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Newsletter

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The Epiphany of the Lord

**Solemnity
Holiday of Obligation**

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Next Sunday's Readings

- Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11
- Ps. 103:1-2,3-4,24-25,27 R.v1
- Titus 2:11-14. 3:4-7
- Luke 3:15-16. 21-22

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The Adoration of the Kings

The great feast of the Epiphany has in modern times been eclipsed by the feast of Christmas. In the feast of Christmas we have the nativity of the Lord Jesus, his presence among us as God made Man. Born of Mary, the intimacy of his incarnation is shared with the shepherds from the fields. The intimacy of that scene now takes on universal significance in the arrival of the three Wise Men. Their adoration of the new born child acknowledges Jesus as the Universal King. The gifts of the kings signify the kingship of Jesus in the gift of the gold, his divinity in the frankincense and his sacrifice on the cross in the gift of the myrrh. The kings themselves represent the men and women who throughout the ages acknowledge the reality of the new born child in



Bethlehem. Here in the arms of Mary is the Messiah, the Emmanuel, the Saviour of the world. His presentation to the world is the significance of the feast today which we celebrate in our liturgy.

We will celebrate socially next weekend when we have our annual Epiphany Party. All are welcome to join us from 7.30pm onwards in the Upper Hall when we will have a barn dance and light supper. It is a free evening so do come along and enjoy the event.

As the Christmas Season comes to an end, Fr Ted and I would like to thank everyone who in whatever way helped to prepare for the Christmas events. First we would like to thank all who very generously supported the Christmas Offering Collection. As always the parish was very generous in its response. We would like to thank all who sent cards and gifts for Christmas. Thanks too to all involved in the preparation for the Christmas masses, to our altar servers, choirs, musicians, florists, church cleaners and decorators, readers, ministers of communion, welcomers, office support workers, children liturgy supporters, caterers, Christmas lunch volunteers and all other helpers.

MANY THANKS TO YOU ALL!

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

SURPLUS OF CHRISTMAS GIFTS

A Surplus Christmas Gifts sale is being held this Sunday 6 January from 9am-1pm in the Parish Lounge. All proceeds go to this year's crib appeal.

JESUIT MISSIONS

Thank you very much for your support of Jesuit Missions over the Christmas period. They appreciate your kind donation of £310 which will be used to support vulnerable people across the world, wherever the need is greatest.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE

Fully escorted St Patrick's Weekend Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 16 March 2019. £599.00/pp sharing. Price includes flight with hand luggage, all taxes, luxury transfers, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with full Irish Breakfast each morning and 4 course dinner each evening. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms at supplement of £100. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278, 07740 175 557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

LANTERN THEATRE COMPANY

The Lantern Theatre Company are putting on 'The Hiding Place' - a play based on an inspiring true story of a Christian family who fought to save Jewish victims from the terrors of the Nazi regime - at St. Mark's Church, Wimbledon SW19 7ND at 7.30pm on Saturday 26 January. Tickets are £5 and include a free glass of wine/soft drink; (booking: 07949 205 559, www.lanternarts.org).

Parish News

AT HOME

There will be an *At Home* on Monday 7 January 2019 from 7.30-9pm. Canon John is available to see anyone who calls in to the Presbytery. If you wish to talk about any matter, please do come along.

CONFIRMATION

Please register your interest for this year's confirmation programme on the sign up

sheet on the website (<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TRDN9SX>) Detailed information to follow.

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 again next weekend, 12/13 January.

SOUTHWARK DIRECTORY 2019

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

Announcements

CRIB APPEAL 2018

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.

GRATITUDE TO THE JESUIT COMMUNITY

This week, we mark the fifth 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 Saturday 20 January at 2pm at St John Fisher Church, 207 Cannon Hill Lane, SW20 9NQ, to pray for the beatification of Ven. Agnelo; Mass will be followed by refreshments in the hall.

Do invite friends and come along with a plate of food/drink for general sharing. Contact 020 8543 7721 or 020 8540 1249 for further details.

NEWMAN CIRCLE

The next meeting of the Newman Circle will be on Thursday 24 January at 7.30pm in the Lounge when Fr Anthony Chantry will give a talk about his fascinating work and that of *Missio*, the organisation of which he is the head. All are welcome.

MEETING FOR PARISH HALLS USERS

To all regular users of the SH parish halls: this is a reminder that there will be a meeting on Monday 7 January at 7.30pm in the Lounge to discuss the future management of the halls.

Parish Organisations

MEMORY LANE CLUB

Memory Lane Club resumes on Wednesday 9 January, 10.30 - 12.30. Open to all with memory loss/dementia and their carers. Come along for a cuppa, friendly chat and a range of activities including snooker, bingo and dominoes. (Contact: edgehillmemorylaneclub@gmail.com)

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.

MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP

The prayer group meets every Tuesday at 10.30am for approx. 1 hour. A simple set of formal prayers is used. This is a great opportunity to pray in a committed way for children. Contact Polly Harrison for more info (07815 855 469).

Social, Cultural & Notices

LUNCHTIME RECITAL Assistant (25 hrs/week, includes weekends). Subject to DBS checks. For full details please contact the office (020 8879 7366 option 3, or [info@stteresashome.co.uk](mailto:stteresashome.co.uk)).

On Tuesday 8 January 2019 David Gammie is playing a lunchtime recital on the beautiful new organ at St George's Church, Hanover Square, W1S 1FX, from 1.10-1.50pm. Friendly faces from Wimbledon will be very welcome!

VACANCY

St. Teresa's Home for The Elderly requires a PT Care

London Accordion Orchestra ask you to join their world on Saturday 18 May 2019 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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please put down the following concert dates in your diaries:

* Stars of Sacred Heart Wimbledon and award winning

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.

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

A DAY WITH MARY

You are invited to a Day with Mary on Saturday 19 January at our Lady and St Joseph, Balls Pond Rd, London N1, starting at 10am with Entry Procession of Our Lady, Angelus, Crowning, Sung Litany, Mass, celebrant and preacher Fr Derek Hyett; sermon on our Lady by Fr Stephen Boyle, finish at 5.30pm. For more info please visit www.adaywithmary.org

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 7 January at 7.30pm. There will be a short talk followed by prayers of

thanksgiving. All are welcome. Any enquiries please contact Audra (07958 782 779 or audra.wamsteker@gmail.com)

MOUNT STREET JESUIT CENTRE

You are invited to come for two one-day workshops, one on the Spirituality of St Paul facilitated by Brian Purfield 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. On Saturday 26 January from 11am-4pm, a workshop facilitated by Audrey Hamilton will be on *Work, Worship and Wholeness*. Please see [\[street.info\]\(http://street.info\) for online booking or call 020 7495 1673; cost - suggested donation £30 for one-day workshops.](http://www.mount</p></div><div data-bbox=)

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

CINDERELLA

Tickets for the Edge Hill Players' pantomime *Cinderella* - a cast of 80 - are now available to purchase, please visit www.edgehillplayers.com or call 07742 230 493 to book. 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.

RCIA

'Why become a Catholic?' Have you ever asked yourself this question? Perhaps you'll find the answers in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Weekly meetings are held on Mondays from 8-9pm. The sessions will resume on January 7th. If you are interested or have queries, do get in touch with Canon John or Sr. Dorothy on wimparish@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk, dorothyperrott@aol.com or call 020 8946 0305.

CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

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

* SH School Mass Centre

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 5 6.30pm Carmel Cremmin RIP
 Mon 7 7.30am Achille Gulotta RIP
 10.00am Alfred Jessiman RIP
 6.30pm Ignatius Carvalho RIP
 Tue 8 7.30am Bernard Kirby RIP
 10.00am Vernon Rodrigues RIP
 6.30pm Mary Kearns RIP
 Wed 9 7.30am Bernard Kirby RIP
 10.00am Peter Cox RIP
 6.30pm Mary Henderson RIP
 Thu 10 7.30am Alfred Jessiman RIP
 10.00am Michelle Staussi Ints.
 6.30pm Kit O'Brien RIP
 Fri 11 7.30am Rita Fleming RIP
 10.00am Margaret Garrahan RIP
 12.15pm Funeral Mass for Tony Kane
 6.30pm Margaret Devlin RIP
 Sat 12 7.30am Patrick & Josephine Coney Diam. Wedd.
 10.00am All unborn babies

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Pam Murray, Anne Hampshire, Molly Caraffi, Anne Coombs, Tony Kane, Christine Walker

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mary Harte, Iris Desmier, Catherine O'Brien, Mark Stokes, Charles Stevenson, Sheila Reynolds

The sick: Sheena Wilson, Kieran Walsh, David Carrier, Paul Saunders, Marian Spencer, Rita Westbrook, Mary Purcell Cosgrave, Trinity Kerin, Roberto Farina, Damji Vadhia, Brian & Margaret 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 £1,390 in loose plate giving and £557 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £1,947. 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 7 January St Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
Saturday 12 January St Aelred of Rievaulx, Abbot

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
Omnes de Saba venient, Jacob Handl

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.