



# THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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## Newsletter

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**Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Christmas Eve**

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

### Next Sunday's Readings

- Genesis 15:1-6. 21:1-3
- Psalm 104 :1-6. 8-9. R. vv7,8
- Hebrews 11:8. 11-12. 17-19
- Luke 2:22-40

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## Peace, Love and Joy



Canon John, Fr Thaddeus, Canon Elias, Deacon Julian, Deacon Sean and Giovanni wish you all a happy and a holy Christmas. They are very grateful for the good wishes, cards and gifts that they have received this Christmas.

They wish you all every blessing for the coming New Year.

The Crib Collection this year will go towards the *Christian Care Association* in Merton, a group that supports and befriends over 150 families whose lives are in crisis in our local borough. Contributions can be made either in the boxes available at the site of the crib or through the Parish Office. The crib appeal lasts till Sunday 7 January 2018. Thank you for your support of this good cause.

**Happy Christmas!**

### 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!

## ICY WEATHER VOLUNTEERS

We would need a team of able-bodied volunteers who are willing to be called out at weekends to clear and grit paths to the church in the event of snow or ice. Please forward contact details through the parish website, <https://sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/>, home page 'Contact Us', giving subject as 'Icy weather volunteer'. Thank you for your help!

## STAMP CUTTING AT JESUIT MISSIONS

The next stamp cutting and sorting session will be on Thursday 4 January at 9.30am at 11 Edge Hill, SW19 4RL. Please donate any used or old stamps, collections to this address at any time.

## 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

## 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

The next 'At Home' will be on Monday 8 January, time to be confirmed.

## SCHOOL SLIPS

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

## SOUTHWARK DIRECTORY 2018

The Catholic Directory of the Archdiocese of Southwark will be available for sale (£3 each) at the Presbytery Reception from January 2nd.

# Announcements

## OFFICE & RECEPTION OPENING HOURS

The Parish Office and Reception are now closed until Tuesday 2 January 2018.

This newsletter is 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.

## PEACE SERVICE

You are invited to a Peace Service at St John Fisher Church, 207 Cannon Hill Lane SW20 9DS on Monday 1 January at 7.30pm: 'Migrants and Refugees - seekers of peace' (Pope Francis' intention for 2018). Refreshments in the Hall after the service.

## 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.

## 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.

# 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.

## WCFG

The Wimbledon Cancer Friendship Group offers friendship, information and a listening ear to anyone affected by any cancer. There will be an evening meeting on Thu 11 Jan from 7.30-9pm when Jim Tait, a volunteer, who came to Wimbledon in 1937 at the age of 3, will speak about his memories of the town and village during the years. If you would like to walk down memory lane with Jim, this is a meeting you must not miss.

Next month's drop-in will be on Thursday 25 January from 3.15-4.30pm. 30/32 Worple Road, SW19 4EF; 07948 767 936, [wcfg@live.co.uk](mailto:wcfg@live.co.uk)

## 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.

## MANNA SOCIETY

The Manna Centre at Melior Street supports the many homeless in that area with the opportunity to get food, clothing and medical care. Any donations of dried or canned food, toiletries, men's clothing etc. can be left in the green bins inside the Lower Hall.

## Social, Cultural & Notices

### 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 January 2018 at 7.30pm in the Upper Hall, Sacred Heart Church. Tickets are still available (maximum 4 tickets /family) from the Presbytery Reception, and will be given out on a first come first served basis.

### 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. 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.

### 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 [\[secretary@wimbledoncollege.org.uk\]\(mailto:secretary@wimbledoncollege.org.uk\) or 020 8879 9323, closing date 10 January.](mailto:college</a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

### THE DREAM OF GERONTIUS

The SH 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/>

### CATH. YOUNG ADULTS

London SW Catholic Young Adults is a social group for young Catholics in the diocese, which meets every month. Their next social is on Sat 6 Jan from 7.30pm at *The Alexandra*, Wimbledon SW19 7NE. For further info visit their fb page or contact Miles on 07790 441 242.

### 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' pantomime *Babes In The Wood* are available at [www.edgehillplayers.com](http://www.edgehillplayers.com). The 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.

### 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)).

## Exploring our Faith

### MOUNT STREET JESUIT CENTRE

'Living in the milieu divin' Pierre Teilhard de Chardin SJ was a scientist. This one-day workshop, facilitated by Mike Smith SJ, on Saturday 27 January (11am-4pm) will introduce his work and how it led to an understanding of creation as a manifestation of Jesus Christ. For full details and to register see [www.pathwaystogod.org](http://www.pathwaystogod.org); 114 Mount Street, W1K 3AH.

### 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 [lifeginthespirit@soulfood.org](mailto:lifeginthespirit@soulfood.org)

### A DAY WITH MARY

Do come for a day of instruction, devotion and intercession on Saturday 20 January at St Agnes, Cricklewood Lane, NW 2, starting at 9.45am with Entry Procession of Our Lady, Angelus, Crowning, Sung Litany Mass in honour of Our Lady; celebrant and preacher

Fr John Buckley, sermon on Our Lady by Fr Anthony Meredith IC. Please visit [www adaywithmary.org](http://www adaywithmary.org) for more info.

### 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 (sessions resume on Monday 8 January). 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.

**CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY**

6.30pm (Sat) Canon V Elias	12.45pm Fr A Nunes SJ
8.15am Fr Kinga SJ	5.00pm Canon V Elias
9.45am Canon J Clark	7.30pm Fr T Nwokeji
11.15am Fr T Nwokeji	Midnight Mass Canon J Clark

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK**

Sat	23	6.30pm	Michael & Theresa Harrington RIP
Tue	26	10.00am	Jim Kehoe RIP
Wed	27	10.00am	Laura Dineen RIP
		6.30pm	Michael Swanson RIP
Thu	28	10.00am	Katherine Sullivan RIP
		6.30pm	Michael Sullivan RIP
Fri	29	10.00am	Miriam, Jerry and Jean Michetich
		6.30pm	Alexander Dekker Ints.
Sat	30	10.00am	Chris Cviih RIP
		6.30pm	Newton Fernandes RIP
Mon	1	10.00am	Dced Members of the Wang Family RIP
		6.30pm	Lorenzo & Dekker Families Ints.
Tue	2	7.30am	Patricia Campbell Ints.
		10.00am	Elizabeth Quinn RIP
		6.30pm	Fr Julien Tissera RIP
Wed	3	7.30am	Daniel Byne RIP
		10.00am	Mary Henry RIP
		6.30pm	Molly Farrell RIP
Thu	4	7.30am	Hani Talaat Ints.
		10.00am	Funeral for Mary Thefaut

**WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS**

**Those who have died recently:** Mary Thefaut, Virginia Rodriguez, Tosca Kneen, Teresa Scanlon, Sylvia Peters, Christopher Curtis, Jane Lynch, Mary O'Neill

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Thomas Finnegan, Janko Zarkovic, Ronald Desmier, Ryszard Szuman, Jeremiah Cahill, Beatrice Dias, Nicholas Murphy, Gervaise Milward, Anne Hussey, Grace Alvares

**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, Michael Hoskins, Electa Almeida, Caleb Edser, Julian Eddy, Troy Najair, Margaret Lumley and Andrew Tan

**COLLECTIONS**

Collection at Mass last Sunday came to £1,745 in loose plate giving and £654 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £2,399. This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.

**FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK**

**Sunday 24 December** Day of prayer for Expectant Mothers

**Monday 25 December** The Nativity of the Lord

**Tuesday 26 December** St Stephen, the first Martyr

**Wednesday 27 December** St John, Apostle and Evangelist

**Thursday 28 December** The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

**Friday 29 December** St Thomas of Canterbury, Bishop and Martyr

**Sunday 31 December** The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

**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 18, Plainsong*

*Ave Maria, Plainsong*

*Ecce concipies, 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: 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.