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Newsletter

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The Baptism of the Lord (C)

First Week in Ordinary Time
before Lent

Vol I. Psalter week 1

Next Sunday's Readings

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Isaiah 62:1-5
- Psalm 95:1-3,7-10
- I Corinthians 12:4-11
- John 2:1-11

Upcoming Events

Friday 14 January

- School of Community 7.30pm
Lounge

Sunday 16 January

Peace Sunday

Saturday 18 January - Saturday 25 January

Week of Prayer for Christian
Unity

Happy New Year

The Parish Clergy have been overwhelmed by the generous gifts, and financial support offered over the Christmas period, and on behalf of us all I wish to thank you all from our hearts.

2021 has been a challenging year for our parish. COVID restrictions, the threat of illness and the fear of contagion have been bearing on us all for some time now.

The proof that our Church is alive and enjoys the assistance of the Holy Spirit is attested to by the numerous and constant acts of kindness and generosity that have kept life in our parish as vibrant and joyful as possible.

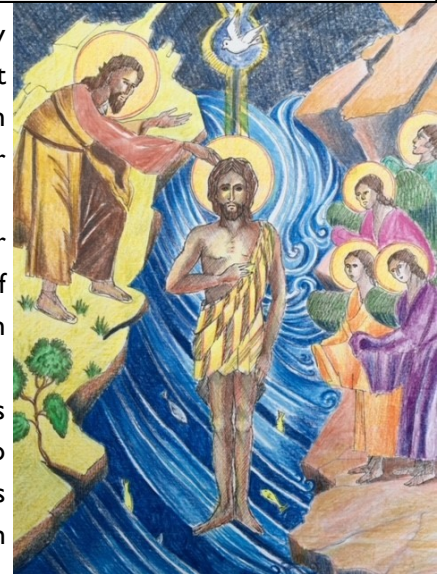
The challenge of COVID has galvanised solidarity between the various individuals and groups which work together for the building up of the kingdom of God, in and through our communion and cooperation with one another.

Our priests have been supported in their ministry by the parish community in ways that demonstrate a deep love for the Church of Christ in our parish. Those who, behind the scenes, take care of the logistical detail in facilitating the celebration of the sacraments: baptisms, marriages, as well as the support offered to those who grieve and the sick, is an invaluable support to priests in the performance of their ministry.

Similarly, without our dedicated stewards, welcomers, sacristans, readers, musicians and singers, our encounter with Christ in the liturgy just wouldn't be the same. Yet even in the challenging circumstances presented by the virus, we still attain a level of celebration of the mysteries of our faith, levels of finesse, beauty and skill, which transcend all expectations.

The parish organisations and groups, so diligently organised and ordered to the

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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

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common good, form the essential witness of our parish outreach to the wider community and show the merciful face of Christ to the world.

There is so much activity in progress at a spiritual, social and intellectual level in our parish which overwhelms us with a deep sense of gratitude at being blessed with such a fruitful and life-giving community.

Thank you all for continuing to carry out everything that God has called upon you to do for our marvellous parish of the Sacred Heart. May His Heart bless you with lasting peace and enable you to thrive throughout 2022 in the love of Christ and for each other!

Happy New Year!

Canon John Clark
Fr Joseph Donkor
Fr Matthew Donnelly

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2022

The theme of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU) for 2022 is 'We Saw His Star in the East'. WPCU is traditionally celebrated between 18 January and 25 January. The story of the Magi visiting the Holy Family in Bethlehem is a very familiar one. The Magi have sometimes been seen as a symbol of the world's diversity – different religions and cultures – that come to pay homage to the Christ-child. The story might therefore represent the unity of all created that God desires. The materials for WPCU 2022 have been prepared by the churches of the Middle East, the history of which was, and still is, characterised by conflict. Resources (incl. daily reflections are available at <https://ctbi.org.uk/resources-for-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2022/>

Parish News

FACE COVERING NOTICE

In order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and to respect the safety of all, we request that you wear a face covering in the church, unless you are exempt from doing so. Thank you for your cooperation.

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

EDITH ARENDRUP

This Monday, 10 January, we remember with great gratitude Edith Arendrup on her 88th death anniversary and give thanks to God for her inspiration, vision and great generosity which led to the building of our church of the Sacred Heart Parish. As the plaque erected to her by the Guild of Saint Majella and the Ladies of the Parish states: 'It was through her Christian vision that this Parish of the Sacred Heart came into being and through her generosity that the church was built.'

Edith was a member of the Congregation of the Daughters of the Heart of Mary who still continue their mission in our parish.

PAX CHRISTI

Next Sunday, 16 January, is *Peace Sunday* and this year Pope Francis asks us to think about 'Education, work and dialogue between generations: tools for building lasting peace'.

The need for peace in the world is obvious. People are struggling against violence and conflict, growing inequalities, the effects of climate change and the pandemic. How can we harness the gifts and energy of all generations in the work of peacemaking? Which 'tools for building lasting peace' do you think Pope Francis might be talking about?

In this country we have an active Catholic peace movement in *Pax Christi*,

which does a great deal of good work to promote peace and nonviolence through parishes, schools, and social media.

Their website suggests many ways we can all become better peacemakers. There are activities for families to do at home, including a peace liturgy for young children. <https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2022>

Pax Christi needs our support to keep going. If you'd like to make a donation, small or large, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/yxfcw67x> (or send a cheque payable to 'Pax Christi' to:

Pax Christi, St Joseph's, Watford Way, London NW4 4TY), tel: 020 8203 4884.

Parish Organisations

SCHOOL OF COMMUNITY

This is the catechesis proposed by *Communion and Liberation* (CL) local community every Friday at

7.30pm in the Lounge. It is a moment of education to help develop the experience of the encounter with Christ throughout the charism of

CL in the Church. For more information contact school-of-community-wimbledon@googlegroups.com

Social & Cultural

THANK YOU

Rachel Marshall writes: 'Charity carol service. A huge thank you to everyone who supported the carols on 20 December. The magnificent sum of £1,116 has

been donated to *Grief to Grace*, our new neighbours at 14 Edge Hill. Any further donations and outstanding payments may be made directly to the charity using

their website <https://www.griegtograceuk.org/support-us>.

Thank you for supporting this good cause!

Exploring our Faith

SCIENCE AND THEOLOGY

London Jesuit Centre offers an online course on *Science and Theology*: dates: Tuesdays, 18, 25 January and 1, 8 & 15 February at 1-2pm (online) or 7-8pm (online) Introductory session takes place on Tuesday 11 January from 1-1.30pm (online) or 7-7:30pm (online). Course tutor: Dr Stuart Jesson; invited contribution: £65

Online using Zoom app or in person at London Jesuit Centre (<https://londonjesuitcentre.org/science-theology>) Course overview: Whereas there is a tendency in some quarters to imagine that science and religion are locked in an age-old conflict, official Church teaching suggests that faith and scientific reasoning can co-exist with, or even enrich, each other. Nevertheless, the growth of scientific knowledge has undoubtedly raised some significant challenges for those who wish to integrate their scientific understanding of the world with their theology. This course

explores a few important points of contact in the rich, if sometimes troubled, relationship between science and theology.

A DAY WITH MARY

You are invited to *A Day with Mary* on Saturday 22 January at St Mary of the Cross, Old Road, Crayford, DA1 4DN, 10am-5.30pm; celebrant & preacher Fr David Gummert; Exposition & Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, Sermons on Our Lady by Frs Tom Lynch and Daniel Adayi CSSp; Meditations on the Passion of Our Lord. Please visit www adaywith mary.org for more information and further dates.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION

Pope Francis' January 2022 Prayer Intention is for Victims of Religious Persecution. Overall, an estimated 340 million Christians worldwide face persecution, according to Open Doors' 2021 report, an increase of 30 million from the previous year. "Let us pray that those who suffer discrimination and suffer religious persecution may find

in the societies in which they live the rights and dignity that comes from being brothers and sisters," he said.

GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER

Growing in Faith Together consists of four one hour-long sessions via Zoom and is a wonderful opportunity for:

- engaged couples who have completed their marriage preparation course and want to continue exploring their faith together
- married couples to enrich their friendship and love.

There are two opportunities to attend the course. The first course runs on Tuesday evenings from 8-9pm beginning 18 January and the second course runs on Saturday mornings from 10.30-11.30am beginning 19 February.

Please visit <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/together> (FAQ: Can I attend on my own or do both of us have to attend?)

ANS: You can attend alone or as a couple - your choice!

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

St. Teresa's Home C.I.O., 12 Lansdowne Road are looking for Healthcare Assistants:

- 25 hours Monday to Sunday 8am - 1 pm & 4pm - 9pm, experience preferable
 - Wednesday & Thursday nights, experience preferable
- Please contact info@stteresas-home.co.uk or phone 020 8879 7366.

OPEN EVENT

Ursuline Preparatory School are holding their first open event in the new year. Please join them for their Virtual Open Event on Wednesday 19 January 2022, 1.30pm. Sign up at: www.ursulineprep.org/admissions/open-events

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

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 8 6.30pm Christopher Correlli RIP
Mon 10 7.30am Michael O'Halloran SJ RIP
10.00am Michelle Staussi Gomes Ints.
6.30pm Kit O'Brien RIP
Tue 11 10.00am Jack Kadhubowski Ints.
6.30pm Maria Salvatore RIP
Wed 12 10.00am Thanksgiving – Charles & Benie Ints.
6.30pm Thomas Limna RIP
Thu 13 10.00am Sadie Summerville RIP
6.30pm Bradley Hill RIP
Fri 14 7.30am Anna & Michael
10.00am John Leonard RIP
6.30pm Aimee Lydon RIP
Sat 10.00am Carol Grostate 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)

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

Entry hymn: *Hail to the Lord's anointed* 241
Kyrie: *Missa de Angelis*
Gloria: 460
Offertory: *Tribus miraculis*, Marenzio
Communion motet: *Soul of my Saviour*, Anthony Caesar
Post-communion hymn: *Songs of thankfulness and praise* 661

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

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Monica Ellison, Patricia Cousins, Teresa Sobeki, Constance Julia Wilson, Rosanna Morgan and Maureen Healy.

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Tom Butters, Marylyn O'Connor, Gerald McGourty, Iris Desmier, Katherine O'Brien, Claude Bonnichou and Karl Igbozbioku.

The sick: Artemis Greenbury, 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 from next week. Thank you!

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Wed 12 Jan St Aelred of Rievaulx, Abbot
Thu 13 Jan St Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Sat 15 Jan The Blessed Virgin Mary

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