



# THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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## Newsletter

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### First Sunday of Advent (C)

**Weekday Readings for  
1st week of Advent  
Vol I. Psalter week I**

### Next Sunday's Readings 2nd Sunday of Advent

- Baruch 5:1-9
- Psalm 125
- Philippians 1:4-6.8-11
- Luke 3:1-6

### Upcoming Events

#### Friday 3 December

- Decorations for Christmas Lunch 12.30-4pm Lounge
- Friendship Group 2.30pm Upper Hall
- Memorial Mass for Frs Fairhurst, Ashworth, O'Halloran SJ RIP 6.30pm

#### Saturday 4 December

- Meeting Legion of Mary 4pm Youth Room

## First Sunday of Advent

The Church's liturgy during Advent prepares us for the coming of the Lord. It is full of joy and hope.

The liturgy actually prepares for two comings of Christ. We look into the past to celebrate the event of his incarnation and birth, to celebrate that feast at Christmas, but, in the first three weeks of Advent, we look also to the future to anticipate his second coming in glory and majesty. The preface at Mass from the beginning of Advent until 16 December emphasises these two comings of Christ: "he assumed at his first coming the lowliness of human flesh, and so fulfilled the design you formed long ago, and opened for us the way to



eternal salvation, that when he comes again in glory and majesty, and all at last is made manifest, we who watch for that day may inherit the great promise in which we now dare to hope". That "great promise" is the promise of our eternal salvation, and life with God.

How do we prepare ourselves for these two comings of Christ, and to meet him?

St Bernard of Clairvaux observed that Jesus said, "anyone who loves me will keep my word, and my

*Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make a home in him". So, he points out, there is a threefold coming of Christ for those who keep his word and receive him in their hearts.*

As St Charles Borromeo put it: "*The Church wants us to understand that as [our Saviour] came into the world once in the flesh, so now, if we remove all barriers, he is ready to come to us again at any minute or hour, to make his home spiritually within us in all his grace.*"

So, in this mood of eager expectation let us meet and receive Christ, in the sacraments of reconciliation and Holy Communion that He gives us, in our hearts and in our lives.

Deacon Julian Burling

### THE PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Parish Priest: Canon John Clark

Parish Clergy: Fr Joseph Donkor, Fr Matthew Donnelly, Deacon Julian Burling, Deacon Joseph Gulliford and Deacon Shaun Crocker

Team Members: Sr Dorothy Perrott OSU, Sr Francis SSA

Youth Minister: Eleanor Bowman

## JOURNEY TO THE NATIVITY

Daily Advent reflection booklets are now available at the back of church. A lovely resource to help us prepare for the arrival of Jesus this Christmas.

### NEWS UPDATE AND THANK YOU

From Daniel and Rachel, Synod delegates: "We would like to say a big thank you to over 55 parishioners who joined us to start the Initial Stage of the Synod process on November 6th. We met in the Upper Hall and reflected on a reading from John's gospel (4:34-38), looked at the three themes of 'Communion|Participation|Mission' and how these speak to us as a community. As the 'listening phase' has been extended to 21 January, we now have additional time to plan & arrange more activities to 'listen and share' how the Holy Spirit wants to communicate with us as a parish, how we can grow in our call to be 'missionary disciples' and to be a Church which listens. We have been gathering ideas for more upcoming listening events which will include the clergy, children from SH Primary School. We will be reaching out to other parish groups and religious communities within the parish to hear their voices. On Wednesday 1 December we would like to invite parishioners to join us for prayer and reflection during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament between 5.25-6.30pm, again reflecting on John's Gospel reading (4:34-38) and asking for your prayers for the Synod process to continue to be guided by the Holy Spirit. Thank you all for your prayers and support with this."

## Parish News

### LEGIO MARIAE

The Legion of Mary will be introduced into the parish to assist the priests in their outreach within our parish boundaries.

Firstly, to reach out to those isolated and who feel cut off from the parish for whatever reason; maybe there are Catholics in the area that don't even know that our parish even exists.

Secondly, to invite non-Catholics into the life of the parish by introducing them to the sacraments and to the catholic rites of initiation. And thirdly to assess a need for a priest to visit where the anointing of the sick or the sacrament of reconciliation is required, particularly where the sick and housebound are concerned.

The work would require a commitment of roughly 3 hours a week: an hour for the Legion Meeting and 2 hours for the allotted tasks to achieve the objectives outlined above.

If you wish to find out more about the Legion of Mary you are most welcome to come to the first meeting on Saturday 4 December at 4pm in the Youth Room (adjacent to the parish offices).

### VACANCY

Our parish is looking for an Accounts Manager (PT 19 hrs/week), someone with good administrative skills to manage the day-to-day finances of this large parish and to assist with Health & Safety and Safeguarding

procedures. For further details please download the job description and application form from the parish website <https://www.sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk>. Applications due by 13 December.

### FIRE WARDENS - VOLUNTEERS

We still need more Fire Wardens for all Masses, especially for the 6.30pm Saturday Vigil Mass and 10am Mass.

If you are willing to volunteer for this essential duty, please give your name and contact details to the Parish Office. Thank you for your support!

## Announcements

### MEMORIAL MASS

On Friday 3 December, as part of the 6.30pm evening Mass, it is intended to hold a memorial Mass for Fr Michael Ashworth SJ, Fr Michael O'Halloran SJ and Fr John Fairhurst SJ.

Light refreshments in the Parish Lounge afterwards.

### CONFESSION TIMES, EXPOSITION

Confessions on Saturday 27

November will only be from 5.30- 6.20pm.

No morning Expositions on the following dates: 1 December, whole day Friday 3 December, evening of 8 December, 10, 15 & 17 December.

### DECORATIONS FOR THE CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Do come & join us on Friday 3 December between

12.30 - 4pm in the Parish Lounge when we are getting together to make festive Christmas decorations for the Upper Hall to welcome our guests on Christmas Day. For more info and should you wish to help on the day, please contact Marion Noble at [marion.noble@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:marion.noble@hotmail.co.uk).

## Parish Organisations

### MEMORY LANE CLUB

This popular club for people with dementia and their carers is open on Wednesdays from 10.30am - 12.30pm in the Parish Lounge with tea, coffee and cake along with lots of chat, laughter and other activities. We greatly

look forward to meeting up with old friends and new.

### SH ENVIRONMENT GROUP

Tree Planting: Join us after the 10am Mass on Sunday 12 December to plant new saplings in the parish orchard. A really fun way to

get involved in making our parish as green as possible!

### FRIENDSHIP GROUP

The Friendship Group will meet on Fri 3 Dec 2.30pm for a Christmas Sing Song with Songs on Wheels in the Upper Hall: Sherry, Tea and Cakes. All welcome!

## Social & Cultural

### WIDOWS' SUPPORT 40TH YEAR CELEBRATION

On Tuesday 30 November in the Lower Parish Hall, all widows are invited for Mass at 12noon followed by a buffet lunch; please let us know if you are coming for catering purpose. Donations welcome (Sadie Smith 020 8946 5198, Sheila Kelleher 020 8946 1792 or email [mrssadiesmith3@outlook.com](mailto:mrssadiesmith3@outlook.com)).

### THE BIG GIVE

*The Passage*, a Catholic charity working with homeless people is raising funds through the Big Give, a

matched giving scheme from 12noon on Tuesday 30 November and 12noon on Tuesday 7 December: every £1 donated online makes £2 and £2.25 if you are a taxpayer through Gift Aid. At a time when *The Passage's* finances are stretched and they are helping more homeless people please consider supporting this charity through the link <https://bit.ly/PassageBG2021>. Thank you!

### CHRISTMAS LUNCH

A warm invitation to share Christmas Day in the Parish Hall to anyone who is going

to be on their own this Christmas.

Christmas Lunch forms to sign up to join the festivities are available at the back of the church or at the Parish Office. As always, we will need donations to cover the cost of putting on a delicious lunch and buying gifts - your generosity, no matter how much you are able to afford is what helps this to happen and is so gratefully appreciated.

We need a few helpers prior to the event, drivers and a few volunteers to serve on Christmas Day. Please contact Louise ([louise@ginghamhearts.co.uk](mailto:louise@ginghamhearts.co.uk), 07872665 947).

### JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICE APPEAL

The Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) is an intl. Catholic organisation with a mission to accompany, serve and advocate for the rights of refugees and other forcibly displaced persons and is supporting destitute refugee friends through distributing food, toiletries and clothes and we urgently need donations of the following items:

- Nappies (especially size 6, and also sizes 4, 5, 7 & 8)
- Men's and women's trainers (in good condition)
- Winter clothes for children and adults
- Travel bags with wheels

Please leave any donations at 1 Malcolm Rd Wimbledon SW19 4AS. For queries or to arrange collection of donations please contact Kathy Gogarty (07788432503) or visit [jrsuk.net](http://jrsuk.net)

## Exploring our Faith

### A DAY WITH MARY

You are invited to a *Day with Mary* on Saturday 4 December at Our Lady & St Peter, Victoria Drive SW19 6AD from 9.30am-5pm; celebrant and preacher Fr Philip de Freitas, Exposition & Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, Sermons on Our Lady by Fr Matthew Donnelly and Fr Louis Kouevi MCCJ, Meditations

on the Passion of Our Lord; please bring packed lunch. For more info please visit [adaywithmary.org](http://adaywithmary.org).

### MONTHLY INTENTION

Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention

each month: this December let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

### SPECIAL ANNIV. MASS

You are invited to a special Mass on Wed 8 Dec at 7pm: 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Mass for Sr Catherine RIP at St John Fisher, SW20 7DB.

### 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.

### VACANCY

Wimbledon College are looking to employ a PT Careers Leader. Further information is available on the website of the College ([www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk](http://www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk)), or please contact [hr@wimbledoncollege.org.uk](mailto:hr@wimbledoncollege.org.uk) 020 8879 9323 for further info. Closing date for applications is Monday 6 December.

### SACRED HEART CATH. PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Learning in Love': The parish primary school for ages 2-11. Reception and nursery places available for September 2022. To arrange a headteacher's tour, please call 020 8942 0215 or email [school@sacredheartmerton.sch.uk](mailto:school@sacredheartmerton.sch.uk). Ofsted: Good Provider; S48: Outstanding. Burlington Road, New Malden, London KT3 4ND.

### JESUIT MISSIONS STAMP CUTTING

Volunteers welcome to help trim & sort used stamps to raise money for JM: Thursday 2 Dec from 9.30am-12.30pm - coffee provided. Enquiries to Tim Everson ([tim.everson@btinternet.com](mailto:tim.everson@btinternet.com)) or just turn up at: 11 Edge Hill, SW19 4 LR.

### SAFEGUARDING

It is the policy of the Catholic Church in England and Wales to report all allegations of abuse to statutory authorities, regardless of whether the abuse occurred recently or in the past, or whether the accused person is living or deceased. If you are concerned about the welfare of a child or adult at risk, do not delay in contacting the police, using 999 if a child or adult is believed to be in immediate danger. Further safeguarding information can be found on the parish website.

### CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

6.30pm (Sat)	Fr Joseph Donkor
8.00am	Fr Joseph Donkor
10.00am	Fr Michael Barnes SJ
12 noon	Fr Matthew Donnelly (Latin Mass)
5.00pm	Canon John Clark
8.00pm	Fr Matthew Donnelly

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat	6.30pm	Private Intention
Mon	7.30am	Daire O'Gallachoir RIP
	10.00am	Denis Quinn RIP
	6.30pm	Edward Hogan RIP
Tue	10.00am	Funeral of Marie Vincent RIP
	6.30pm	Michael Healy RIP
Wed	10.00am	Fr Nines Ints.
	6.30pm	Rose, Jimmy & John Lyons RIP
Thu	10.00am	Joseph Yi Ints.
	6.30pm	Mary Foley Ints.
Fri	7.30am	Anna, Teddor Kercel RIP
	10.00am	Christy Joseph RIP
	6.30pm	Frs M. Ashworth & M. O'Halloran RIP
Sat	10.00am	Benny Mascarenhas RIP

### HOSPITAL CONTACTS

If you or a member of your family are admitted to one of the local hospitals, do please let the hospital's Catholic chaplain know.

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

St Heliers and Epsom Hospital: Fr Philip Pak (020 8296 2000)

Kingston Hospital: Fr Tony Oleh (020 8546 7711)

### WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

**Those who have died recently:** Althea Coleman, Mary Robinson, Marie Vincent, Jennifer Topley and Marlene Saldanha.

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Marie Nyunt, Ella Stephen, Agnes Degnan, Elisabeth Hussey and Serenella Randolph.

**The sick:** Rita Aguiar, Maria Moniz, Judex Celine, Nadia Rahman-Pariagh, Colleen Bosci, Mary Cogan, Naomi Linkson, Pat Jenkins, Felicity Marshall, Alec Smith, Jacqui O'Connor, Ian Parr, Roberta (Bobby) Lydon, John Reynolds, John Alexander, Teresa Sobecki, Teresa Smith, Ryan Lindsey, Laurie Cromwell, Robin Lathey, Nancy Drapper, Christopher Browne, Patricia Small, Simon Wood, Pamela Hannigan, Samar Staussi and Andrew Tan.

*[Please advise the Parish Office when names can be removed.]*

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.



### FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

<b>Tue 30 Nov</b>	St Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland, Feast
<b>Wed 1 Dec</b>	Ss Edmund Campion, Ralph Sherwin and Alexander Briant, martyred
<b>Fri 3 Dec</b>	St Francis Xavier, Priest, Memorial
<b>Sat 4 Dec</b>	St John Damascene, Priest, Doctor of the Church

### EXPOSITION

Wednesdays & Fridays  
after the 10.00am Mass  
and from 5.25 - 6.25pm

### RECONCILIATION

Monday - Saturday:  
6.00 - 6.20pm  
and Saturday morning  
10.30 - 11.30am

### MUSIC AT THE 12 NOON MASS

Entrance hymn: *Come, thou long expected Jesus* 133  
Kyrie: Plainsong Mass XVII  
Offt. motet: *Ad te, Domine, levavi*, JJ Fux  
Sanctus/Agnus: Missal tones  
Communion: *Creator of the Stars of night*, Plainsong  
Post-communion: *O come, O come Emmanuel* 522

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### PARISH SERVICES

Parish Office/Reception Hours: 9am - 4pm (Mon-Fri)

Executive Assistant & Hall bookings: Thelma D'Costa (Mon - Fri 9.30am - 4pm) 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: one to one support or bereavement drop-in, please call 07702 339000 between 9am -5pm, more information please contact the co-ordinator by email [bereavement.group@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](mailto:bereavement.group@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk)