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Newsletter

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The Baptism of the Lord (C)

**Weekday Readings for
1st week of the Year**
Vol 3. Psalter week 1
**End of the Season of
Christmas**

Next Sunday's Readings 2nd Sunday of the Year

- Isaiah 62:1-5
- Psalm 95:1-3, 7-10.R.v3
- Corinthians 12:4-11
- John 2:1-11

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The Baptism of Our Lord

The feast of the Baptism of Our Lord marks the end of the Christmas festivities. It is a time when we focus on the early ministry of Jesus before beginning the season of Lent and our preparation for the feast of Holy Week and Easter. It is important too for us as we celebrate the Holy Year of Mercy. That God is merciful is at the heart of the Gospel. In this Year of Mercy we are asked to look at how we live out the corporal works of mercy. You will see in the Lady Chapel an exhibition of highlighting the different groups in the parish that seek to work for the welfare of



parishioners. The exhibition will be moved to the back of the church when the Christmas Crib Appeal is taken down this Sunday.

During the Year of Mercy we will say the prayer for the year which is on the front of the newsletter. This will be led by the reader after the initial welcome to the Mass.

PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF MERCY

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind. Amen

In Lent this year to mark the Year of Mercy we will be having the Seminars Life in the Spirit. The Holy Father has expressed the hope that these will take place in as many parishes as possible. The seminars will take place on the Wednesdays of Lent so please make a note in your diary.

THE PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Parish Priest: Canon John Clark

Parish Clergy: Fr Thaddeus Nwokeji and Deacon Julian Burling

Team Members: Fr Michael O'Halloran SJ, Sr Francis SSA, Sr Dorothy Perrott OSU, Cristina Connolly.

GRATITUDE TO THE JESUIT COMMUNITY

This Sunday we mark the second anniversary of the Jesuit community's handover of the care of the parish to the diocese. We would like to take this opportunity to express our deep and profound gratitude for the many years of service they gave to the Parish and are very grateful for their continued ministry within the parish community.

CRIB APPEAL 2015

We would like to express words of thanks to all who so generously supported this Christmas' crib appeal. So far we raised more than £3,000 for Oxfam's Syria Crisis Appeal. If you still wish to make a donation you are able to do so this weekend before the appeal is closed.

PEACE SUNDAY

Next Sunday, 17th January, is Peace Sunday. *Pax Christi*, the Catholic Movement for Peace in England and Wales, are holding their annual collection. Their work is based on the gospel and inspired by faith, their vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, they work with all who share their values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice. Donation envelopes will be collected next weekend. Thank you for your support.

SURPLUS CHRISTMAS GIFT SALE

There will be a *Surplus Christmas Gift Sale* this Sunday, 10th January in the Lower Hall, 9am - 1pm in aid of MacMillan Nurses, please support this good cause.

Parish News

AT HOME

There will be no 'At Home' this Monday 11th January, the next 'At Home' will be on **Tuesday 26th January** from 6-8pm.

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

Please note the parish's new email address:

wimparish@sacredheartwimbleton.org.uk. Messages sent to the former address will still be forwarded.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank all who made these past Christmas celebrations so special. Working together

have made these few days a great experience for us all. And a special thank you goes to all those who have helped to prepare the Epiphany Party!

SCHOOL SLIPS

School slips will be collected again this weekend.

Announcements

THANK YOU

Angela Maher and her team wish to thank each and everyone who assisted with the Christmas Lunch 2015. It was a huge success and would not have been possible without your generosity, time, love and support! Thank you.

NEWMAN CIRCLE

Following on from Archbishop McDonald's talk in November 2015, the next meeting will be on Thursday 21st January at 7.30pm in the Lounge when Rabbi Jason Rosner will speak on 'The Catholic Church as seen

from a Jewish perspective'. All are welcome.

JOIN THE PPC!

The PPC are seeking 3 new members for 2016. Any regular worshipper aged 18 or over is welcome, no matter what your background or experience. We would like a strength of the PPC to be its diversity. Being a PPC member is also a great way to get to know and support your parish and to live out your faith. Nomination forms, including a description of the role, are available at the back of the church and on the website. Additional information is

also available on the website within the PPC handbook. The closing date for nominations is Monday 1st February.

ECUMENICAL WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The week of Prayer for Christian Unity, an annual ecumenical celebration, held from 18th-25th January, is bringing people around the world to pray for Christian unity - in worship, reflection, study and fellowship. An ecumenical service will be celebrated on Sunday 24th at 6.30pm in our church, followed by refreshments.

Parish Organisations

MEMORY LANE CLUB

open every Wednesday morning from 10.30am onwards to 12.30pm in the Parish Lounge. Those with dementia and their carers are most welcome to drop in for refreshments, chat, bingo, snooker, music and various other games and activities, all in an informal atmosphere of cheerfulness, fun and affection; email: edgehillmemorylaneclub@gmail.com

WIMBLEDON CANCER FRIENDSHIP GROUP

An evening session will be held on Thursday 14th January at 7.30pm when Sonia Peart will talk about the support and complementary therapies offered at *The Haven* for people with breast cancer. Wimbledon Guild, 30 Worple Rd, SW19 4EF. Please ring 07948767936 or

email wcfg@live.co.uk for more information.

CHRISTIAN YOGA

Restart of Yoga lessons in the Lounge on Tuesday 12th January, all are welcome, please bring a mat or a towel.

Social, Cultural & Notices

EPIPHANY CAROL SERVICE

A traditional service of readings, carols and choral anthems with James Reed (organist) and the St Mary's Singers to celebrate the Epiphany will take place this Sunday 10th January at 6pm at the Church of the Ascension, Lavender Hill, SW11. Admission is free, there will be retiring collection. Everyone is most welcome!

WEST BARNES SINGERS

Do join us at our Mendelssohn's *Elijah* workshop at New Malden's Methodist Church (49 High Street, KT3 4BY) on Saturday 30th January from 10am - 4pm; cost £15; for further information please contact Penelope Prendergast on 020 8648 3987.

POPE FRANCIS' LAUDATO SI

An Evening Talk on Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si*

will be held on Thursday 11th February at St Teresa's, Morden, SM4 6BZ, from 7.30 - 9pm. The evening will be led by Henry Longbottom SJ, who was an environmental lawyer before joining the Jesuits. From environmental advocacy for marginalised communities, to greening our own faith communities, the event will be an opportunity to explore practical ways we can respond to the encyclical's call for ecological conversion.

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.

CALLING ALL MARRIED COUPLES

A Marriage Encounter weekend is an opportunity for a husband and wife to deepen and renew their relationship. Many couples in this diocese have been enriched by such a weekend. Here is your opportunity to join them: next 13th/14th February, there will be a Marriage Encounter weekend (not residential) in Purley. More details from Philip & Mary Pond on 020 8651 2477 or by email marriage2014@virginmedia.com

URSULINE HIGH SCHOOL

The Ursuline High School, Wimbledon is requiring a Finance Officer from 1st April 2016. Further information is available from Mrs Martin, Assistant to the Headteacher by email rachel@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk or phone 020 8879 4381 or via website address click on Staff Vacancies (current vacancies).

ST JOHN FISHER CHURCH

All Parishioners, especially those with any Goan connections are welcome to a special Mass on Sun 17th Jan, 2pm at St John Fisher Church (SW20 9NQ) to pray for the beatification of Ven. Agnelo followed by refreshments in the hall. Contact Rita Aguiar 0208 542 0885 for further details.

Exploring our Faith

THE LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

'Listen to the Holy Spirit because he is giving people the good news that God loves them and can renew, purify and transform their lives' - Pope Francis. The seminar is a series of talks and discussions which take place over a period of 7 weeks. In the 5th week of the seminar, there is an opportunity for people to be prayed with, to be baptized in the Holy Spirit. The 4 weeks before that time are devoted to an explanation of the basic Christian message of salvation and what it means to be baptized in the Spirit. During the final 2 weeks, the teaching is oriented towards further growth in the life of the spirit. Sacred Heart Church, Wednesdays 7.30-9pm, Upper Hall (3rd, 17th, 24th February, 16th March), Lower Hall (10th February, 2nd & 9th March)

SACRED HEART PARISH PILGRIMAGE

As part of the parish programme for the Year of Mercy, a pilgrimage led by Canon John to the Holy Land is planned. Tuesday 1st - Tuesday 8th November 2016. 4 nights Jerusalem, 1 night Bethlehem, 2 nights Galilee. BA flights from London Heathrow. £1,144 per person based on 2 people sharing & group size of 30. Price includes services of English speaking guide, half board, entrance fees & tips. Limited single room availability - £300 supplement. For further information and booking form please email pilgrimage@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk

MOUNT STREET JESUIT CENTRE

Invites you to a One Day Workshop facilitated by Lynne Galloway on Saturday

16th January from 11am-4pm. Take time to pause for prayerful reflection and place your year into the hands of God. There will be some input, times of guided prayer and silent prayer as well as one to one spiritual direction if desired. Mount Street Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street, W1K 3AH, 020 7495 1673

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

'Why become a Catholic?' Have you ever asked yourself this question? Then perhaps you'll find the answers through the RCIA. The sessions run on Mondays at 7.45pm in the Lounge. Please get in touch with Canon John, Sr. Dorothy or Peter Fenwick on wimparish@gmail.com, dorothyerrrott@aol.com or call 020 8946 0305.

CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

6.30pm (Sat) Fr M O'Halloran SJ 11.15am Fr M O'Halloran SJ
8.15am Fr M O'Halloran SJ 12.45pm Fr P Gallagher SJ
8.30am Fr P Gallagher SJ 5.00pm Canon J Clark
9.45am Canon J Clark 8.00pm Canon J Clark

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 9 6.30pm Arthur Stephen RIP
Mon 11 7.30am Alba Savah Figueiredo RIP
10.00am Mary & Mattie Burke Ints.
6.30pm Jayco Wamsteker Ints.
Tue 12 7.30am Teresa, Claire & Paul Scanlon Ints.
10.00am Alfred Jessiman RIP
6.30pm Thomas Limna RIP Anniv.
Wed 13 7.30am Mr H Dias RIP
10.00am Virginia Van West Ints.
6.30pm William Twedell RIP
Thu 14 7.30am Constance Davey Ints.
10.00am Alfred Jessiman RIP
6.30pm Bryan de Lima RIP
Fri 15 7.30am Robert Louis Hyder RIP
10.00am Michael & Bernie Conroy Ints.
6.30pm Mr Laing RIP
Sat 16 7.30am Aaron D'Almeida Thanksgiving
10.00am Jadwica Opalanska

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Claire Rutherford, Anne Hussey
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Branko Franolic, Gervaise Milward, Charles Stevenson, Sheila Reynolds, Bernard Coyle, Madison Rowland, Thomas Limna, Margaret Hern, Mark Stokes
The sick: Alexander Skachkov, Dan O'Brien, Allan Spiller, Sophia Ridley, Mark Fudakowski, Avril Brown, Jane Leahy, Cindy Bayat, Bernadette McMurray, Newton Fernandes, Anne Medicraft, Pat Pike, Carol Escalona, David Fyfe, Mary Wallace, Joy Thimont, Con Harrington, Rita Westbrook, Angela de Leon, Teresa Scanlon, Olinda D'Souza, Sheila Chateau, Alan Paul, Alina Hancock, Michael Hoskins, Electa Almeida, Sr Tien Nguyen, Caleb Edser, Eduard Kirchner, Julian Eddy, Troy Najair, Iona Sutherland, Margaret Lumley and Andrew Tan [Please advise the Reception when names can be removed.]



COLLECTIONS

Collections at Mass last Sunday came to £1,053 in loose plate giving and £551 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £1,604. This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.
If you change your address or if your tax status changes could you please notify the Parish Office.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 12th January St Aelred of Rievaulx, Abbot
Wednesday 13th January St Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

EXPOSITION

Sundays: 3.30 - 4.30pm
(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 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 Vidi Speciosam (K, S, A), T.L. Vittoria
Tribus miraculis, L. Marenzio
O magnum mysterium, T.L. Vittoria

PARISH SERVICES

Parish Office/Reception Hours: 9am - 5pm (Mon-Fri) 9.30am - 1pm (Sat) 9am - 1pm (Sun)
Executive Assistant & Hall bookings: Thelma D'Costa (Mon - Fri 9.30am - 5pm) Site Manager: Arthur White (Mon - Fri 12noon - 6pm; Sat 9am-1pm)
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