



# THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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## Newsletter

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### First Sunday of Advent

**Weekday readings for  
1st Week of Advent  
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**Vol I. psalter week I**

### Next Sunday's Readings

- Baruch 5:1-9
- Psalm 125. R.v 3
- Philippians 1:3-6. 8-11
- Luke 3:1-6

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## A New Service

We are delighted to bring a new service to parishioners. We have installed a new camera at the back of the church to allow us to share our ceremonies with those confined to their homes and to those who now live away from our parish. The camera is located at the back of the church facing the Sanctuary. It does not move or face the people in the congregation. We will start test runs during the next two weeks (which will allow the parents of our altar servers to have time to give their consent for their children to be filmed - consent forms available in the Sacristy); each day from the fourth Sunday of Advent we will



stream our Mass and all other ceremonies to people using computers, laptops, iPhones and iPads all over the world where there is broadband available. Nursing homes and private homes connected to the Internet will be now joining us live here daily. This will also be beneficial for families and friends of parishioners who cannot travel here for funerals, weddings and baptisms. (A facility is available to record any

of these ceremonies if you request it from the parish office in advance. These recordings will be available to view on-line or download on your own computer after the event). You will find the live stream on [www.churchservices.tv/wimbledon](http://www.churchservices.tv/wimbledon) and through the parish website <https://www.sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/> Please tell your loved ones living away from the parish about our new service and encourage them to join us live to enlarge our prayerful congregation. We are most grateful to an anonymous donor who has made this new service available to all parishioners.

### THE PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Parish Priest: Canon John Clark MA  
 Parish Clergy: Fr Thaddeus Nwokeji and Deacon Julian Burling  
 Also Resident: Georg Böckl-Bichler (Student)  
 Team Members: Sr Francis SSA, Sr Dorothy Perrott OSU and Cristina Connolly  
 Youth Minister: Eleanor Bowman      Adult Faith Formation Officer: Kelly Hockey

## THIS ADVENT

Advent is a very special season of the year – and yet it can sometimes pass us by, because we're so busy preparing for Christmas. For the past couple of years, the Southwark diocesan Spirituality Commission has produced a series of short daily emails, to help us focus on the true meaning of Advent. These have been very well received, so we would like to make more people aware of them. To sign up, please visit [www.southwarkdsc.org.uk](http://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk)

## CHRISTMAS CARDS

Various Christmas cards are available at the Presbytery Reception .

## ADVENT BOOKLETS

The Advent booklets *My Advent Day by Day* (infant/junior/adults), a perfect vademecum, through this season of advent, are now available at the back of the church and at the Presbytery Reception. They are free to collect, donations welcome.

## JM STAMP CUTTING

Please keep your used stamps! You can post them to Jesuit Missions, 11 Edge Hill, SW19 4LR or pop them through their letterbox after Mass. JM are always looking for volunteers to join their stamp team which will meet again on Thursday 6 December at 9.30am.

## 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.

## Parish News

### AT HOME

Please note that there will be **no At Home** until January 2019.

### CONFIRMATION

Please register your initial interest on the sign up sheet on the website (<https://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk>).

[surveymonkeys.com/r/1RD9N9SX](https://surveymonkeys.com/r/1RD9N9SX) Info-session to follow in December. Details to be announced later.

We are still looking for volunteer catechists to help with the preparation classes for our confirmation

programme. Should you be willing to assist please kindly contact Kelly at the Parish Office.

### SCHOOL SLIPS

School slips will be collected this weekend.

## Announcements

### SACRED HEART YOUTH GROUP

Please note that there is **no** Youth Group meeting this week. Our next meeting will be on Sunday 9 December from 6.15-7.45pm and all in year 9 - year 13 are welcome!

### 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 7 December after 8pm Mass continuing to midnight. Silent prayer followed by meditations and prayers. Please come, if only for a short visit.

### ADVENT & CRAFTS MORNING

On Sunday 9 December, after the 9.45am Mass, there will be an Advent Arts & Crafts morning for families in

the Lower Hall. For more information please contact Eleanor (Youth Minister): [eleanor.bowman@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](mailto:eleanor.bowman@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk)

### CRIB APPEAL

As part of this year's Parish Crib Appeal we will support *Pact*, the charity serving prisoners and their families. With their *Operation Christmas Elf* they try to remember children in difficult situations with their own special Christmas gift. Please help them spread a little Christmas cheer by donating a gift, a present for a child (please **DO NOT** donate second hand or used toys, suggested worth under £15). Bring your gift to the parish and please **do not wrap** (but just label for what age) presents. The deadline for donations of presents is Thursday 6 December. *Pact* will collect and dis-

tribute them to children in need of a gift on special Christmas family days in prisons, through youth sessions and support groups.

Please find a flyer with detailed information about suggestions of gifts for specific age groups (new-borns to 18yr) and please observe carefully the restrictions that are in place. Many thanks for your generosity in supporting this good cause!

### CRIB SERVICE

There will be a rehearsal for the 3.30pm Children's crib service on Christmas Eve on Saturday 22 December at 10.40am until 12.15pm. Readers (age 8+) and actors wishing to take part please email Rachel Marshall on [rachel@marshallemail.net](mailto:rachel@marshallemail.net). Parent help welcomed!

## Parish Organisations

### WCFG

Thursday 13 December at 7.30-9pm will be the very last party and gathering of the Wimbledon Cancer Friendship Group. We will be in the front room of Drake House (behind the Wimbledon Guild). Please come and join us for a celebration of what the group has achieved over the past 13 years. We will be

servicing food as usual so please let us know if you can come. Wimbledon Guild, 07948 767 936; 30/32 Worple Road, SW19 4EF, [wcfg@life.co.uk](mailto:wcfg@life.co.uk)

### YOUNG ADULTS

There will be a Christmas social for young adults on Sunday 16 December. The group will join the 12.45pm Mass and then head to a

local pub for lunch. For more info please contact Eleanor ([eleanor.bowman@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](mailto:eleanor.bowman@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk))

### FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Friday 7 December at 2.30pm in the Lounge: Christmas Singalong with Songs on Wheels. Sherry to sharpen the vocal cords and tea & cakes to follow! Everyone welcome.

## Social, Cultural & Notices

### IT CLINICS

This term's popular *Generations Together IT Clinics* will continue at the UHS on Fridays 7 & 14 December commencing at 12.45pm. Knowledgeable girls provide excellent mobile phone and computer tuition, including how to connect with family abroad or catch up with TV on line. All grades welcome. No charge. Contact Sheila Gent 020 8390 0119 to book a place.

### MYRAYNEPARK

'Twas the week before Christmas', MyRaynesPark will once again be presenting an 'open mic' evening of stories, poems and other readings relating to Christmas on Wednesday 5 December from 7-8.45pm at the Raynes Park Library. Read one of your own compositions or a favourite piece from the treasury of Christmas literature. If you want to be sure of a performance space, email [reading@myraynespark.co.uk](mailto:reading@myraynespark.co.uk) Performers of all ages are welcome

(maximum time 4 mins/each). Even if you choose not to be a reader, you are welcome to come along and enjoy the evening.

### CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Putney Choral Society will perform Vivaldi's *Gloria*, the *Magnificat* by Pergolesi and St Saëns' *Oratorio de Noël* in concert at St Paul's Church, Augustus Rd SW19, on Saturday 8 December at 7pm. Tickets (£15) on the door or phone 07968 209 245.

### New to the Parish?

Please introduce yourself to a member of the Parish Team after Mass and register online at <https://sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/> or by filling in a registration form, available at the back of the church.

### RAYNES PARK

#### CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Friday 7 December 3.30 – 7pm: The Salvation Army, along with the Raynes Park Association and local churches including the Sacred Heart, welcome residents and visitors to the Raynes Park Christmas celebrations. Local school choirs and performers will take to the stage in the Waitrose car park, along with live petting animals, a barbeque and Christmas stalls where you can buy gifts for the festive season. Santa's Grotto, with free gifts for children, will be outside Raynes Park station on Coombe Lane.

## Exploring our Faith

### CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The SH Charismatic Prayer Group will be meeting in the Youth Room for an evening of prayer, praise and worship on Monday 3 December at 7.30pm. All are welcome to join the Christmas celebration thereafter in the Youth Room until 9.15pm, for enquiries, contact: Audra (07958 782 779 or [audra.wamsteker@gmail.com](mailto:audra.wamsteker@gmail.com)).

### EXPLORING THE GOSPEL

Would you like to join this small, reflective group? We explore the Gospel together, considering its meaning for the people for whom it was written and what it means to us now. We meet for one hour from 11 every 2nd Monday, at an address off The Ridgway. For further information please contact [sadiesmith3@talktalk.net](mailto:sadiesmith3@talktalk.net)

### LOVE HEALS BODY MIND AND SPIRIT

You are welcome to a half-day retreat of quiet reflection at Sacred Heart Church, Edge Hill, on Saturday 8 December 10.30am – 1pm in the Lounge after 10am Mass, enquiries: Eileen & David Brum 020 8542 2476 [lovehealsbodymindspirit@gmail.com](mailto:lovehealsbodymindspirit@gmail.com)

### CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2018

Canon John and Fr Thaddeus cordially invite you to make Christmas a very special Parish Day. Come and have *LUNCH* on Tuesday 25 December, 12 noon for 1pm and spend the day with the Clergy and other parishioners, rather than being on your own. You will receive a warm welcome and have lots of fun.

If you would like to attend or know of someone who would like an invitation, please fill in a form (available at the back of the church, Presbytery Reception or download it from [www.sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](http://www.sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk)) and kindly return these asap to the Parish Office.

**Volunteers:** We would be happy if more volunteers came forward to help, especially on Christmas Eve and Day. Volunteer forms are available at the back of the church, Reception or website.

**Donations:** Many thanks for your immense generosity. Further donations are most welcome, cash and cheques (payable to *The Sacred Heart Parish*). Donations can be left at the Reception. Gift Aid forms are available.

Please contact Rehana Edun-Noys - 07748 181 843 or [rehanaedun@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rehanaedun@yahoo.co.uk) for further info.

### NIGHTFEVER ADVENT SPECIAL

There is a *Nightfever* Advent Special taking place on Saturday 8 December at St Patrick's Soho. Start at 6pm with Mass, followed by training of the volunteers, Adoration until 9.30pm, all volunteers are then invited to come to their Advent party in the hall afterwards. St Patrick's Soho Square (London W1D 4NR). For more information please contact Kelly at the Parish Office (020 8946 0305).

### CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

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

\* SH School Mass Centre

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 1 6.30pm Monteiro Family Ints.  
Mon 3 7.30am Paul Helm RIP  
10.00am Anthony De Mello RIP  
6.30pm Joaquim Pires & Anna R. Fernandes RIP  
Tue 4 7.30am Alfred Jessiman RIP  
10.00am Edward James White RIP  
6.30pm Peter McGillen  
Wed 5 7.30am Emma O'Donnell & Aidan McClafferty  
10.00am George Smith RIP  
6.30pm Eileen & Geoffrey Norris Ints.  
Thu 6 7.30am Alfred Jessiman RIP  
10.00am Sheila Nolan RIP  
6.30pm Margaret Folon RIP  
Fri 7 7.30am Jim Dodo RIP  
10.00am Anne & Oliver Patton Golden Wedd.  
6.30pm Dodd Family  
Sat 8 7.30am Loretta Duffy 80th Birthday Ints.  
10.00am Mary, John Carmody RIP

### WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

**Those who have died recently:** Bernard Kirby, Greta Patrick, Joseph Osamor

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Agnes Degnan, Elisabeth Hussey, Natalino Falzon, Richard Hoban

**The sick:** Kieran Walsh, David Carrier, Paul Saunders, Marian Spencer, Bertha D'Costa, Rita Westbrook, Mary Purcell Cosgrave, Trinity Kerin, Roberto Farina, Damji Vadhia, Brian Birch, Alina Hancock, Simon Hull, Doug Cusack, Lalita Nagar, Cath O'Neill, Andrew Tan, Tom Searle, John Burke-Gaffney, Donald Derx, Margaret Lumley, Electa Almeida, Giena Worth, Brian Sewell

Please note that for data protection reasons, since the 25th of May people have to explicitly agree for their names to be mentioned in our newsletter. Please let the Parish Office know **in writing** if either your name or the names of your relatives and friends should appear in our NL sick list.



### COLLECTIONS

Collection at Mass last Sunday came to £1,694 in loose plate giving and £392 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £2,086. This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.

The second collection in support of the Southwark Catholic Youth Service raised £872. Thank you for your generosity!

### FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

**Monday 3 December** St Francis Xavier, Priest;  
Day of Prayer for Migrants

**Tuesday 4 December** St John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church

**Friday 7 December** St Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

**Saturday 8 December** The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### 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 XVII, Plainsong*

*Ad te levavi, Johann Joseph Fux*

*Confortamini et iam, Lassus*

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.