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Newsletter

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Baptism of the Lord

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Next Sunday's Readings

- Isaiah 49:3. 5-6
- Ps 39:2.4.7-10. R.vv8.9
- Corinthians 1:1-3
- John 1:29-34

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Baptism of the Lord

Canon John, Frs Joe and Denis and Deacons Julian and Sean wish you and your family every blessing for the New Year. It is a time for new beginnings, and whether we make resolutions or not, we have entered a new stage in our journey of faith. This is reflected in the liturgy we celebrate today on the feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. The baptism of Our Lords marks the acceptance by God of his Son, and the mission he has to bring the Good News of our salvation. It reminds us of our own baptism when we



became children of God, able to call him Father and anticipate a place with him in his eternal home. The baptism of John was one of repentance, the baptism of Jesus one of water and the Holy Spirit. Jesus needed neither baptism but chose to witness to all the coming down of the Spirit upon him, and his acceptance that *'This is my beloved*

Son in whom I am well pleased'. Our liturgies are grounded in the living Word of God, and for the remaining months of the year we will be focusing on the place the words of God in scripture has in our lives, both as individuals and as a worshipping community. On the altar we have a copy of the Bible ready for any of us to read and make those words our own. There will be many different ways offered to us to deepen our relationship with him in this *'Year of the Word'*.

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

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection next weekend 18/19 January for the parish conference of the *Society of St Vincent de Paul*. SVP exists to help local people in need and they urgently need to increase their funds. Gift Aid envelopes will be available. Many thanks for your kind support of this good cause!

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Do come and have a chat with other parishioners over a delicious breakfast in the Lower Hall next Sunday 19 January after 8.15am Mass until noon.

APPEAL FOR FIRE WARDENS

We wish to implement the recommendations of the diocesan safety consultants by having fire wardens at all Sunday Masses. In order to do this, we will need a pool of volunteers willing to undertake the duty. What we are asking of people will not be onerous. Prudence and good practice require that we do have fire wardens in attendance when the church is busy. 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.

Parish News

AT HOME

There will be an *At Home* on Monday 13 January from 7.30-9pm.

SCHOOL SLIPS

School slips will be collected again this weekend.

SURPLUS CHRISTMAS GIFT SALE

There will be a Surplus Christmas Gifts Sale today Sunday 12 January from 9am -12noon. Please bring your gifts to the Lower Hall. All proceeds to the Sacred Heart Church Appeal.

SIGNED & SPOKEN MASS

The first signed & spoken Mass of this year will be celebrated on Sunday 26 January at 4pm in the Sacred Heart Chapel in the church. All with hearing difficulties welcome!

Announcements

2020 YEAR OF THE BIBLE

The year 2020 has been declared the global year of the bible and is dedicated to the rediscovery of the Holy Scriptures, on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the '*Verbum Domini*', the apostolic exhortation of Pope Benedict, and 1600 years since the death of Saint Jerome. The initiative is jointly promoted by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales and the Bible Society, a charity that brings the Bible to over 200 countries.

CHURCH UNITY OCTAVE

From Saturday 18 - 25 January the Church observes eight days' prayer for Christian Unity.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASSES

Please note the link for live streaming of daily 10am Masses and Sunday 8pm Masses: www.churchservices.tv/wimbledon

YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group for those in y8+ will be having a meeting today Sunday 12 January from 6-7.45pm in the Youth Room.

MASS FOR THE BEATIFICATION OF FR. AGNELO

All Parishioners especially those with any Goan connections are welcome to a special Mass at 2pm on Sunday 19 January at St John Fisher, 207 Cannon Hill Lane, SW20 7DB to pray for the beatification of Ven. Agnelo 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.

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 or Jenny (07906 856 183), Charlotte (07714 702 735).

SOCIAL CLUB

You are cordially invited to the Social Club's get together on Friday 24 January at 8pm in the Lounge.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Friday 7 February at 2.30pm in the Lounge. Everyone is welcome to join us for BINGO! Fun, Prizes, Tea and Cakes.

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

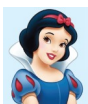
canned food, toiletries, men's clothing etc. can be left in the green bins inside the Lower Hall.

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

SNOW-WHITE & THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN



Booking is now open for the *Edge Hill Players' 2020* pantomime. Tickets are available from 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.

SW LONDON CHORAL SOCIETY

The SW London Choral Society are performing Stainer's *Crucifixion* and Palestrina's *Stabat Mater* at the start of Holy Week on Saturday 4

April. Rehearsals start on Monday 6 January 7.30-9.30 at the Balham Baptist Church, 21 Ramsden Rd SW12 8QX (opposite Waitrose). SWLCS is a non-auditioning choir with 60 to 70 members and are always keen to welcome new singers. More details on website www.swlcs.org.uk

GOSPEL SINGING WORKSHOP

West Barnes Singers are holding a Gospel Singing Workshop with Rachel Huggins (twice finalist in BBC Gospel Choir of the Year Competition) on Saturday 8 February from 10.15am-

1.15pm at New Malden Methodist Church, 49 High Street, KT3 4BY; cost £15, open to all singers. For more info contact Penelope Prendergast on 020 8648 3987.

SACRED HEART CHORUS

Please save the date: Saturday 13 June, the Sacred Heart Chorus' next concert will include a Sacred Heart Church favourite: Mendelssohn-Bartholdy's *Lauda Sion*. If you would like more information about joining the chorus please contact Sheena on sheenamacd@btinternet.com

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. Followed by 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 Monday 13 January at 7.30pm. All are welcome. Audra (07958 782 779 audra.wamsteker@gmail.com).

DISCOVERY

We are glad to inform you that following our *Discovery* taster sessions in December there will be two small *Discovery* groups starting in the parish. Participants select to be part of either the Wednesday or Saturday morning group. There are a few spaces still left in each one. Please email discoverycourse@yahoo.com if you would like to join. Wednesday 15 January - 19 February, 7.30-8.45pm in the church (Sacred Heart Chapel at the back of church); Saturday 18 January - 22 February, 10.45am in the Youth Room.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, celebrating the feast of St. Patrick. 16-20 March, £599.00 p/p sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all transfers, 4 nights in

Knock House Hotel with breakfast & dinner, all entertainment, excursions, lunches on days out. Wheelchair accessible rooms. Single room supplement £100. Contact Patricia on 01268762278 or 07740 175 557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association.

A DAY WITH MARY

You are invited to *A Day with Mary* on Saturday 18 January at Our Lady of the Rosary, Brixton SW9, starting at 9.30am (-5.15pm) with Procession of Our Lady, Angelus, Crowning, sung Litany, Mass in honour of Our Lady; Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Innocent Abonyi MSP, sermon on Our Lady by Fr Daniel Adayi CSSp. All welcome, more info at www adaywithmary.org

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.

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'

A SHARED JOURNEY OF FAITH



If you are interested in exploring the Christian faith within the Catholic Church you are welcome to journey with us through weekly meetings held on Mondays in the Parish Lounge. For more information please take a leaflet from the back of the church entitled R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults into the Catholic Church).

CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

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

* SH School Mass Centre

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 11 6.30pm Thomas Limna RIP
Mon 13 7.30am Fabio Constantini RIP
10.00am Sadie Smith Ints.
6.30pm David Engley RIP
Tue 7.30am Hammes Andrietti RIP
10.00am Stuart Constable RIP
6.30pm Sr Catherine RIP
Wed 7.30am Mr Nakano RIP
10.00am Joe D'Costa RIP
6.30pm Mr & Mrs Kuzniar
Thu 7.30am Arnold Ints.
10.00am Anita Whitehead & Jeanette Smith Ints.
6.30pm Geraldine Jack Ints.
Fri 7.30am Peter Lennon RIP
10.00am Mike Sandford RIP
6.30pm Dr Breen & Patrick Mullen RIP
Sat 7.30am Holy Souls
10.00am Julie McGlennan Thanksgiving

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Jeannie Garcia, Gerard Evans, Ellen Fleming

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Thomas Limna, Claude Bonnichou, Peter Connellan, Bertha Ruddland
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 £1,411 in loose plate giving and £501 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £1,912. 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

Sunday 12 January The Baptism of the Lord; End of the Season of Christmas

Monday 13 January St Hilary of Poitiers, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Friday 17 January St Anthony, Abbot, Memorial

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 secunda, Hans Leo Hassler

Tribus miraculis, Luca Marenzio

Agnus Dei (from Mass), Hassler

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)]