, meek and mild..." Maybe it's partly because we present Jesus to children as the baby in the manger, as the good boy who always did what Mary and Joseph told him, that children can end up with an immature image of him.

Meek doesn't mean weak, gentle doesn't mean ineffectual and lowly doesn't mean cringing. At the heart of these Beatitudes lies the concept of humility. Humility allows us to acknowledge the poverty of our own resources and yet at the same time to recognise that with God's grace nothing is impossible.

When we take a look at the Beatitudes in Matthew's gospel we are immediately struck by the fact that everything that Jesus is advocating is exactly what our modern-day world considers weakness. Poverty, lowliness, persecution, mourning etc., are things to be avoided like the plague. Nobody wants these. Yet Jesus says that Christians will be truly happy if they embrace these values. This is because if Christians are truly humble, if they realise that without God they are really powerless, then they can achieve whatever is needed. Humility is not a call to stand in the background but a challenge to step up and do what it takes.

Sometimes it's hard to be a Christian because people equate Christianity with "being nice". They fail to see the radical calling of the Beatitudes that sets Christians at odds with what society prizes highly. And so in a world that preaches locking people up and throwing away the key Christians preach forgiveness and mercy. Faced with globalisation and profit Christians preach justice and equity. As nations spend more and more of their annual budget on arms and invasions Christians call for peace-making. The Beatitudes point to values that go beyond this world for they promise an eternal happiness. To accept them requires a good deal of meekness. And to be meek you have to be strong.

### CARITAS SUNDAY

this weekend we celebrate  
Caritas Sunday  
the retiring collection  
will be in support of Caritas Diocese of Salford

### 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

Regine Tchantcho - INTS

Fr David Foster - INTS 70th Birthday (3rd Feb)

Bishop John - INTS 2nd Anniv. Episc. Ord. (2nd Feb)

Christopher Meehan - INTS poorly  
Kate McCarthy - INTS successful treatment  
Ken Wishart - INTS speedy recovery  
Margaret Lees - INTS speedy recovery  
Mary Nolan - INTS successful treatment  
Renee Kane - INTS successful treatment  
Sam Corcoran - INTS successful treatment

Gertie Goldrick - RIP RD (16th Jan)  
Jeff Rigby - RIP RD  
Mollie Guilfoyle - RIP RD (21st Jan)  
Vincent O'Connor - RIP RD  
Wilfred Moorhouse - RIP RD (17th Jan)  
Fr Willie Fallon - RIP RD (26th Jan)

Ann Rafferty - RIP Anniv  
Michael Rafferty - RIP Anniv  
Nano Convery - RIP 2nd Anniv  
James Dennis - RIP 40th Anniv (29th Jan)  
Micheal Rafferty - RIP 15th Anniv (30th Jan)  
Pat Rafferty - RIP 32nd Anniv (2nd Feb)

Tony McAssey - RIP 80th Birthday (24th Jan)  
Ann Hayers - RIP 90th Birthday (26th 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  
especially  
Christopher Meehan

### CONDOLENCES

we offer our sincere condolences to

#### **Rigby Family**

Jeff Rigby RIP

Funeral Thursday 2nd February

#### **O'Connor Family**

Vincent O'Connor RIP

Funeral Service 13.15\* Friday 3rd Feb (SH)

#### **Moorhouse Family**

Wilfred Moorhouse RIP

Funeral Service 11.15 Tuesday 7th Feb (SH)

### 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

pour plus d'informations  
et pour réserver une place  
s'il vous plaît contacter  
Regine sur 07448 148654

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

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

(last 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**

the parish relies on voluntary support  
at present we especially need volunteers  
to help with the biomass boiler

if can you spare a few hours  
on a regular basis  
please see Fr Derek or 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 - AMBITION COMMUNITY YOUTH MUSIC PROJECT** (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** open again in early spring