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Newsletter

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Second Sunday of Advent

Weekday readings for 2nd Week of Advent

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Next Sunday's Readings

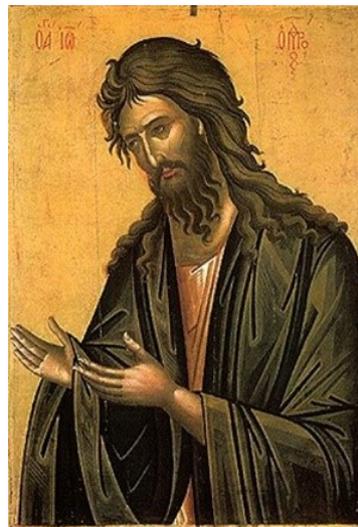
- Zephaniah 3:14-18
- Ps. 12:2-6. R.v.6
- Philippians 4:4-7
- Luke 3:10-18

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John the Baptist

There are two main characters from the bible that have a special place in the liturgies of Advent, and they are John the Baptist and Mary. Both are figures which form a bridge from the Old Testament to the New. This week it is John who takes center stage. He is the last of the prophets of the Old Testament. Raised in the wilderness he is called to bring his people to repentance. Through his baptism he brings forgiveness into the hearts of those who have turned from God in their sinfulness and who now through the preaching of John seek to turn their lives back to God. Echoing the words of the prophet Isaiah he is "A voice cries in the



wilderness; Prepare a way for the Lord make his paths straight." By his preaching, by his call to repentance, he seeks to call the hearts of his people back to God. He seeks to prepare the ground for the coming of the promised Messiah. He it is who will bring salvation and redemption to God's people. As Jesus comes to John for

baptism, John is aware of who this Jesus is. John says that he is not worthy to untie the straps of Jesus' sandals. As a mark of his love for John and an acceptance of his unique roll in the salvation of God's people, Jesus accepts the baptism of John, even though there is no need for him to receive it. Jesus has no cause to repent, never having sinned, he grants forgiveness, he has no need to seek it. Here is, as John again says, "The lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world". 'He must increase, John says, but I must decrease'. This Advent John's call to repentance is addressed to each of us.

THE PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Parish Priest: Canon John Clark MA

Parish Clergy: Fr Thaddeus Nwokeji and Deacon Julian Burling

Also Resident: Georg Böckl-Bichler (Student)

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

Youth Minister: Eleanor Bowman

Adult Faith Formation Officer: Kelly Hockey

THIS ADVENT

Advent is a very special season of the year – and yet it can sometimes pass us by, because we're so busy preparing for Christmas. For the past couple of years, the Southwark diocesan Spirituality Commission has produced a series of short daily emails, to help us focus on the true meaning of Advent. There is still time to sign up for them, please visit www.southwark.dsc.org.uk

ADVENT BOOKLETS

The Advent booklets *My Advent Day by Day* (infant/junior/adults), a perfect vademecum, through this season of advent, are still available at the back of the church and at the Presbytery Reception. They are free to collect, donations welcome.

JESUIT MISSIONS

The latest issue of 'On the Edge', JM's regular bulletin, is available at the back of the church informing about JM's Christmas Appeal 2018 which is now live.

Parish News

AT HOME

Please note that there will be **no At Home** until January 2019.

CONFIRMATION

Please register your initial interest on the sign up sheet on the website (<https://www.southwark.dsc.org.uk>)

[surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TRDN9SX](https://www.southwark.dsc.org.uk) Info-session to follow in December. Details to be announced later.

We are still looking for volunteer catechists to help with the preparation classes for our confirmation

programme. Should you be willing to assist please kindly contact Kelly at the Parish Office.

SCHOOL SLIPS

School slips will be collected this weekend.

Announcements

SACRED HEART YOUTH GROUP

There will be a meeting of our Youth Group today, Sunday 9 December from 6.15-7.45pm and all in year 9 - year 13 are welcome!

ADVENT & CRAFTS MORNING

Today, Sunday 9 December, after the 9.45am Mass, there will be an Advent Arts &

Crafts morning for families in the Lower Hall. For more information please contact Eleanor (Youth Minister): eleanor.bowman@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk

CRIB SERVICE

There will be a rehearsal for the 3.30pm Children's crib service on Christmas Eve on Saturday 22 December at 10.40am until 12.15pm. Read-

ers (age 8+) and actors wishing to take part please email Rachel Marshall on rachel@marshallmail.net. Parent help welcomed!

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Various Christmas cards are on sale after all Masses this weekend and also available at the Presbytery Reception.

Parish Organisations

TRAIDCRAFT

Traidcraft goods will be on sale this Sunday. The producers are grateful for your support in buying fair-trade

goods, many of which are also organic. There are also some cards and gifts made by artisans in poorer countries.

WCFG

Thursday 13 December at 7.30-9pm will be the very last party & gathering of the Wimbledon Cancer Friendship Group. We will be in the front room of Drake House (behind the Wimbledon Guild). Please come and join us for a celebration of what the group has achieved over the past 13 years. We will be serving food so please let us know if you can come for catering purposes; Wimbledon Guild, 07948 767 936; 30/32 Worple Rd, SW19 4EF, wcfg@life.co.uk

FIRE DRILL

Good practice & common sense require that we should know what to do if there is a fire in the church. The risks are greatest when the church is very full, e.g. during the Christmas services.

WE SHOULD ACT AS FOLLOWS:

Pushchairs should not be parked anywhere that restricts access routes.

In the event of a fire:

- Remain calm.
- Follow any instructions given from the altar.
- There are 3 exits from the church.
 - The main rear exit which includes the disabled ramp
 - The rear side exit
 - Exit through the sacristy
- Identify which exits are available, since the fire may cause one or more exits to be unusable.
- Use the full width of all exits by unbolting all double doors.
- Give wheel-chair users and people with limited mobility priority use of the ramped exit.
- If it is dark and the lighting fails, there are torches fixed to the wall near to the 3 exit points.

People with mobile phones should also use the torch facility on their phone.
- Do not attempt to return to your seat or re-enter the church to retrieve coats/bags etc.
- Do not attempt to return hymn books to the back of church.
- Assemble at the Assembly Point notice on the lawn in front of the church.

YOUNG ADULTS

There will be a Christmas social for young adults on Sunday 16 December. The group will join the 12.45pm Mass and then head to a local pub for lunch. For more info please contact Eleanor in the Parish Office.

Social, Cultural & Notices

IT CLINICS

There is one more session of this term's popular *Generations Together IT Clinics* at the UHS on Friday 14 December commencing at 12.45pm. All grades welcome. No charge. Contact Sheila Gent 020 8390 0119 to book a place.

CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS

You are invited to seasonal walks through Westminster and Victoria, taking in Christmas trees and crib-scenes on Sunday 16 December & Wednesday 2 January at 3pm. Meet at Westminster Cathedral, please wear suitable footwear, walks may take up

to 2 hrs, costs £5; www.catholichistorywalks.com

VACANCIES

Ursuline Preparatory School

currently have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor to actively supervise the pupils in the dining room, playground and throughout the school premises during the lunchtime period. If you are interested in applying for this position and would like more information please contact Helen Robinson, Bursar on 020 8947 0859 or bursar@ursulineprep.org

St. Teresa's Home for The Elderly requires a PT Care Assistant (25 hrs/week, includes weekends). Subject to DBS checks. For full details

please contact the office (020 8879 7366 option 3, or info@stteresashome.co.uk

Ursuline High School

are currently looking for a PT Study Supervisor, 10 hrs/week (£16/h), Mon-Thu, term time only. The position is subject to enhanced DBS disclosure. Applicants should be committed to working within the Catholic ethos of the school. Details & application forms via the school website address or from Mrs Martin, Assistant PA to the Headteacher (rachel@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk or phone 020 3908 3181), closing date Thursday 13 December 12 noon.

New to the Parish?

Please introduce yourself to a member of the Parish Team after Mass and register online at <https://sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/> or by filling in a registration form, available at the back of the church.

PARKING

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!

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE

Fully escorted St Patrick's Weekend Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 16 March 2019. £599.00 pp sharing. Price includes flight with hand luggage, all taxes, luxury transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full Irish Breakfast each morning and 4 Course Dinner each evening. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms at supplement of £100. Groups and Individual bookings welcome. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278, 07740 175 557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

Exploring our Faith

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The SH Charismatic Prayer Group will be meeting on Monday 10 December at 7.30pm in the Youth Room for an evening of prayer, praise and worship. A talk on 'Rejoice' will be given by Maria Christopher. All are

welcome, for enquiries, contact Audra (07958 782 779 or audra.wamsteker@gmail.com).

EXPLORING THE GOSPEL

Would you like to join this small, reflective group? We explore the Gospel together,

considering its meaning for the people for whom it was written and what it means to us now. We meet for one hour from 11 every 2nd Monday, at an address off The Ridgway. For further information please contact sadiesmith3@talk.net

CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2018

Canon John and Fr Thaddeus cordially invite you to make Christmas a very special Parish Day. Come and have *LUNCH* on Tuesday 25 December, 12 noon for 1pm and spend the day with the Clergy and other parishioners, rather than being on your own.

You will receive a warm welcome and have lots of fun.

If you would like to attend or know of someone who would like an invitation, please fill in a form (available at the back of the church, Presbytery Reception or download it from www.sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk) and kindly return these asap to the Parish Office.

Volunteers: We would be happy if more volunteers came forward to help, especially on Christmas Eve and Day. Volunteer forms are available at the back of the church, Reception or website.

Donations: Many thanks for your immense generosity. Further donations are most welcome, cash and cheques (payable to *The Sacred Heart Parish*). Donations can be left at the Reception. Gift Aid forms are available.

Please contact Rehana Edun-Noys - 07748 181 843 or rehanaedun@yahoo.co.uk for further info.

CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

6.30pm (Sat) Fr T Nwokeji	11.15am Fr T Nwokeji
8.15am Fr T Byron SJ	12.45pm Canon J Clark
8.30am* Canon J Clark	5.00pm Fr M Barnes SJ
9.45am Canon J Clark	8.00pm Fr T Nwokeji

* SH School Mass Centre

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat	8	6.30pm	Alex & Annabella Fernandes
Mon	10	7.30am	David & Lorenza Boyce RIP
		10.00am	Fr Jerome Bertram Ints.
		6.30pm	Peter O'Donovan RIP
Tue	11	7.30am	Alfred Jessiman RIP
		10.00am	Chris Cviic RIP
		6.30pm	Queen of Peace
Wed	12	7.30am	Tosca Kneen RIP
		10.00am	Gloria Rumbelow RIP
		6.30pm	Gloria Rumbelow RIP
Thu	13	7.30am	Alfred Jessiman RIP
		10.00am	John Hughes RIP
		6.30pm	Patrick Dantas RIP
Fri	14	7.30am	Christine Whelan RIP
		10.00am	Cristino Cruz
		6.30pm	Rapose Family Ints.
Sat	15	7.30am	Fr Christopher Basden
		10.00am	John Fennelly RIP

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Bertha D'Costa, Bernard Kirby, Greta Dickinson, Joseph Osamor

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Tosca Kneen, Chris Cviic, Luisa Derx, Gloria Rumbelow, Mary Thefaut

The sick: Tony Kane, Kieran Walsh, David Carrier, Paul Saunders, Marian Spencer, Rita Westbrook, Mary Purcell Cosgrave, Trinity Kerin, Roberto Farina, Damji Vadhia, Brian Birch, Alina Hancock, Simon Hull, Doug Cusack, Lalita Nagar, Cath O'Neill, Andrew Tan, Tom Searle, John Burke-Gaffney, Donald Derx, Margaret Lumley, Electa Almeida, Giena Worth, Brian Sewell

Please note that for data protection reasons, since the 25th of May people have to explicitly agree for their names to be mentioned in our newsletter. Please let the Parish Office know **in writing** if either your name or the names of your relatives and friends should appear in our NL sick list.



COLLECTIONS

Collection at Mass last Sunday came to £1,298 in loose plate giving and £475 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £1,773. This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Monday 10 December Ss John Roberts, Polydore Pladsen and Eustace White, Martyrs; Ss Edmund Gennings and Swithun Wells, Martyrs

Tuesday 11 December St Damasus I, Pope

Wednesday 12 December Our Lady of Guadalupe

Thursday 13 December St Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Friday 14 December St John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

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

Missa brevis in EB, Antonio Lotti

There is no rose, Ronald Center

Jerusalem surge, Giovanni B Martini

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.