



# THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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## Newsletter

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**Third Sunday of Advent  
Gaudete Sunday**

**Weekday Readings for  
3rd week of Advent  
(B)**

**Vol I. psalter week 3**

### Next Sunday's Readings

- Samuel 7:1-5. 8-12. 14. 16
- Ps 88.2-5. 27. 29. R. cf v2
- Romans 16:25-27
- Luke 1:26-38

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## Gaudete Sunday

### CHRISTMAS LUNCH

On Christmas Day we have a special Christmas Lunch for the Parish and especially for those who would be on their own this Christmas. It is a parish tradition and a great event. We are joined by the clergy of the parish and by the Mayor of Merton. We need volunteers to help with the lunch. If you are willing to give a hand please do contact the office and give Thelma your contact details and these will be passed on to the Lunch organisers. If you would like to attend the meal, please let the Parish Office know. So put the date in your diary.



### CRIB APPEAL

Each year the offerings at the Crib are sent to a named charity. This year that charity is one close to home. We will be supporting the *Christian Care Association* in Merton. This group supports and befriends over 150 families whose lives are in crisis in our local borough. It also runs a drop in centre for the homeless in the area. Their work deserves our support.

### MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS Sacred Heart Church

#### Christmas Eve

5pm Mass

7.10pm Carols

7.30pm Mass

11.30pm Carols

12 Midnight Mass

#### Christmas Day

Masses in the church at  
8.15am, 9.45am,  
11.15am, 12.45pm and  
5pm

#### Confessions

21 Dec 6-6.20pm

22 Dec 6-6.20pm

23 Dec 10.30-11.30am  
2-4pm (no confessions  
after 4pm)

### THE PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Parish Priest: Canon John Clark MA

Parish Clergy: Fr Thaddeus Nwokeji and Deacon Julian Burling

Also Resident: Canon Elias Vojtech, Giovanni Prandini (Student)

Team Members: Sr Francis SSA, Sr Dorothy Perrott OSU and Cristina Connolly

## PARKING

Parking in Wimbledon College during the Christmas period is as follows:

Sunday 24 Dec: 9am-2am (after midnight Mass)

Monday 25 Dec: 9am-2pm 

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Please do take care when parking in Darlston Road. Park only in authorised parking places and do not block drive ways of the residents. We must be thoughtful and not prove an inconvenience to our neighbours!

## SACRED HEART YOUNG ADULTS HOUSE

We are starting a Catholic community house for young adults in Wimbledon, based in Edge Hill and supported by the parish and the Jesuit community. We have space for 16 young adults (between 22 - 35 yrs), who are enthusiastic about the idea of living together in a way that reflects our shared Catholic faith and of being of service to the parish. For more info or to arrange a viewing, please contact [edwarddequay@hotmail.com](mailto:edwarddequay@hotmail.com)

## FIRST FRIDAY VIGIL OF PRAYER

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for vocations to the priesthood and religious life and for World Peace will be on Friday 5 January following the 6.30pm Mass continuing to midnight. Silent prayer to 8.30pm followed by meditations and prayers. Please come, if only for a short visit.

## SURPLUS OF CHRISTMAS GIFTS

There will be a Surplus Christmas Gifts sale on Sunday 7 January from 9am-1pm in the Parish Lounge. All proceeds go to this year's Crib Appeal. Please leave the gifts at the Presbytery Reception.

# Parish News

## SIGNED AND SPOKEN MASS

A signed and spoken Mass will be celebrated today, 17 December, at 4pm in the Sacred Heart Chapel in the church. All with hearing difficulties welcome.

## PENITENTIAL SERVICE

A Penitential Service will be held in the church on Tuesday 19 December at 8pm.

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas 2017 time booklets are available at the back of the church. Please

refer to the booklet for Mass times.

## AT HOME

There will be no 'At Home' until January 8th 2018.

## SCHOOL SLIPS

School slips will not be collected until 13/14 January.

# Announcements

## CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Do come and join us for a pre-Christmas breakfast with coffee, croissants & mince pies this Sunday, 17 December, in the Lower Hall after the 8.15am Mass up to 12 noon. All welcome!

## ADVENT SERVICE

You are cordially invited to join us for an Advent Service of psalms and readings with music from the Sunday 9.45am music team on Thursday 21 December from 8-8.45pm in the church.

## CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS

There is a need for volunteer catechists to help with the preparation classes for next year's confirmation programme which begins in January. Should you be willing to assist, please kindly send an email to

[edgesw19@gmail.com](mailto:edgesw19@gmail.com) (Fr Ted and the Confirmation Team).

## CHILDREN'S CRIB SERVICE

This year's Children's Crib Service will be on Sunday 24 December at 3.30pm in the church. A rehearsal for the Crib Service will be on Saturday 23 December from 10.40am - 12.15pm for children aged 4+ who would like to be involved. Older children from 8+ wishing to read, please contact Rachel Marshall at [rachel@marshall.email.net](mailto:rachel@marshall.email.net) Offers of help from parents most welcome!

## OFFICE & RECEPTION OPENING HOURS

The Parish Office and Reception will be closed from the 23 December until Tuesday 2 January 2018. The newsletter on 23/24 December will be the last of this

year. Newsletter distribution will then resume on 6/7 January 2018.

## Volunteers needed:

More help is required to cover the Parish Reception. Thank you for contacting Thelma D'Costa (020 89460305) if you can offer help.

## NOTICES

Please **do not** post or fix notices on the church doors or notice boards. Would you please always present them to the Presbytery before putting them on display in the church!

## FREE BOOKS THIS SUNDAY

Free books outside church after all Sunday Masses; donations welcome for this year's *Jesuit Missions Christmas Appeal* (Zimbabwe) <http://jesuitmissions.org.uk/christmas-appeal-2017/>).

# Parish Organisations

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

On Saturday 30 December from 10.30 - 11.30 am, in the Parish Lounge. Grief is a particularly isolating experience that can affect all aspects of your life, physically, emotionally and socially. The Bereavement Team invite everyone

experiencing loss in their lives, no matter how long ago, to drop in for a coffee and a chat. Come and share how Christmas is going for you. We offer you a warm welcome. For more information call 020 8946 5198 or 07917 120 893 or on the website.

## FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Friday 5 January at 2.30pm in the Parish Lounge: Come and celebrate the New Year with our annual party games! Enjoy mulled wine & Christmas nibbles followed by tea and cake. Bring your friends. All welcome.

## Social, Cultural & Notices

### CAROLS AT ST MARK'S

Sunday 17 December at 6.30pm Carols with a professional choir by candlelight, followed by mulled wine & mince pies at St. Mark's Church, SW19 7ND.

### PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2017

Invitation & volunteer forms for this year's Christmas lunch are available at the back of the church. Please return the slip to the Presbytery. We will contact you with further details.

### VACANCY

Wimbledon College require a Clerk to Governors, for details please see about us/job opportunities [www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk](http://www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk) or contact the College Secretary, Mrs Annette Lawlor at [college](mailto:college)

[secretary@wimbledoncollege.org.uk](mailto:secretary@wimbledoncollege.org.uk) or 020 8879 9323, closing date 10 January.

### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT FOR MEN

On Thursday evening 11 January at 7.30pm you are invited to a buffet supper in the SH Parish Lounge. Come & meet other men who like you have lost their loved one and who may not be coping as well as you are. Come to offer others some support and maybe some suggestions on how best to manage the loss and loneliness of life without your other half. Grief is a particularly isolating experience that can affect so many aspects of your life and the best support at this time comes from those who have experienced it. Just being with someone who understands can be a great help.

If you would like to bring a plate of food to share that would be great. For further info or to prompt some suggestions for the evening you can contact Sadie Smith 020 8946 5198 [sadiesmith3@talktalk.net](mailto:sadiesmith3@talktalk.net) or a member of the Parish Bereavement Support Group. You will be most welcome no matter long ago or how recently your wife has died.

### THE DREAM OF GERONTIUS

The Sacred Heart Chorus would like to invite singers to join them for a performance of this work on 9 June 2018. If you are interested, please register via <http://www.sacredheartmusic.co.uk/concerts/the-dream-of-gerontius-chorus-call/>

### New to the Parish?

Please introduce yourself to a member of the Parish Team after Mass and complete a parish registration form available at the back of the church.

### BABES IN THE WOOD

Tickets for the Edge Hill Players' next pantomime *Babes In The Wood* are now available at [www.edgehillplayers.com](http://www.edgehillplayers.com) Performances will be on Saturdays 27 January 2018 at 2.30 & 7pm and 3 February at 2.30 & 7pm. Book your tickets now for a special early bird price (£12 for adults, £6 for children or £30 for a family of four. For further info please contact [edgehillplayers@gmail.com](mailto:edgehillplayers@gmail.com) or 07742 230493.

### CHRISTMAS WITH SONORO

Wed 20 Dec, 7.30pm at St John's, Spencer Hill, Wimbledon. Seasonal choral favourites and carols for all to sing, Sonoro's Christmas concert is a magical way to celebrate the festive season. Tickets £6-24 (mulled wine incl.) available at [www.sonoromusic.com](http://www.sonoromusic.com) or 0333 666 3366.

### HURTADO JESUIT CENTRE

The Hurtado Jesuit Centre is organising a series of seminars 'A Post Truth World - Are We Losing Our Minds?' and would like to invite you on Tue 9 Jan at 7pm for 7.30pm when Austen Ivereigh will talk about 'Building a culture of encounter in an age of fake news'. Hurtado Jesuit Centre, Wapping EIW 2QT. (Booking via [welcome@hurtadocentre.org.uk](mailto:welcome@hurtadocentre.org.uk)).

### EPIPHANY PARTY



*The clergy would like to invite you to join them as they celebrate an Epiphany party with live music (Caleigh Band), a welcome drink (cash bar after that) & a light supper*

*on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 7.30pm.*

*The Upper Hall, Sacred Heart Church, Edge Hill, Wimbledon. SW19 4LU*

*250 tickets are available (maximum 4 tickets /family) from Thelma D'Costa, Parish Office*

## Exploring our Faith

### EVENINGS OF FAITH

The next talk of a series of Evenings of Faith led by Fr Matthew O'Gorman on 'Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction' will be on Tue 19 Dec at 7pm at the Challoner Room, 24 Golden Square, W1F 9JR; pizza & wine/juice served. For more info visit

[www.faith.org.uk/events/evenings-of-faith](http://www.faith.org.uk/events/evenings-of-faith)

### SOUL FOOD

*Soul Food* is a Catholic charismatic prayer group for young adults based in St Charles Borromeo Church, WIW 6HS, who have now for many years organised an annual *Life in the Spirit*

Seminar, a 6-week course (18 Jan - 22 Feb) which helps people to have a profound encounter with God in the person of the Holy Spirit. To find out more about the seminar and to book a place please visit [www.soulfoodgroup.org](http://www.soulfoodgroup.org) or email [lifeinthepirit@soulfood.org](mailto:lifeinthepirit@soulfood.org)

### CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

6.30pm (Sat) Fr T Nwokeji      11.15am Canon V Elias  
 8.15am Fr T Nwokeji            12.45pm Canon V Elias  
 8.30am\* Fr M Barnes SJ        5.00pm Canon J Clark  
 9.45am Canon J Clark            8.00pm Fr A Nunes SJ

\* SH School Mass Centre

### SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 16 6.30pm Michael Orbell Birthday Ints.  
 Mon 18 7.30am Paul Helm Ints.  
           10.00am Funeral for Marie Josephine Nyunt  
           6.30pm Mary Morton RIP  
 Tue 19 7.30am David Menton RIP  
           10.00am Funeral Service for Elisabeth Ann Hussey  
           6.30pm Tim Almeida RIP  
           8.00pm Penitential Service  
 Wed 20 7.30am Our Lady Queen of Peace  
           10.00am Funeral Service for Agnes Degnan  
           6.30pm St Anthony Thanksgiving  
 Thu 21 7.30am John Francis Walsh RIP  
           10.00am Helena & Tadeusz Rybczynski RIP  
           6.30pm Michael Chapman RIP  
           8.00pm Advent Service Psalm & Readings  
 Fri 22 7.30am Donal Hogan RIP  
           10.00am Margaret & Percy James RIP  
           6.30pm Patricia Woodward RIP  
 Sat 23 10.00am David & Lorenza Boyce RIP

### WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

**Those who have died recently:** Marie-Josephine Nyunt, Elisabeth Ann Hussey, Agnes Degnan, Mary Thefaut, Virginia Rodriguez, Tosca Kneen

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Edward Bailham, Bridget Coulon, Dominic De Sousa, Marie-Lise Celine, John Fennelly, Patricia Molloy, Audrey Marie D’Rosario, Margaret Elliott, Anna Ferullo

**The sick:** Ernest Bonner, Bruno Delrieux, Bertha D’Costa, Carol Donnelly, Richard Hurst, Horace D’Cruz, Paul Helm, Brian Sewell, Cath O’Neill, Lalita Nagar, Sheila Johnstone, Judex Celine, John Burke-Gafney, John Douglas, Richard Conceicao, Fr Michael O’Halloran SJ, Linda Day, Fr Phelim McGowan SJ, Eddie Power, Tom Searle, Iris Desmier, Sandra Broadbent, Daphne Minas, Gabriel Godfrey, Sr Charmaine, Yvonna Patton, Giena Worth, Ronnie Bradnick, Alexander Skachkov, Baby Bleu Denley Saunders, Joan Paul, Frank Micetich, Roberto Luigi Farina, Sophia Ridley, Avril Brown, Cindy Bayat, Bernadette McMurray, Anne Medicraft, Carol Escalona, David Fyfe, Mary Wallace, Rita Westbrook, Angela de Leon, Alina Hancock, Teresa Scanlon, Michael Hoskins, Electa Almeida, Caleb Edser, Julian Eddy, Troy Najair, Margaret Lumley and Andrew Tan [*Please advise the Reception when names can be removed.*]



### COLLECTIONS

Collection at Mass last Sunday came to £1,717 in loose plate giving and £482 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £2,199. This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.

### FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

**Thursday 21 December** St Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church  
**Saturday 23 December** St John of Kanty, Priest

#### EXPOSITION

Sundays: 3.00 - 4.00pm  
 (Prayers for the Pope and the Catholic Church in Britain)  
 Wednesdays: after the 7.30am and 10.00am Masses and 5.25 - 6.25pm  
 Fridays: 5.25 - 6.25pm  
 On first Fridays of the month there is exposition from after the 6.30pm Mass to Midnight.

#### RECONCILIATION

Saturdays:  
 10.30 - 11.30am  
 3.00 - 4.00pm  
 6.00 - 6.20pm  
 Monday - Friday:  
 6.00 - 6.20pm

#### MUSIC AT THE 11.15am MASS

*Mass in C*, Richard R Terry  
*Canite tuba in Sion*, Palestrina  
*Veni veni Emmanuel*, Plainsong

### PARISH SERVICES

Parish Office/Reception Hours: 9am - 5pm (Mon-Fri) 9.30am - 1pm (Sat) 9am - 1pm (Sun) [A range of religious and greeting cards are on sale at very competitive prices - please feel free to call to view.]

Executive Assistant & Hall bookings: Thelma D’Costa (Mon - Fri 9.30am - 5pm) Caretaker: George McLennan

Parish Pastoral Council: sacredheartwimbledonppc@gmail.com

Baptism, Marriage, First Sacraments, Funerals contact the parish 020 8946 0305

Bereavement Support: For more information please contact the co-ordinator by email bereavementsacredheart@gmail.com or call 020 8946 5198, Referral forms available in the Presbytery Reception

Admission to Hospital: RC hospital chaplains will only be aware of your admission if you specifically ask for the hospital chaplaincy team to be informed. Please tell a member of the ward staff, it is also helpful to let your parish priest know.