



# THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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## Newsletter

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### Second Sunday of Advent

**Weekday Readings for  
2nd week of Advent  
(B)**

**Vol I. psalter week 2**

### Next Sunday's Readings

- Isaiah 61:1-2.10-11
- Ps Lk 1:46-50. 53-54.  
R. Is 61:10
- I Thessalonians 5:16-24
- John 1:6-8. 19-28

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## Prepare a Way for the Lord

It is good to be back in the parish after my belated summer break. There were times when the airports closed because of the ash clouds that I thought I might be seeing the rest of Advent in Bali rather than Wimbledon! It's amazing how the spirit of Christmas is universal, in all the shopping malls whether in Bali or in Singapore we were treated to endless Christmas songs and carols, though it was hard to enter fully into the spirit of Christmas when the temperature was hovering around 30c and our dress was less than casual. It is then that the spirit of Advent comes into its own. Prepare the way of



the Lord is the message in our readings today. We are in that most special of seasons, the season of Advent. We have three weeks to prepare for the celebration of the feast of the incarnation of the second person of the Blessed Trinity. Jesus, through his birth makes God present in our world. He takes on our human condition and through his life, death and resurrection brings salvation and redemption. This reality is transforming. It gives

meaning and purpose to our life and existence. Our relationship with God is fundamentally altered by the coming of the Lord. It is a time when we need to make preparation for the coming of the Lord, both in our own lives and in the our world. There is a danger that with all the other preparations, decorations, cards, presents, cards, meals etc, we can forget that the most important preparation is that of ourselves not least the use of the sacrament of Reconciliation. Turning our hearts in love towards the Father and seeking his loving forgiveness is the best way to prepare the way of the Lord.

### 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

## PARISH PARKING

Please 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!

## 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.

## CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

The next continental breakfast with a Christmas theme will be served next Sunday 17 December in the Lower Hall after the 8.15am Mass up to 12 noon. All welcome!

## SICK LIST UPDATE

We would like to update the Sick List in the weekly newsletter. Therefore, please advise the Reception when names can be removed or let us know the names of your loved ones and friends to be included and prayed for. Please remember to ask the sick person's permission. From beginning of the New Year we will only include the names notified to the Parish Office (020 8946 0305).

## CHRISTIAN YOGA

Christian Yoga group is meeting again on Tuesday 9 January at 10am in the Lounge. All welcome

# Parish News

## AT HOME

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

## SCHOOL SLIPS

School slips will be collected this weekend.

## ADVENT BOOKLETS

More Christmas cards are available at the Presbytery. The Advent booklets 'My Day by Day' are still available at the back of the church.

## SIGNED AND SPOKEN MASS

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

# Announcements

## 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).

## 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)

## 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, pls contact Rachel Marshall at

[rachel@marshallemail.net](mailto:rachel@marshallemail.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.

## NOTICES

Notices for the back of the church and the porch: 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!

# Parish Organisations

## TRADCRAFT

Last Traidcraft sale before Christmas!!! Lots of cards, gifts and the usual items. Also, some reduced Advent calendars! We really need more helpers to sell on the fortnightly stall - just twice or 3 times/year would be great! Please offer your help to us on the stall or to [celia.cviic@btinternet.com](mailto:celia.cviic@btinternet.com), 020 8946 6528 or [maggie.kane@timeandleisure.co.uk](mailto:maggie.kane@timeandleisure.co.uk)

## WCFG

The Wimbledon Cancer Friendship Group offers friendship, information and a listening ear to anyone affected by any cancer. The festive period is around the corner and to celebrate you are invited to a Christmas Party in the dining room of the Wimbledon Guild on Thursday 14 December, 7.30 - 9pm. Food and drinks will be provided, so please let them know if you can attend. 30/32

Worple Road (side door on right-hand side of the building), SW19 4EF; 07948 767 936, [wcfg@live.co.uk](mailto:wcfg@live.co.uk) Please note that there will be **no** December drop-in due to the holidays.

## 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.

### 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/>

### WINTER FUEL ALLOWANCE

If any older parishioner in receipt of this allowance from

the Government would like to donate some or part of their allowance to a local charity working in our community to help those in poverty and with poor or no housing, please think of either *Christian Care Merton* ([www.christiancaremerton.org.uk](http://www.christiancaremerton.org.uk)) or *Faith in Action Homelessness Project* ([www.mertonfaithinaction.org](http://www.mertonfaithinaction.org)). Taxpayers can add to the value of their donation at no cost to themselves by using Gift Aid. Thank you.

### 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 E1W 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

### A DAY WITH MARY

Do come for a day of instruction, devotion and intercession on Saturday 16 December at Sacred Heart from 10.45am - 5.45pm. Entry Procession of Our Lady, Angelus, Crowning, Sung Litany, Mass in honour of Our Lady; celebrant and preacher Canon John Clark, sermons on Our Lady by Canon Elias Vojtech and Fr Thaddeus Nwokeji. (More info [www.adaywithmary.org](http://www.adaywithmary.org)).

### MOUNT STREET JESUIT CENTRE

'O Come, O Come Emmanuel' Biblical Reflections on the 'O'

Antiphons, a one day workshop on Sat 16 Dec from 11am-4pm facilitated Brian Purfield. For full details please visit [www.pathwaysto-god.org](http://www.pathwaysto-god.org).

### 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 pls visit [www.soulfoodgroup.org](http://www.soulfoodgroup.org) or email [lifeinthepirit@soulfood.org](mailto:lifeinthepirit@soulfood.org)

### CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

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

\* SH School Mass Centre

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 9 6.30pm John & Mary Granahan RIP  
Mon 11 7.30am Private Intentions  
10.00am Luisa Derx RIP  
6.30pm Nicholas Ints  
Tue 12 7.30am Patrick Gillis RIP  
10.00am John O'Shea RIP  
6.30pm Nicholas Ints.  
Wed 13 7.30am Breda Carey RIP  
10.00am Paddy Brehenny RIP  
6.30pm Nicholas Ints.  
Thu 14 7.30am Eileen Manion RIP  
10.00am Natasha Ints.  
6.30pm Nicholas Ints.  
Fri 15 7.30am Weldon Browne RIP  
10.00am Noel D'Costa RIP  
2.00pm Funeral Service for Mary Henderson  
6.30pm Juni Tilbury RIP  
Sat 16 7.30am Patricia Campbell  
10.00am John Fennelly RIP

### WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

**Those who have died recently:** Marie-Josephine Nyunt, Mary Henderson, Tracy Byrne, Elisabeth Ann Hussey, Agnes Degnan

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Chris Cviic, Lila Curran, Luisa Derx, Gloria Rumbelow, Margaret Jephcott, Hildegard McManus, Ermelinda Picchiani, Michael Bush, Louisa McDonald

**The sick:** Mary Thefaut, 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 £1,520 in loose plate giving and £71 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £1,591. This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.

### FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

**Sunday 10 December** Bible Sunday  
**Monday 11 December** St Damasus I, Pope  
**Tuesday 12 December** Our Lady of Guadalupe  
**Wednesday 13 December** St Lucy, Virgin and Martyr, Memorial  
**Thursday 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 à 4*, Pedro de Heredia

*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: sacredheartwimbeldonppc@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.