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Newsletter

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Second Sunday of Advent

2nd Week of Advent
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Next Sunday's Readings

- Isaiah 35:1-6
- Ps 145:6-10. R.cf. Is 35:4
- James 5:7-10
- Matthew 11:2-11

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Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand

In the readings for this Sunday there are strongly contrasting moods. We have John the Baptist's stark message that trees which don't bear fruit will be cut down and burnt, and useless chaff will be burnt in everlasting fire.

The kingdom of heaven is imminent, and for some this will mean retribution; for everyone it means the need to repent.

But we also have the joyful Messianic prophecy of Isaiah that a royal descendent of King David will bring peace and justice to God's people. Isaiah's prophecy is a vision of paradise with young children and wild animals in what would otherwise be risky proximity. It is an ecstatic vision of a holy mountain



and a country filled with the knowledge of the Lord, sought out by all nations.

Jesus was of the house of David through his mother Mary's husband, Joseph. With the hindsight of Jesus's ministry, death and resurrection, we can understand that Isaiah's vision is a reference to the kingdom of God which Jesus brings, as it is gradually realised when people do his father's will. *'Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on*

earth as it is in heaven' Jesus tells us to pray, and to put into practice.

In very many of the prayers and readings of Advent our attention is directed to the still mysterious prospect of the second coming of the resurrected Jesus at the end of time. This is a promise rather than a threat. With God's help we can all change our lives for the better. Why not go to confession and refocus our lives in the sacrament that Jesus gives us, maybe at the Advent penitential service here on Friday 20 December at 8pm? This should help to strengthen our resolve and our hope to live forever with God in his glorious kingdom.

THE PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Parish Priest: Canon John Clark MA

Parish Clergy: Fr Joseph Donkor MA, Fr Dennis Bukenya CSSp and Deacon Julian Burling

Team Members: Sr Francis SSA, Sr Dorothy Perrott OSU and Cristina Connolly

Youth Minister: Eleanor Bowman

Adult Faith Formation Officer: Kelly Hockey

CRIB APPEAL 2019



As part of this year's Parish Crib Appeal we will support the *Catholic Children's Society*, their great work to fight child poverty and neglect, and help all children have a better chance in life. The charity operates a Crisis Fund which provides immediate financial support for families facing a crisis in their lives. Your contribution can help make sure no child feels alone or is at risk of abuse and neglect this Christmas. To find out more about the *Catholic Children's Society* please visit www.catholicchild.org.uk/crisis-fund/. Envelopes and gift aid forms will be made available. Thank you for generously supporting this appeal.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

If you are a volunteer driver for the parish, or any other charitable organisation, you should check with your insurer whether your 'Social, Domestic and Pleasure' policy covers giving lifts on a voluntary basis. The majority of insurers which are members of the Association of British Insurers (ABI) include this facility within their standard policies. In some cases however, policy holders are required to inform their insurer who may make an additional charge. More information is available from the ABI's 'Volunteer Driving - The Motor Insurance Commitment'

LIVE STREAMING OF SUNDAY MASSES

Please note the link for live streaming of each Sunday 8pm Mass: www.churchservices.tv/wimbledon.

Parish News

AT HOME

Please note that there will be NO At Home until further notice.

SCHOOL SLIPS

School admission forms will be collected this weekend.

ADVENT BOOKLETS

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

SOLEMNITY

On Monday 9 December, the (transferred) Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we will be celebrating Masses at 7.30 & 10am and at 6.30 & 8pm.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas 2019 time booklets are available at the back of the church. Please refer to the booklets for Mass times.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE
A penitential service will be

held in the church on Friday 20 December at 8pm

MIDNIGHT MASS

On Christmas Eve, 24 December, parishioners attending Midnight Mass are cordially invited to join us in the Lower Hall, after Mass for a glass of mulled wine and mince pies.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Parishioners are invited to celebrate Midnight Mass on Tuesday 31 December at 12pm (there will be Exposition & Benediction between 11-12pm).

Announcements

THIS ADVENT

Advent is a very special season of the year – and yet it can sometimes pass us by. 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 <http://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/>

BETHLEHEM NATIVITY GROUP

The TBNG, a missionary from Bethlehem in the Holy Land will visit us this weekend to briefly talk about the Holy Land and sell religious articles which are made out of Olive Wood from the Holy Land and help support poor Christian families. Thank you for supporting this good cause.

CRIB SERVICE

There will be a Crib Service on Christmas Eve (24 December, 3.30pm). The rehearsal is on Monday 23 December from 10.40am - 12.15pm. Readers (age 8+) and actors (children aged 4+) wishing to take part, please email Rachel Marshall on rachel@marshallemail.net. Parents' help welcomed!

Parish Organisations

FAMILY CRAFT MORNING

Today, 8 December, we will be having a craft morning themed around Advent and Christmas. This will run from after the 9.45am Mass - 12noon (Lower Hall). For more info please contact Eleanor (eleanor.bowman@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk).

MEMORY LANE CLUB

Jenny (07906 856 183), Charlotte (07714 702 735).
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, music as well as various games and activities available - all in an informal, friendly and fun atmosphere. Contact: edgehillmemorylaneclub@gmail.com or

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

On Saturday 28 December from 10.30 - 11.30 am, in the Parish Lounge. The Bereavement Team invite everyone experiencing loss in their lives, no matter how long ago, to drop in for a coffee and a chat. For more information call 020 8946 5198 or on the website.

Social, Cultural & Notices



PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2019

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.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Wimbledon College presents a musical production of Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol'. December 11th, 12th and 13th at 7.30pm. Tickets £4, contact Paola Cray on 020 8879 9355 or paola.cray@wimbledoncollege.org.uk to book or purchase tickets on the door.

GOTTA DANCE?

Calling all potential dancers from yr 9+: The Edge Hill Players are looking for boys and girls to grace future productions. Bonnie and Marie-Claire will be holding a workshop in the Upper Hall on Sunday 15 December 10am - 2.30pm. You've seen 'Anything

Goes' or 'Singing' in the Rain' and maybe thought you'd like to have a go? Come along and try it - you don't know what you can do until you've done it!

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Katy Lees, Giles Kennedy, Robert Rathbone, Putney Brass Band, Katy's Songbirds and guests invite you to join their Christmas Celebration on Thursday 19 December at 7.45pm in our church, an evening of traditional carols - this time in aid of those who may be alone and isolated around Christmas.

Come early for mulled wine and mince pies at 7pm, Upper Hall, raffle and bar. Tickets £10 (<https://ks-christmas-celebration-2019.eventbrite.ca>) or £12 on the door, £5 concessions, under 10s free.

GREAT GATSBY CHARITY DANCE

LHBMS presents for one night only a Great Gatsby

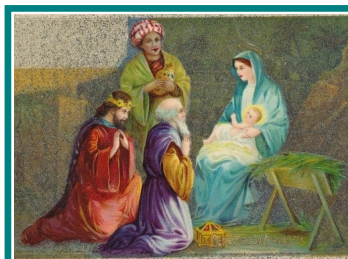
Charity Dance with live music ('The Supers'), buffet, bar, raffle, best dressed Gatsby prizes & much more; Upper Hall, Sat 11 Jan 2020 from 7.30-11.30pm. Tickets £18, available at the Presbytery Reception or call David & Eileen 020 8542 2476; tickets will be available after 6.30pm (14/12), 9.45 & 11.15am and 5 & 8pm Masses (15/12).

HELP WANTED!

If you live in The Apostles roads in SW20, are you able to deliver some Christmas Services leaflets door to door to your neighbours? Even one or two streets would help Churches Together spread the word about services in the eight local churches. Please contact the office or email dthurst52@gmail.com. Thank you.

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 the welcome drink) & a light supper

Saturday 4 January 2020 at 7.30pm.

The Upper Hall

250 tickets are available (max. 4 tickets /family) from Thelma D'Costa, Parish Office

Exploring our Faith

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The Sacred Heart Charismatic Prayer Group will be meeting in the Youth Room for an evening of prayer, praise and worship on Monday 9 December at 7.30pm. Refreshments provided. All are welcome. Audra (07958 782 779 audra.wamsteker@gmail.com).

A DAY WITH MARY

You are invited to A Day with Mary on Saturday 14 December at Sacred Heart, Edge Hill, SW19 4LU starting at 10.45am (-5.45pm) with Entry Procession of Our Lady of Fatima, Angelus, Crowning, sung Litany, Mass in honour of Our Lady; Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Joseph Donkor, Sermon on Our Lady by Fr Gerard Hatton. All welcome, more info at www adaywithmary.org

THURSDAY GROUP

The Thursday Group continues to meet weekly from 3-4.30pm in the Lounge. It is for people who have or had mental health problems. It is a way of making friends who will understand your needs. We look at the present Gospel and as we wish, share our prayers and thoughts afterwards. Next refreshments and a time to socialise. For more information please contact Potty (Cristina Connolly at 07507 672 833).

ADVICE ON LEAVE TO REMAIN IN THE UK

The Sacred Heart SVP Conference would be very grateful for any parishioner who can offer expert advice on applying for Leave to Remain in the UK for a client. If you can help please email in strict confidence Chris Woodward on presidential90704@svp.org.uk.

CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

6.30pm (Sat) Fr D Bukenya 11.15am Fr J Donkor
8.15am Fr J Donkor 12.45pm Fr J Donkor
8.30am* Fr D Bukenya 5.00pm Fr M Barnes SJ
9.45am Fr M Barnes SJ 8.00pm Fr D Bukenya

* SH School Mass Centre

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 7 6.30pm Bertha D'Costa RIP
Mon 9 7.30am Private Ints.
10.00am Brian Nangle RIP
6.30pm Dced Members of the Hearty Family RIP
8.00pm William Joyce RIP
Tue 10 7.30am Graham RIP
10.00am John Remedios RIP
6.30pm Clive Loxton RIP
Wed 11 7.30am Ludwig Baumgartner Ints.
10.00am Françoise Frings RIP
6.30pm Queen of Peace
Thu 12 7.30am Gloria & Cesar Alvarez RIP
10.00am Alfred Jessiman RIP
6.30pm Gloria & Cesar Alvarez RIP
Fri 13 7.30am Beryl Barker RIP
10.00am Janko Zarkovic RIP
6.30pm Patricia Campbell Birthday
Sat 14 7.30am Mathhew Harris Ints.
10.00am John Fennelly RIP Anniv.

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Richard Ferris, Lucy Melkees, Margaret Folan, Stuart Constable

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Tosca Kneen, Luisa Derx, Gloria Rumbelow, Mary Thefaut, Francie McHugh

The sick: Brendan Hollingsworth, Tilly Walters, Ian Parr, David Carrier, Colin Sims, Mary Ann Williams, Maria Keaveney-Jessiman, Annette Wheatley, Paul Jong, Richard Conceicao, Sheila Soodin, Maureen Searle, Kieran Walsh, Paul Saunders, Carol Donnelly, Damji Vadha, Margaret Birch, Manjula Topno, Alina Hancock, Simon Hull, Lalita Nagar, Cath O'Neill, Andrew Tan, Tom Searle, John Burke-Gaffney, Donald Derx, Margaret Lumley, Electa Almeida, Brian Sewell

Please note that for data protection reasons, individuals must 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 sick list.



COLLECTIONS

Collection at Mass last Sunday came to £1,547 in loose plate giving and £471 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £2,018. This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Monday 9 December The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity (transferred from 8 Dec)

Tuesday 10 December St John Roberts, Martyr

Wednesday 11 December St Damasus I, Pope

Thursday 12 December Our Lady of Guadalupe

Friday 13 December St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

Saturday 14 December St John of the Cross, Priest & 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 brevis in D, Antonio Lotti

Confortamini iam, Orlando di Lasso

Ecce concipies, 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: ppc@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk or contact Anne Waldron (Chair) at anne@annewaldron.com or 07886 034 323

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.

[St George's Hospital Chaplaincy: Fr Mark Higgins (020 8725 3069)]