



# THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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## Newsletter

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### A Christmas Blessing on You All



Canon John, Fr Joe, Fr Dennis wish you all a  
Happy and Holy Christmas.

They would like to express their gratitude for all the cards, gifts  
and kindness they have received this Christmas.

They wish you all every blessing for the coming New Year.

The Crib Appeal this year will go towards the Catholic  
Children's Society, contributions can be made in the boxes  
available at the side of the crib or through envelopes available in  
the church. The appeal will last till Sunday 5 January 2020.

Thank you very much for supporting this good cause.

**Happy Christmas!**

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#### 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

## PARKING

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



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

Wednesday 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!

## DEPARTURE OF THE JESUITS LIVING IN THE PARISH

The Jesuit community in Edge Hill will formally close today 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.

## 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 2 January 2020 at 9.30am.

## Parish News

### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

#### Christmas Eve

5pm Mass

7.10pm Carols - 7.30pm Mass

11.30pm Carols - 12 Midnight Mass

#### Christmas Day

8.15am, 9.45am, 11.15am,

12.45pm, 5pm, 8pm

#### Confessions

23 December 10.30-11.30am and from 3-4pm

24 December 10.30-11.30am and from 3-4pm.

Please refer to the booklets available at the back of the church 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).

### 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.

### OFFICE & RECEPTION HOURS, NEWSLETTER

Please note that the Parish Office and Reception are now closed until Thursday 2 January 2020.

This weekend's newsletter is the last NL of this year. We will resume our newsletter on 11/12 January 2020.

### MIDNIGHT MASS

On Christmas Eve, 24 Dec, 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 Tue 31 Dec at 12midnight (there will be Exposition & Benediction between 11pm-12midnight).

## Announcements

### SIGNED & SPOKEN MASS

A signed & spoken Mass will be celebrated today 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!

### 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 3 January 2020 after 6.30pm Mass continuing to midnight. Silent prayer followed by meditations and

prayers. Please come, if only for a short visit.

### 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).

### YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group for those in y10+ will be having their first meeting in the New Year on Sunday 12 January from 6-7.45pm in the Youth Room.

## Parish Organisations

### MEMORY LANE CLUB

Memory Lane Club will resume the weekly meetings on Wednesday 8 January 2020 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

Last chance to book a place for our Parish Christmas Lunch: if you live alone or have difficulties with preparing lunch, you will be very welcome to join the clergy and other parishioners in Christmas Day in the Parish Hall. Invitation forms are available at the back of the church or contact Sadie Smith on 020 8946 5198 [sadiesmith3@talktalk.net](mailto:sadiesmith3@talktalk.net) for more info.

### 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).

### 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.

## Exploring our Faith

### THURSDAY GROUP

The Thursday Group continues to meet weekly in the New Year 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).

### PRAYING WITH ART

On Saturday 11 January 2020 from 11am-4pm Mount

### SURPLUS CHRISTMAS GIFT SALE

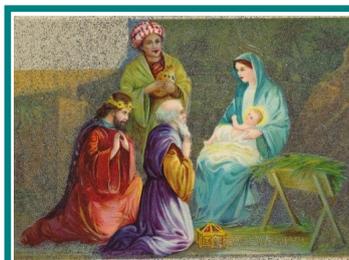
There will be a Surplus Christmas Gifts Sale on Sunday 12 January 2020 from 9am-12noon. Please bring your gifts to the Parish Office/Reception either in advance or on the day. All proceeds to the Sacred Heart Church Appeal.

### 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

shop £30; advanced booking required, for more detailed information & booking please visit [www.mountstreet.info](http://www.mountstreet.info) or call 020 7529 4844.



### CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

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

\* SH School Mass Centre

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 21 6.30pm Maurice Mealuin RIP  
Mon 23 7.30am John Francis Walsh  
10.00am Bill Walsh RIP  
6.30pm Dced members of Roche families RIP  
Tue 24 10.00am Pressie Fernandes Ints.  
3.30pm Children's Crib Service  
7.10pm Carols  
11.30pm Carols followed by Midnight Mass  
Wed 25 8.15am Christmas Day Masses  
9.45am  
11.15pm  
12.45pm  
5.00pm  
8.00pm  
Thu 26 10.00am Jim Kehoe RIP  
Fri 27 10.00am Sean Murphy RIP  
6.30pm Monica Ross RIP  
Sat 28 10.00am Camilo Pereira RIP  
6.30pm Jim Tigar RIP

### WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

**Those who have died recently:** William Sullivan  
**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Margaret Elliott, Andrew Kenny, Anne Coombs, Dorothy Toohill, Christine Walker, Ryszard Szuman, Silvia Wilkinson, Bridget Curly, Beatrice Dias, Ernest Prescott

**The sick:** Pauline Hearn, John Penny, 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 £1,588 in loose plate giving and £516 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £2,104. This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.

### FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

**Sunday 22 December** Day of prayer for Expectant Mothers

**Monday 23 December** St John of Canty, Priest

**Tuesday 24 December** Christmas Eve

**Wednesday 25 December** The Nativity of the Lord

**Thursday 26 December** St Stephen, First Martyr

**Friday 27 December** St John, Apostle & Evangelist

**Saturday 28 December** The Holy Innocents

### 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 (Kyrie B)*

*Dixit Maria, Hans Leo Hassler*

*Ave Maria, Igor Stravinsky*

### 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)]