



# THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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## Newsletter

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### Epiphany of the Lord

Weekday Readings for  
1st week in Ordinary Time  
before Lent

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### Next Sunday's Readings

- Samuel 3:3-10. 19
- Ps 39:2.4.7-10. R.vv8.9
- I Corinthians 6:13-15. 17-20
- John 1:35-42

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## The Epiphany of the Lord

Let me begin by wishing you all a very happy and a Holy New Year. The feast of the Epiphany is the showing of the child Jesus to the world.



Here is God made man, the second person of the Blessed Trinity entering upon the human stage in all his glory and simplicity. Presented to the wise men he has come to bring salvation to all.

We have had great celebrations here in the parish over the Christmas time. This has only been

possible by the fact that many people have helped from those involved in the preparation, decorations, and floral arrangements in the church to those who took part in the liturgies, our choirs, servers, readers, eucharistic ministers, collectors, welcomers, church cleaners, sacristans, counters... Then there

were the leaders of the children's service, the office staff who helped get all the service sheets ready, caterers for the celebrations after the midnight Mass, and Eric and all who helped with the parish Christmas lunch, and the benefactors for that great event.. To all those who helped in so many different ways a very sincere thank you to you all. All you did was very much appreciated.

### 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

## SECOND COLLECTION

Next Sunday, 14 January, is *Peace Sunday*, the 51st World Day of Peace with the title '*Migrants and Refugees - Seekers of Peace*'. 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 a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Donation envelopes will be collected next weekend. Thank you for your support.

On Peace Sunday 14 January, '*Prohibit Nuclear Weapons*' - Petitions will be available for signatures after all but the 9.45am & 11.15am Masses.

## 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!

## DRIVER NEEDED

Driver needed to join Lifts to Mass team. Involves pick-up for 12.45pm Sunday Mass and return home of elderly parishioner(s) once a month. More info from Jenny (020 8947 7320).

## SURPLUS OF CHRISTMAS GIFTS

There will be a Surplus Christmas Gifts sale today 7 January from 9am-1pm in the Parish Lounge. All proceeds go to this year's Crib Appeal.

## Parish News

### AT HOME

The next 'At Home' will be on Monday 8 January from 7.30-9.30pm.

### SCHOOL SLIPS

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

### EXPOSITION

Please note that there will be **no** exposition on Wednesday 10 January after the 10am Mass.

### SOUTHWARK

#### DIRECTORY 2018

The Catholic Directory of the Archdiocese of Southwark is now available for sale (£3 each) at the Presbytery Reception.

## Announcements

### CRIB APPEAL 2017

We would like to thank all who so generously contributed to this Christmas' crib appeal. If you still wish to make a donation you are very welcome to do so this weekend before the appeal is closed.

### CONFIRMATION 2018

This year's confirmation will be on Saturday 30 June at 3pm. Any young person in year 9 and above who would like to receive the sacrament of confirmation are asked to complete an application form available at the back of the church and return it to the

Parish Office no later than Sunday 11 February.

### CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Do come and have a chat with other parishioners over a delicious continental breakfast on Sunday 21 January in the Lower Hall after 8.15am Mass up to noon.

### GRATITUDE TO THE JESUIT COMMUNITY

This week we mark the fourth 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 profound gratitude

for their continued ministry within the parish community.

### SPECIAL MASS

All parishioners, especially those with any Goan connections, are welcome to a special Mass on Sunday 21 January at 2pm at St John Fisher Church 207, Cannon Hill Lane SW20 9NQ to pray for the beatification of Ven. Agnelo followed by refreshments in the hall. Do invite friends and come along with a plate of food/drink for general sharing. Contact Rita Aguiar 020 8542 0885 for further details.

## Parish Organisations

### 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 Thursday 11 January 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. This 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)

### MEMORY LANE CLUB

Every Wednesday morning from 10.30am onwards to 12.30pm in the Parish Lounge. Open to everyone who suffers from memory loss/dementia and their carers. Refreshments, chat, bingo, snooker, music as well as various games and activities available - all in an informal, friendly and fun atmosphere. Contact: [edgehillmemorylaneclub@gmail.com](mailto:edgehillmemorylaneclub@gmail.com) or Jenny (07906 856 183), Charlotte (07714 702 735).

### CHRISTIAN YOGA

The Christian Yoga Group will meet again on Tuesday 9 January in the Lounge. 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

### 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.



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 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.

**WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES - WMOF 2018**  
Dublin, Ireland, has been chosen by Pope Francis to host the next World Meeting of Families from 21-26 August 2018, guided by the theme 'The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World'. Held every 3 years, this major intl. event brings together families from across the world to celebrate, pray and reflect upon the central importance of marriage and the family as the cornerstone of our lives, of society and of the Church. WMOF 2018 will be a joyful and enriching occasion for adults, young people and children. To find out more about and to register, please visit [www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie)

### 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 welcomed no matter how 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.wimbletoncollege.org.uk](http://www.wimbletoncollege.org.uk) or contact the College Secretary, Mrs Annette Lawlor at [college.secretary@wimbletoncollege.org.uk](mailto:college.secretary@wimbletoncollege.org.uk) or 020 8879 9323, closing date 10 January.

### 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/>

## Exploring our Faith

### CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The SH Charismatic Prayer Group will be meeting in the church on Monday 8 January for prayer, praise and worship, from 7.30 – 9pm. We will start the new year with scripture readings and songs of thanksgiving and intercessory prayers. All are welcome! Any enquiries contact: 07958 782779 Audra.

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

### 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.

### 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 information.

### 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.

### ECUMENICAL STUDY COURSE

'The Prayer Course' will use the Lord's Prayer as a template and is being run at the Lantern Coffee House in Worple Road, SW20 8ET on 6 Tuesday evenings starting on 9 January 7.30-9pm. For more info and to register please contact Rosemary Evans ([revans1@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:revans1@tiscali.co.uk) or 07944 484646). Flyers available at the back of the church.

**CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY**

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

\* SH School Mass Centre

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK**

Sat 6 6.30pm Dympna Boylan RIP  
 Mon 8 7.30am Anne Tyrell RIP  
 10.00am Alex & Annabella Fernandes Ints.  
 6.30pm Leita Stephenson RIP  
 Tue 9 7.30am Bernard McGuinness Ints.  
 10.00am Funeral service for Mary O'Neill  
 6.30pm Edward & Bridget Burke RIP  
 Wed 10 7.30am Dina Cunningham RIP  
 10.00am Claire Carey RIP  
 6.30pm Kit O'Brien RIP  
 Thu 11 7.30am Tess Keany RIP  
 10.00am Molly Farrell RIP  
 2.00pm Funeral Service for Angel Cabello  
 6.30pm Kevin Wong RIP  
 Fri 12 7.30am Rev Francis Meehan RIP  
 10.00pm Dr & Mrs Packianather Athanasayar RIP  
 6.30pm Tom Limna RIP  
 Sat 13 7.30am Mary Coman RIP  
 10.00am Peter Connellan RIP

**WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS**

**Those who have died recently:** Rui Braganza, Dorothy Toohill, Angel Cabello, Mary O'Neill, Hilary Clare Ashdowne, Andrew Kenny, Antoinette Peters, Teresa Scanlon, Christopher Curtis, Bruno Delrieux, Eva Bunzl

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Thomas Limna, Mary Harte, Edith Arendrup, Kit O'Brien, Mark Stokes, Charles Stevenson, Sheila Reynolds

**The sick:** Carine French, Hugh Lawrence, Ernest Bonner, 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 £1,638 in loose plate giving and £515 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £2,153. This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.

The parish priests would like to express their deep gratitude for the generous gifts and offerings they have received from parishioners over the Christmas period.

**FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK**

**Monday 8 January** The Baptism of the Lord

End of the Season of Christmas

**Friday 12 January** St Aelred of Rievaulx, Abbot

**Sunday 13 January** St Hilary, Bishop 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 de Angelis*, Plainsong

*Ab oriente venerunt magi*, Jacob Handl

*Vidimus stellam*, William Byrd

**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.