



# THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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## Newsletter

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Third Sunday of Advent  
Gaudete Sunday

3rd Week of Advent  
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### Next Sunday's Readings

- Isaiah 7:10-14
- Ps 23:1-6. R.cf.vv7.10
- Romans 1:1-7
- Matthew 1:18-24

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## Gaudete, Christ the Source of our Joy

This third Sunday of redemption gives us Advent, on our wreath, we new life in Christ. have lit the third candle Sharing the Good News, 'the Gospel' which symbolises joy. Thus, is a great source of our joy. Pope Francis in the Encyc-



lical '*Evangelii Gaudium*', 2013, starts by stating that the joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Whoever meets the Lord, shares the joy of Christ. In moments of troubles and depression the Gospel is a great resource that brings joy in our hearts when Christ speaks to us. Ref. Mt 11:28 '*Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened...*' One of the great therapies for controlling stress is having joy in the heart. Christ gives that

The same encounter with the Lord Jesus in the Word and the Eucharist gives us joy. What we celebrate in the Eucharist is the joy of our salvation. The joy of

joy in your life. The Joy of Christ that brings healing and restoration to the sick. Those who are in the ministry of giving care to the sick, we use joy of Christ as a powerful tool in our services. Normally we pray to Christ to give joyful hearts to the sick and that always sets the journey of healing, which brings new life in the person.

Reference to the Prophet Isaiah the message for us is that: in the Lord let every creature rejoice, give glory to God and sing for joy. Heaven is eternal happiness where we shall live in joy with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Fr D. Bukunya

### THE PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Parish Priest: Canon John Clark MA

Parish Clergy: Fr Joseph Donkor MA, Fr Dennis Bukunya 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.cathchild.org.uk/crisis-fund/](http://www.cathchild.org.uk/crisis-fund/) Envelopes and gift aid forms are available at the back of the church. Thank you for generously supporting this appeal.

### DEPARTURE OF THE JESUITS LIVING IN THE PARISH

The Jesuit community in Edge Hill will formally close on Sunday 22 December, by the end of January they hope that the house will again be occupied and in use (by another charitable organisation). Jesuit Missions (11 Edge Hill) will remain in operation in its present location.

The Jesuits will still try and assist both Donhead and Wimbledon College with sacramental services wherever possible and they will also try and help out with Mass supplies in the parish when they can. It is with much sadness that the community is closing. There have been Jesuits here for a very long time, but now it is time to go, leaving the parish and the schools in very capable hands.

## Parish News

### AT HOME

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

### SCHOOL SLIPS

School admission forms will be collected again on the 11/12 January 2020.

### ADVENT BOOKLETS

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

### NEWSLETTER

Please note that next weekend's newsletter will be the last NL of this year. We will resume our newsletter on 11/12 January 2020.

### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas 2019 time booklets are available at the back of the church. Please refer to the booklets for Mass times. Please note that on Monday 23 December Masses will be celebrated at regular Mass times (7.30 & 10am and at 6.30pm).

### 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 12midnight (there will be Exposition & Benediction between 11pm-12midnight).

## Announcements

### SIGNED & SPOKEN MASS

A signed & spoken Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 22 December at 4pm in the Sacred Heart Chapel in the church. All with hearing difficulties welcome!

### 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](mailto:rachel@marshallemail.net). Parents' help welcomed!

### THE BETHLEHEM NATIVITY GROUP

The Bethlehem Nativity Group, who visited our Parish last weekend to sell olive wood religious carvings from the Holy Land, would love to express their huge gratitude to everyone who supported their good cause; £3,863.50

were raised to support needy Christian families in the Holy Land. If you want to find out more about the organisation or missed the appeal please visit [www.tbng.co.uk](http://www.tbng.co.uk), (use code FREE for free shipping).

### LIVE STREAMING OF SUNDAY MASSES

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

## Parish Organisations

### 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, 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).

### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

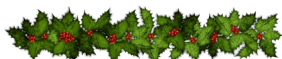
On Saturday 28 December from 10.30 - 11.30 am, in the Parish Lounge. The Bereavement Team invite everyone experiencing loss in their lives, no matter how long

ago, to drop in for a coffee and a chat. For more information call 020 8946 5198 or on the website.

### FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Friday 3 January at 2.30pm in the Lounge: Film 'The King's Speech', 2010, starring Geoffrey Rush, Helen Bonham-Carter. It won 4 Oscars and 7 Baftas. Ice creams, tea & cakes. All welcome!

## Social, Cultural & Notices



### PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2019

Plans are well in hand now for our Parish Christmas Day lunch. If you live alone or have difficulties with preparing lunch, you will be very welcome to join the clergy and other parishioners in the Parish Hall. Please book now by filling in one of the forms at the back of the church or contact Sadie Smith on 020 8946 5198 [sadiesmith3@talktalk.net](mailto:sadiesmith3@talktalk.net) for more info. Donations & only a few more volunteers welcome!

### 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 this 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, Katy's Songbirds and guests invite you to join their Christmas Celebration on Thursday 19 December at 7.45pm at Sacred Heart Church, SW19 4LU, an evening of traditional carols and festive songs. 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.

### NEWMAN CIRCLE

We are delighted to welcome Fr Brendan Callaghan SJ on Wednesday 8 January 2020 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Lounge. Fr Brendan, known to many in the parish, will be giving a talk on 'The Signs of Times'. Many of these signs have been disturbing whilst others have been encouraging. The abuse of children, lies & cover ups in the Church have been shocking. Why did they happen? What are the causes of such behaviour? The shortage of vocations for the priesthood & the closure of churches is

worrying. On the other hand, the recently held Amazon Synod held in the Vatican has considered potentially significant developments. Don't miss this talk!

### GREAT GATSBY CHARITY DANCE

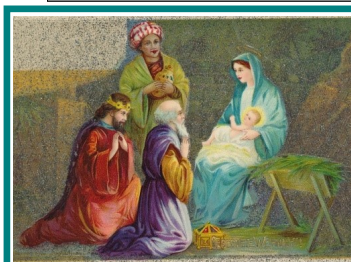
LHBMS presents for one night only a Great Gatsby Charity Dance with live music ('The Supers'), buffet, bar, raffle, best dressed Gatsby prizes & much more; Upper Hall, Saturday 11 Jan 2020 from 7.30-11.30pm. Tickets £18, available at the Presbytery Reception or call David & Eileen (020 8542 2476); tickets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

### SNOW-WHITE & THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN

Booking is now open for the *Edge Hill Players'* 2020 pantomime. Tickets are available from [edgehillplayers.com](http://edgehillplayers.com) or from Nancy on 07742 230 493 at £15 or £10 for children/students/pensioners. Performances will take place on Saturdays 26 January and 1 February at 2.30 and 7pm.

### 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

### 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 info please contact Potty (Cristina Connolly at 07507 672 833).

### CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The SH Charismatic Prayer Group will be meeting in the Youth Room for an evening of prayer, praise & worship on Mon 16 Dec at 7.30pm. All are welcome. Audra (07958 782 779 [audra.wamsteker@gmail.com](mailto:audra.wamsteker@gmail.com)).

### APPEAL FOR FIRE WARDENS

In order to implement the recommendations of the diocesan safety consultants by having fire wardens at all Sunday Masses. Prudence and good practice require that we do have fire wardens in attendance when the church is busy. To make this workable, we need a pool of volunteers. We do not propose to have a rota but will rely on people volunteering when they attend Mass. There will be fire warden yellow jackets at the back of church, together with a sign-in sheet. If this is something you feel able to do, please give your name & contact details to the parish office. You will then be invited to a meeting (approx. 1 hr) where the role of fire wardens will be explained and you will be given a sheet of written instructions. Thank you for considering to volunteer.

### CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

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

\* SH School Mass Centre

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 14 6.30pm John & Mary Granahan RIP  
Mon 16 7.30am David Brum Jr. Ints.  
10.00am John Hanrahan RIP  
6.30pm Ben Lyons Ints.  
Tue 17 7.30am Elizabeth Tanner RIP  
10.00am Tony Kane RIP  
6.30pm Liana Lloyd Ints.  
Wed 18 7.30am Pauline Twohig  
10.00am J & M Carmody; Bridget Towey RIP  
6.30pm Edward Bailham RIP  
Thu 19 7.30am Catherine Barry-Murphy  
10.00am Dced Ursuline Sisters (Wimbledon)  
6.30pm John O'Brien RIP  
Fri 20 7.30am Christopher Cooper RIP  
10.00am Private Intention  
6.30pm Michael Chapman RIP  
8.00pm Penitential Service  
Sat 21 7.30am Private Intention  
10.00am Bruno Delrieux RIP

### WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

**Those who have died recently:** Fr Jimmy Langan SJ, Sr Catherine Mulcahy, Richard Ferris, Lucy Melkees, Margaret Folan

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Jane Lynch, Mary O'Neill, Dominic DeSousa, Marie-Lise Celine, Hilary Ashdowne, Tony Cane, Christopher Curtis, Anne Hampshire, John Fennelly, Patricia Molloy, Audrey Marie D'Rosario, Antoinette Peters, Angelina Blythe

**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 Vadhia, 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 £1,500 in loose plate giving and £420 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £1,920. This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.

### FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

**Saturday 21 December** St Peter Canisius, 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

*Mass in C (K,S,A)*, Richard R Terry

*Canite tuba in Sion*, Palestrina

*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: [ppc@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](mailto:ppc@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk) or contact Anne Waldron (Chair) at [anne@annewaldron.com](mailto: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](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.

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