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Newsletter

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The Season of Christmas (C)

Readings and Lauds of the
Feast, Little Hour
Vol I. Psalter week I

Next Sunday's Readings

Second Sunday after the Nativity

- Eccl 24:1-2, 8-12
- Psalm 147:12-13,14-15,19-20
- Ephesians 1:3-6,15-18
- John 1:1-18

Mass times

Friday 24 December

- Children's Crib Service,
3.30pm, church
- Masses at 5pm & 7.30pm
Carols before Mass 7.10pm
- Midnight Mass 12 midnight,
Carols before Mass 11.30pm

Saturday 25 December

- Masses at 8am, 10am (Family
Mass), 12 noon, 5pm and 8pm

Sunday 26 December

- Masses at 8am, 10am, 12noon,
5pm and 8pm

Blessings and Good Fortunes this Christmas

The following is a prayer for Christmas that places the birth of Jesus in the context of our need at all times to receive Jesus in all our lives.

*Jesus, new birth child of all time,
We greet your birth with wide-eyed delight.
You are precious beyond words
For our world needs your presence more than ever.
Let the angels promise of your good news
Offering joy and peace to all the world
Be heard by those who lead and guide.
Let kings bow down and all creation greet this holy moment
As we seek to grasp its magnitude.*

For you are God's gift silently delivered to every human heart.



Fr Joe, Fr Matthew, Deacon Julian, Deacon Sean, Deacon Joe and I wish you all every blessing for Christmas and the New Year. It has been a challenging year for many of us. Few would have thought that after the difficulties of last Christmas we would be facing another Christmas full of difficulties. For the second year running we have had to cancel our parish Christmas Lunch. In its place we will be distributing special Christmas Hampers to the housebound and those alone this Christmas. Again to remain on the safe side we will postpone our annual Epiphany Party. We will I hope be able to plan to have suitable replacement events over the Easter period if things have improved in the country.

In the meantime we continue to pray for those affected by the virus. We remember all who over the past two years have been the victim of this pandemic. We pray too for those bereaved because of the virus, and those debilitated by the serious illnesses over the time. We pray for all who have worked so hard to care for the sick and suffering and those who have given so much of their time to the work of the caring services. To all of you we wish you every blessing and good fortune this Christmas time and a happy and peaceful New Year.

Canon John

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

PARKING

Parking in Wimbledon College during the Christmas period is as follows: Friday 24 Dec: 9am-2am (after midnight Mass) Saturday 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!

DIOCESE DIRECTORIES

are now available at the Presbytery for £4 each.

FROM DANIEL & RACHEL SYNOD DELEGATES

communion|participation|mission
'Dear Parishioners, we'd like to thank you all for your contributions so far to the Synod process. If you haven't done so already, please take a synod postcard from the back of the church and fill in your answers to the questions. The deadline to submit postcards is Sunday 9 January. Remember, we want to hear your thoughts. Every voice matters. If you won't be attending the church in person over Christmas, you can answer the questions online on the Parish website - (https://www.sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/Groups/369969/Synod_2021_2023.aspx).

The Archdiocese accepts contributions on the Synod process directly from individuals and groups (<https://www.rc-southwark.co.uk/get-involved/synod/online-submissions/>).

Further information regarding postal submissions and other synod resources can be found on the related webpages.

We wish you a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!

Rachel and Daniel

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Parish News

FACE COVERING

We would like to remind you that face covering is required whenever you enter the church. Please stay cautious when attending Masses over the Christmas period.

OFFICE & RECEPTION HOURS

Please note that the Parish Office and Reception is now closed. We will reopen again on Tuesday 4 January 2022. We will resume the distribution of the newsletter on 8/9 January 2022.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas 2021 time booklets are available at the back of the church. Please refer to

the booklets for Mass times during the Christmas period.

LEGION OF MARY

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 feel cut off from the parish for whatever reason; maybe there are Catholics in the area that don't 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 or Holy Communion 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. Please register your interest with Fr. Matthew either in person after Mass or via email: matthewdonnelly@rcaosorg.uk.

Announcements

COLLECTIONS AND THE CHRISTMAS OFFERING

In view of the high transmissibility of the Omicron variant we have reluctantly decided to stop the first collection at the offering for Sunday Masses. Baskets will be available at the back of the church for donations. Please consider donating by banker's order or using the card terminals at the back of the church.

Please note the following arrangements for the Christmas Offering for the benefit of our priests: there will be a dedicated 'Christmas Offering' donate button on the website <https://www.sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk> for the Christmas period.

All donations at Masses from Christmas eve, Christmas Day and Sunday 26 Dec are for the Christmas Offering.

Envelopes with Gift Aid declarations and baskets to receive donations will be available at the back of the church.

There will be an option on the digital giving terminals at the back of the church to make card donations.

Offerings can be made by bank transfer with the reference '**Offering**' to Natwest, RCAS SACRED HEART GIFT AID

ACCOUNT
WIMBLETON

Sort Code 60-24-07
Account 33138672.

CRIB SERVICE

There will be a Crib Service on Christmas Eve, 24 December at 3.30pm. The rehearsal is on Thursday 23 December from **11.30am-12.30pm** (please note new start time!) for children aged 4+ who would like to be

involved. All older children from 8+ wishing to read, please contact Rachel Marshall at rachel@marshallemail.net. Offers of help from parents are most welcome!

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Parishioners are invited to celebrate Midnight Mass on Fri 31 Dec at 12pm (Exposition & Benediction between 11-12pm).

MEMORY LANE CLUB

Memory Lane Club is temporarily closed due to Covid precautions.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Join us on Friday 7 January at 2.30pm in the Lounge for the film High Society with Bing Crosby, Grace Kelly and Frank Sinatra
Tea, cakes, ice creams. ALL welcome!

Social & Cultural

CHRISTMAS LUNCH **CANCELLED**

Due to the rapidly increasing infection rate, the Christmas Lunch team have decided we must sadly cancel the sit-down lunch in the Parish Hall.

However, for a second year, we will be offering a home delivery. We are yet to finalise our plans, but we will still be seeking volunteers to

help on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and are seeking help with deliveries. We will be contacting all our guests and volunteers registered with us in the next few days. If anyone who will be on their own on Christmas Day living in the Raynes Park or Wimbledon area who would like to receive a delivery please contact us 020 8946 5198.

CHRISTMAS DAY AT **OWA**

Old Wimbledonians are offering a free lunch for those alone on Christmas Day (Old Wimbledonians & Donhead sports ground 43 Coombe Lane, West Wimbledon, SW20 0QX), 25 December 2021 from 12noon to 5pm.

CRIB APPEAL 2021

As we remember the Christ Child, born in poverty, we invite you to give generously to help children in the families supported by Christian CARE, a charity working with needy families in Merton since 1967. This Christmas, 90 youngsters are receiving presents, and in the coming year they will have birthday gifts, and some will join in Polka Theatre outreach events and enjoy Falcon residential activity camps. Many more children, referred by Merton Children's Services, may receive a new bed and bedding, a chest of drawers to store their clothes, school uniform, summer and winter clothes and toys; for the mothers of new born babies all the essentials can be provided.

Thank you for supporting this good cause this Christmas!



Exploring our Faith

COME HOME INITIATIVE

Last week you were given a postcard (there are still some at the back of church) to give to someone you know who hasn't been to Mass in a while. We really hope that you did talk to people and invite them to join you at either a Christmas or Sunday Mass soon!

A DAY WITH MARY

You are invited to *A Day with Mary* on Saturday 1 January at Sacred Heart Wimbledon, 10.45am-5.45pm; celebrant & preacher Canon John Clark, Exposition & Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, Sermons on Our Lady by Frs Joseph Donkor and Matthew Donnelly, Meditations on the Passion of Our Lord. Please visit www adaywith mary.org for more information and further dates.

PEACE SERVICE

St. John Fisher Justice and Peace Group will be holding their annual service of prayers for peace on Sunday 2 January 2022, this time at 4pm, followed by refreshments; St John Fisher Church, 207 Cannon Hill Lane, SW20 9DB.

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.

VACANCIES

Wimbledon College are looking to employ a Sixth Form Study Hall Supervisor either full time or job share. Further information is available on the website www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk, or please contact hr@wimbledoncollege.org.uk or 020 8879 9323 for further information. Closing date for applications is Tuesday 4 January 2022.

Richard Challoner School currently has vacancies for a Catering Assistant, a Café Supervisor, IT Technician and Office Assistant. Full details of each post and how to apply can be found via the school website: <https://www.richardchalloner.com/vacancies>.

MANNA SOCIETY

Please note that the Manna Society will no longer be picking up donated items from the parish.

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

8.00am	Fr Joseph Donkor
10.00am	Canon John Clark
12 noon	Fr Michael Barnes SJ
5.00pm	Fr Matthew Donnelly
8.00pm	Canon John Clark

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 25	12noon	Mariela Grogan RIP
Mon 27	10.00am	Marlene Saldanah RIP
Tue 28	10.00am	Kevin Deegan RIP
	6.30pm	Winnie McTeague RIP
Wed 29	10.00am	Noel Forster RIP
Thu 30	10.00am	Conlon Family RIP
Fri 31	12midn.	Michael Paice RIP
Sat 1	10.00am	Forster Family Ints.
	6.30pm	Holy Souls Mission. Sisters for the Polish
Mon 3	7.30am	Holy Souls
	10.00am	Eugene Moley RIP
	6.30pm	John McDonnell RIP
Tue 4	10.00am	Patricia Wilbraham RIP
	6.30pm	Eugene Barros 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: Colleen Bosci, Judex Celine, Nathim Mahfooth, Ratnasamy Deverajan and Maureen Healy

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Gus Sutton, Dorothy Todhill, Gerard Evans, Christine Walker, Silvia Wilkinson, Bridget Curly, Jeanne Garcia, Peter Abberton, John Baldesare, Beatrice Nyeko and Rui Braganza

The sick: Len Hay, Kieran O'Connell, Angela Byrne, Emily Grey, Rita Aguiar, Maria Moniz, Nadia Rahman-Pariagh, Samar Staussi, Mary Cogan, Naomi Linkson, Pat Jenkins, Felicity Marshall, Alec Smith, Jacqui O'Connor, Ian Parr, Roberta (Bobby) Lydon, John Reynolds, John Alexander, Teresa Smith, Ryan Lindsey, Laurie Cromwell, Robin Lathey, Nancy Drapper, Christopher Browne, Patricia Small, Simon Wood, Pamela Hannigan 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.

We would like to bring the list for prayers for the sick of our parish up to date and kindly ask parishioners to notify the parish office if they want to have names mentioned in the newsletter & bidding prayers, otherwise they will be removed from the list. Thank you.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Sun 26 Dec	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Feast; St Stephen, the first Martyr
Mon 27 Dec	St John, Apostle and Evangelist, Feast
Tue 28 Dec	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs, Feast
Wed 29 Dec	St Thomas of Canterbury, Bishop and Martyr
Sat 1 Jan	Mary, the Holy Mother of God

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

If you wish to include items in the weekly newsletter, please keep them brief, - if possible no more than 40 words - send them by Tuesday before publication to newsletter@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk / wimparish@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk



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 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: 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