



# THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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## Newsletter

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### Fourth Sunday of Advent

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Weekday Readings for  
4th week of Advent  
Vol I. psalter week 4

### Readings at Christmas

There are various scripture readings for the Christmas Masses, please refer to the Mass booklets for the respective readings.

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## The Christmas Crib Collection

### OMIBITE WATER PROJECT: THE 2016 PARISH CHRISTMAS CRIB APPEAL

For this year's Christmas Crib Appeal, parishioners of the Sacred Heart chose to fund a water project in Omabite, Imo State in Nigeria, the land of my birth. I am deeply grateful.

In spite of its teeming population, basic amenities are in short supply in Omabite. This diminishes the quality of life. This water project will definitely provide *clean* and *free* water to the people of Omabite and beyond. It will therefore save them energy, time and money which can be meaningfully reinvested into some other things.

It may elude the power of description, the wave of joy that will hit this quiet but lovely village seeing such

massive development at its own doorstep. Imagine the grateful smiles of both the young and the elderly who will no longer have to walk to and fro to distant streams with heavy gallons or buckets of water well balanced on their tired heads. Think of the prayerful expressions of thankfulness by parents and breadwinners for indeed, this is one major problem less.

My soul glorifies God, since in my life is being fulfilled the saying '*Never allow anyone to suffer what you suffered, when you can make a difference*'. I was not expecting that. However, it is happening, because of your individual and collective generosity. May God bless both the thoughtful initiators and the willing supporters of this water project which will

definitely improve the lives of those in my home.

Fr Ted

### 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,

5.00pm and 8.00pm

#### Confessions

19th-23rd December:  
after 10am Mass and  
6pm.

Saturday 24th December:  
10.30-11.30am and  
2-4pm, no confessions  
after 4pm on the 24th.

### THE PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Parish Priest: Canon John Clark

Parish Clergy: Fr Thaddeus Nwokeji and Deacon Julian Burling

Also Resident: Canon Elias Vojtech

Team Members: Fr Michael O'Halloran SJ, Sr Francis SSA, Sr Dorothy Perrott OSU, Cristina Connolly and Pat Ryan (Youth Minister)

## SVP

The Wimbledon Conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul exists to help individuals and families in need. If you, or someone you know, in the parish needs help, please leave contact details via the presbytery, either in writing or by telephone, 020 8946 0305. All referrals are dealt with in strict confidence.

## PARKING

Parking in Wimbledon College during the Christmas period is as follows

Sat 24th Dec: 2pm-2am

Sun 25th Dec: 7.30am-2.30pm

Please take care when parking in Darlastan Road! Park only in authorised parking places, please be considerate do not park across driveways and block residents turning in their own driveways. We must not prove an inconvenience to our neighbours.

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT TEAM

The Bereavement Support Team will be thinking and praying for all our bereaved friends at Christmas. Grief is a particularly isolating experience that can affect all aspects of our life, physically, emotionally and socially. On Saturday 31st December, we invite everyone experiencing loss in their lives, no matter how long ago, to drop-in to the Lounge for a coffee and a chat from 10.30-11.30am. We offer you a warm welcome, for more info please call 020 8946 5198 or email [bereavementsacredheart@gmail.com](mailto:bereavementsacredheart@gmail.com)

## SURPLUS OF CHRISTMAS GIFTS

There will be a Surplus Christmas Gifts sale on Sunday 8th January from 9am-1pm, the proceeds will go to our this year's Crib appeal. (Please leave the gifts at the Presbytery Reception before the 6th January.)

# Parish News

## AT HOME

There will be an 'At Home' on Monday 19th December from 6-8pm.

## SCHOOL SLIPS

School slips will not be collected until the weekend of 14th/15th January 2017.

## SIGNED & SPOKEN MASS

A signed and spoken Mass will be celebrated this Sunday 18th December, at 4pm in the Chapel of Wimbledon College. All with hearing difficulties welcome!

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas 2016 time booklets are available at the back of the church. Please refer to the booklet for Mass times.

# Announcements

## PRE-CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

Do come and join us for a delicious pre-Christmas breakfast with coffee, croissants & mince pies this Sunday 18th December in the Lower Hall after the 8.15am Mass until 12noon.

## ADVENT SERVICE

On Thursday 22nd December from 8-8.45pm you are cordially invited to join us for an Advent Service of psalms and readings to prepare for the coming of Christ, with music from the 9.45am Sunday music-team on.

## CONFIRMATION 2017

Registration for confirmation in July 2017 is still open for those in Years 8-11. Please register on <http://sacredheartwimbledonformeeds.com> (There are registration forms available at the back of the church for those who prefer to register in writing). Once

registered, you will receive details and further dates via email. The first session will be on Sunday 15th January after the 5pm Mass. If you have any queries, please email [edgesw19@gmail.com](mailto:edgesw19@gmail.com).

## CHILDREN'S CRIB SERVICE

This year's children's crib service will be on Christmas Eve, Saturday 24th December, at 3.30pm in the church. There will be a rehearsal on Friday 23rd December from 10.40am-12.15pm for children aged 4+ who would like to act, and children aged 9+ wishing to read. Please email Rachel Marshall on [rachel@marshallmail.net](mailto:rachel@marshallmail.net) if you wish to be involved. Help from parents and any shepherd/king costumes would be appreciated.

## OFFICE & RECEPTION OPENING HOURS

The Parish Office and

Reception will be closed from Friday 23rd December until Wednesday 4th January 2017. Next weekend's newsletter will be the last one this year. Newsletter distribution will resume on the 7/8th January 2017.

## 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 6th January 2017 starting after 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.

## PARISH SOCIAL CLUB

The Parish Social Club will be closing for Christmas on Friday 23rd December. We will re-open on Friday 6th January 2017 at 8.30pm.

# Parish Organisations

## WIMBLEDON CANCER FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Please note that there will be no monthly drop-in in December. The first meeting in 2017 will be on Thursday 12th January between 7.30-9pm when Lyne Omar, a radiologist, will talk about

scans and radiotherapy treatment. Thursday 26th January - afternoon drop-in between 3.15-4.30pm, please call 07948 767936 or email [wcfg@live.co.uk](mailto:wcfg@live.co.uk) for more information. 30/32 Worpole Road, SW19 4EF.

## FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Friday 6th January at 2.30pm in the Parish Lounge: Festive Games! Come & try your skills at Festive Games. Enjoy more mulled wine, nibbles, tea, cake & chat. All welcome.

## Social, Cultural & Notices

### PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2016

Invitation & volunteer forms for this year's Christmas Lunch are available at the back of the church.

### 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 7th January 2017 at 7.30pm in the Upper Hall, Sacred Heart Church. 250 tickets are available (maximum 4 tickets /family) from Thelma D'Costa, Parish Office and will be given out on a first come first served basis.

### TECHIES - YOUR PANTO NEEDS YOU!

The Edge Hill Players are looking for lighting technicians for the MISH-MASH PANTO to be performed on January 28th and February 4th. To offer your skills and assistance please contact

Wendy Tansey on 07715 164468 or Terry Marsh on 0779 6801225.

### SACRED HEART CHORUS

The SH Chorus would like to invite good choral singers to join them in a performance of Brahms Requiem on June 17th 2017 at Sacred Heart Church. There will be eight Monday evening rehearsals from 7.30-9.30pm - dates to be confirmed. Subscription fee/term is £30 (free for FT students), there will be a workshop for the Brahms Requiem on Saturday 18th March 2017. If you would like to sing or take part in the workshop please register via [www.sacredheartmusic.co.uk](http://www.sacredheartmusic.co.uk)

### SOCIAL EVENING FOR FAMILIES

Date for your diaries - The next family social evening is on Saturday March 4th 2017 from 5-7.30pm. This is for Mums, Dads and little ones, of all ages. Children are able

to play in the Lower Hall whilst the adults and younger children can chat and relax in the Parish Lounge. The bar will be open and please bring a plate of food to share. For further details please call Rachel Malam 07534 893 737 or Clare Whatling 07900 580 627.

### MARRIAGE PREPARATION FACILITATORS

Marriage Care is the largest faith-based relationship support organisation in England and Wales, they are looking for Marriage preparation Facilitators, a Head of Centre and a Publicity Officer to volunteer with us at our South West London centre, and help us in our mission to support couples in the best and worst of times. Please visit [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk) or email [volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk) for more information.

### 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.

### WIMBLEDON COLLEGE 125th ANNIVERSARY

This year Wimbledon College is celebrating its 125th Anniversary. A new book "Wimbledon College: The First 125 Years" has been published to celebrate this. To find out details on how to order the book and more about the anniversary please visit [www.wimbledon-college.org.uk/125](http://www.wimbledon-college.org.uk/125)

### RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE

From Sunday 22nd - Friday 27th January, we will be offered by the Jesuit Ministries a 'Retreat in Daily Life' - a daily period of personal prayer and a daily half-hour individual meeting with an experienced prayer guide, at times during the week to suit the participant - There will be an introductory meeting in the Upper Hall on Sunday 22nd January from 3-5pm, at which the retreat will be further explained and the prayer guides assigned. In addition, there will be optional group sessions each evening on different ways of praying. Those having participated in a previous *Retreat in Daily Life* in the parish in 2011, found it very helpful in deepening their prayer life. Leaflets & application forms are available at the back of the church.

## Exploring our Faith

### 2016 CHRISTMAS IN LOURDES

Christmas in Lourdes: 6 days by coach, departs 22nd December from London Victoria Coach Station, no overnight travel, full Pilgrimage itinerary in Lourdes & a gift for everyone travelling. £390 per person sharing, £450 in single room, for information and bookings please contact Northern Star Travel on 0161 773 2115 or visit [www.northernstartravel.com](http://www.northernstartravel.com)

### 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 7.45-9pm in the Lounge. Please get in touch with Canon John, Sr. Dorothy or Peter Fenwick on [wimparish@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](mailto:wimparish@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk), [dorothyperrott@aol.com](mailto:dorothyperrott@aol.com) or call 020 8946 0305.

### 'LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY'

The Kairos Spirituality Centre is offering quiet days where you can explore different aspects of prayer and your relationship with God. Next Prayer Day will be on Saturday 14th January 10.30am-3.30pm with Sr Brenda Scholfield SMG. There is no cost for the day, donations gratefully received, booking is essential: 020 8788 4188.

**CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY**

6.30pm (Sat) Fr T Nwokeji      11.15am Canon J Clark  
 8.15am Fr M O'Halloran SJ      12.45pm Fr P Gallagher SJ  
 8.30am Canon V Elias              5.00pm Fr P Gallagher SJ  
 9.45am Canon V Elias              8.00pm Fr T Nwokeji

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK**

Sat 17 6.30pm Pierluigi & Lia Spreafico RIP  
 Mon 19 7.30am Patrick Dantas RIP  
           10.00am Mary Convery RIP  
           6.30pm Helen O'Keeffe RIP  
 Tue 20 7.30am Anne O'Connor RIP  
           10.00am Alfred Jessiman RIP  
           6.30pm Dced members of the Harty Family RIP  
 Wed 21 7.30am John Francis Walsh RIP  
           10.00am Thanksgiving St Jude Ints.  
           6.30pm Peter Cheuk RIP  
 Thu 22 7.30am Anne O'Connor RIP  
           10.00am Gerry Breslin Ints.  
           6.30pm Our Lady Queen of Peace Ints.  
           8.00pm Advent Service of psalms & readings  
 Fri 23 7.30am Patricia Woodward RIP  
           10.00am Sisters Maureen, Elizabeth, Theresa  
           6.30pm Dced Members of the Roche Family  
 Sat 24 10.00am Tokumbo Mitchell Ints.  
           **For Christmas Eve Mass times please refer to Christmas booklets**

**WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS**

**Those who have died recently:** Luisa Derx, Marie-Lise Celine, Ella Stephen  
**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** John Fennelly, Patricia Frances Molloy, Geoffrey Gibbens, Margaret Elliott, Ernest Prescott, Carlyne Herbert, Olga Herbert  
**The sick:** Marcus Wrede, Elizabeth Quinn, Felicia Rathbone, Sandra Broadbent, Daphne Minas, Gabriel Godfrey, Cathy McElroy, Eddie Bailham, Roberto Farina, Fr Brendan Callaghan SJ, Barry Sharrow, Sr Charmain, Camille Endaya, Charlie Bradley, Yvonna Patton, Tracy Byrne, Angela Balogum, Giena Worth, Ronnie Bradnick, Alexander Skachkov, Baby Bleu Denley Saunders, Patricia Meehan, Joan Paul, Frank Micetich, Lorraine Grozdanovic, Roberto Luigi Farina, Sophia Ridley, Avril Brown, Cindy Bayat, Bernadette McMurray, Anne Medicraft, Carol Escalona, David Fyfe, Mary Wallace, Con Harrington, Rita Westbrook, Angela de Leon, Alina Hancock, Teresa Scanlon, Sheila Chateau, Michael Hoskins, Electa Almeida, Sr Tien Nguyen, Caleb Edser, Julian Eddy, Troy Najair, Margaret Lumley and Andrew Tan [*Please advise the Reception when names can be removed.*]



**COLLECTIONS**

Collections at Mass last Sunday came to £1,868 in loose plate giving and £577 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £2,445. This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.  
 A reminder that the collection on Christmas Day is your personal offering to the priests of the parish.

**FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK**

**Sunday 18th December** Day of prayer for Expectant Mothers  
**Wednesday 21st December** St Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church  
**Friday 23rd December** St John od Kanty, Priest

**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 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 XVII, Plainsong  
 Ave Maria, Tomás Luis de Victoria  
 Ecce concipies, Jacob Handl

**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  
 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.