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Newsletter

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**Third Sunday of Advent
Gaudete Sunday**

**Weekday readings for
3rd Week of Advent
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Vol I. psalter week 3

Next Sunday's Readings

- Micah 5:1-4
- Ps. 79:2-3,15-16,18-19.r.v4
- Hebrews 10:5-10
- Luke 1:39-44

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Gaudete Sunday

STREAMING OF MASSES

As we are still exploring issues around the streaming of our Masses we will not start filming Masses and ceremonies until the issues have been addressed. We hope to be more clear about this service and the availability to view our Masses on-line at the beginning of the New Year. Thank you for your understanding.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

On Christmas Day we have our special Parish Christmas Lunch especially for those who would be on their own this Christmas. It is a parish tradition and a great event. We are joined by the clergy of the parish and by the Mayor of Merton. If you would like to attend the meal or are able to help on Christmas Eve/Christmas Day, please let the Parish Office know.

CRIB APPEAL

Each year the offerings at the Crib are sent to a named charity. We are very grateful for all your generous donations so far towards *Pact*, the charity that we have chosen this year. This group serves prisoners and their families, with their operation *Christmas Elf* they try to remember families in difficult situations this Christmas. Their work deserves our support.

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
5pm

Confessions

21 Dec 6-6.20pm
22 Dec 10.30-11.30am;
3-4pm; 6-6.20pm

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. The Southwark diocesan Spirituality Commission has produced a series of short daily emails, to help us focus on the true meaning of Advent. There is still time to sign up for them, please visit www.southwarkdsc.org.uk

PARKING

Parking in Wimbledon College during the Christmas period is as follows: 

Monday 24 Dec: 9am-2am (after midnight Mass)

Tuesday 25 Dec: 9am-2pm

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Please do take care when parking in our neighbouring roads, only park in authorised parking places, do not block drive ways of the residents!

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Do come and join us for a pre-Christmas breakfast with coffee, croissants & mince pies this Sunday 16 December in the Lower Hall after the 8.15am Mass up to 12 noon.

JESUIT MISSIONS

CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Across the world JM is working to empower people to achieve their full potential. In Guyana, they are supporting young people to learn new skills after finishing school enhancing their employment opportunities, while in South Sudan they are supporting trained teachers enhancing the quality of education. Visit www.jesuitmissions.org.uk/christmas-appeal-2018/ for more info on how you can support their work this Christmas.

Parish News

AT HOME

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

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

A penitential Service will be held in the church on Friday 21 December at 8pm.

ADVENT SERVICE

You are cordially invited to join us for an Advent Service of psalms and readings with music from the 9.45am music team on Thursday 20 December from 8-8.45pm in the church.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas 2018 time booklets

are available at the back of the church. Please refer to the booklet for Mass times.

OFFICE & RECEPTION HOURS

Please note that the Parish Office and Reception will be closed from 24 December until Wednesday 2 January 2019. Next weekend's newsletter (22/23 Dec) will be the last of this year. We will resume our newsletter on 5/6 January 2019.

CONFIRMATION

Please register your initial interest on the sign up sheet on the website ([https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TRDN9SX)

[TRDN9SX](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TRDN9SX) 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 not be collected until 12/13 January.

SOUTHWARK DIRECTORY 2019

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

Announcements

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. Parent help welcomed!

ADVENT BOOKLETS

The Advent booklets *My Advent Day by Day* (infant/junior/adults), are still available at the back of the church and at the Presbytery Reception. They are free to collect, donations 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 4 January after 8pm Mass continuing to midnight. Silent prayer followed by meditations and prayers. Please come, if only for a short visit.

Parish Organisations

YOUNG ADULTS

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

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

On Saturday 29 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.

MANNA SOCIETY

The Manna Centre at Melior Street supports the many

homeless in that area with the opportunity to get food, clothing & medical care. Donations (dried or canned food, toiletries, men's clothing..) can be left in the green bins inside the Lower Hall.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Friday 4 January 2.30pm in the Lounge. Film: *Some Like it Hot* (1959), starring Marilyn Monroe, Tony Curtis & Jack Lemmon; ice creams, tea & cakes. All welcome.

Social, Cultural & Notices

PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2018

Invitation & volunteer forms for this year's Christmas lunch are available at the back of the church and at the Presbytery Reception. Please fill in the form and return it to the Presbytery.

CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS

You are invited to seasonal walks through Westminster and Victoria, taking in Christmas trees and crib-scenes this Sunday 16 December & Wednesday 2 January at 3pm.

Meet at Westminster Cathedral, please wear suitable footwear, walks may take up to 2 hrs, costs £5; www.catholichistorywalks.com

VACANCIES

Ursuline Preparatory School currently have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor to actively supervise the pupils in the dining room, playground and throughout the school premises during the lunchtime period. If you are interested in applying for this position and would like more information please contact Helen

Robinson, Bursar on 020 8947 0859 or bursar@ursulineprep.org

St. Teresa's Home for The Elderly requires a PT Care Assistant (25 hrs/week, includes weekends). Subject to DBS checks. For full details please contact the office (020 8879 7366 option 3, or info@stteresas.home.co.uk).

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.

CINDERELLA

Tickets for the Edge Hill Players' next pantomime *Cinderella* - a cast of 80 - are now available to purchase, please visit www.edgehillplayers.com to book (book your tickets now for a special early bird price). Performances will be on Saturdays 26 January 2019 at 2.30 & 7pm and on 2 February at 2.30 & 7pm.

The Sew Must Go On! Calling all sewing bees, the Edge Hill Players need help with making costumes for their forthcoming pantomime, *Cinderella*. If you are a dab hand with a needle and thread please contact Wendy Tansey on 07715 164 468.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please put down the following concert dates in your diaries:

- Stars of Sacred Heart Wimbledon and award winning London Accordion Orchestra ask you to join their world on Saturday 18 May 2018 at 3pm. Save the date for a fundraising concert spectacular!!
- The Sacred Heart Choir and Orchestra will perform Bach's B Minor Mass on Saturday 22 June in 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 12 January 2019 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

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

MOUNT STREET JESUIT CENTRE

You are invited to come for a one-day workshop 'New Beginnings' facilitated by Lynne Galloway on Saturday 5 January from 11am-4pm at Mount Street Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street, London W1K 3AH. Take time for prayerful reflection on the road you travelled in 2018, becoming more aware of God's presence within all the ups and downs of life. And to prayerfully consider what God might be inviting you to at this time of a new beginning.

Another one-day workshop on the Spirituality of St Paul facilitated by Brian Purfield will be held on Saturday 19 January from 11am-4pm. All through his letters, Paul encourages his converts to imitate him; for in him they have a model of what it was to follow Christ. Please see www.mountstreet.info for online booking or call 020 7495 1673; cost - suggested donation £30 for one-day workshops.

CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

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

* SH School Mass Centre

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat	15	6.30pm	John & Mary Granahan RIP
Mon	17	7.30am	Clency Charles RIP
		10.00am	Funeral Mass for Bernard Kirby
		6.30pm	Sr Margaret Baxter Golden Jubilee
Tue	18	7.30am	Alfred Jessiman RIP
		10.00am	Mary Byrt Ints.
		6.30pm	Eddie Bailham RIP
Wed	19	7.30am	David Cullen & Family Ints.
		10.00am	Antoinette Peters RIP
		6.30pm	Michael Chapman RIP
Thu	20	7.30am	Alfred Jessiman RIP
		10.00am	Funeral Mass for Joseph Osamor
		6.30pm	The Hearty Family Ints.
Fri	21	7.30am	John Francis Walsh RIP
		10.00am	Bill Walsh RIP
		6.30pm	The Roche Family Ints.
Sat	22	7.30am	Alfred Jessiman RIP
		10.00am	Maurice Mealin Ints. RIP

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Bertha D'Costa, Bernard Kirby, Joseph Osamor, Francie McHugh

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mary O'Neill, Ermelinda Picchiani, Dominic DeSouza, Marie-Lise Celine, Hilary Ashdowne, Christopher Curtis, John Fennelly, Patricia Molloy, Audrey Marie D'Rosario, Antoinette Peters, Angelina Blythe, Ernest Prescott, Francisco Jose Gutierrez

The sick: Tony Kane, Kieran Walsh, David Carrier, Paul Saunders, Marian Spencer, 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 £1,664 in loose plate giving and £384 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £2,048. This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Friday 21 December St Peter Canisius, 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

Mass in C, Richard R Terry

Alma redemptoris mater, Peter Philips

Veni, veni Emmanuel, 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: sacredheartwimbletonppc@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.