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Newsletter

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**First Sunday
of Advent (A)**

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Vol I. Psalter week I

Next Sunday's Readings

**Second Sunday
of Advent (A)**

- Isaiah 11:1-10
- Psalm 71:1-2.7-8.12-13.17
- Romans 15:4-9
- Matthew 3:1-12

Upcoming Events

Saturday 26 November

- 10am Bereavement Mass
- *A Day with Mary*, 10.45am, Church

Sunday 27 November

- Children's Liturgy during the 10am Mass

Monday 28 November

- *wimf A German Requiem*, 8.30pm, Church

Tuesday 29 November

- Advent Faith Study, 7.30pm, Lounge

- *wimf King of Kings*, accompaniment by David Briggs, 8pm, Church

Friday 2 December

- Friendship Group Christmas Singalong, 2.30pm, Lounge

First Sunday of Advent

In his homily for the first Sunday of Advent 2020 Pope Francis prayed:

Come Lord Jesus, we need you!

Rouse us from the slumber of mediocrity, awaken us from the darkness of indifference.

Come Lord Jesus,

Take our distracted hearts and make them watchful
Awaken within us the desire to pray and the need to love.

His words are just as challenging today as they were when he prayed them two years ago. If anything, they are even more so. The world is more focused on the material these days as we face serious economic constraints. The increased cost of living has made life difficult for countless families and all are affected in one way or another. The increased cost of energy has threatened the welfare especially of the least fortunate in society. At the beginning of the new liturgical year which marks the beginning of the new season of



Advent, at a time when the world seems hyper focused on material matters we are called to revive our "collective discipleship" as we prepare for the coming of Christ. What are the issues that face us as a vibrant community of faith. What areas of pastoral concern will rouse us from our mediocrity and the darkness of indifference.

On the 8th of December Archbishop John has called for gathering all those who with their clergy are promoting leadership roles in the revised structures of the Diocese, Deanery and Parishes. Each Parish has been asked to offer 3 nomi-

nees willing to act in each of the three nominated areas - Formation - Evangelisation and Catechesis. Sr Dorothy, Giovanni Peruzzo and Jude Mariadoss have kindly accepted to take on these roles for that meeting. We look forward to their reflections on the proposals coming from this meeting. As we begin our Advent time and prepare for the coming of the child Jesus at our feast of Christmas, we pray that we will be open to the challenges of our faith and to the physical and spiritual needs of our neighbours.

Canon John

THE PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Parish Priest: Canon John Clark

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

Team members: Sr Dorothy Perrott OSU, Sr Francis SSA

Faith Minister (Children, Young People & Families): Eleanor Bowman

SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend, 3/4 December, the second collection will be in support of Catholic Youth Services, a collection taken to promote Youth Work in the Diocese and beyond, especially the Southwark Catholic Youth Service.

SHORT REFLECTION EACH DAY OF ADVENT

Advent can be such a busy and demanding time, so we encourage you to make some space to reflect and pray this Advent: sign up for the free Southwark Diocesan 'daily advent reflections' to aid your prayer.

Every day during advent you will receive an email with a very brief thought for the day based on the daily reading. It is an opportunity to listen to God's invitation to you this Advent. All you have to do is sign up and then set aside a couple of minutes each day to reflect: <http://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/> clicking on the Advent Reflection box. Alternatively, if you are viewing this online, you can sign up directly by clicking here: <https://southwarkdsc.us11.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=a3e1dce7f8f666e9d64edd867&id=4f880b3b9c>

FRIENDS OF WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL

The Friends of Westminster Cathedral are raising funds towards the cost of replacing the sanctuary floodlighting in Westminster Cathedral. A new system would be easily maintained and save electricity. There is a unique opportunity to donate through *The Big Give*: donations made online after Tue 29 Nov 12noon - 12noon, Tue 6 Dec are matched by generous matched funders. Please use the following link to give online <https://tinyurl.com/FriendsBG22>

Parish News

BEREAVEMENT MASS

There will be a Bereavement Mass this Saturday 26 November at 10am; we are inviting everyone experiencing loss in their lives to celebrate this special Mass with us. For more information, please call 07702 339000 or visit the parish website.

MY ADVENT DAY BY DAY

'My Advent Day by Day' booklets will be available from this weekend at the back of the church. Lovely resources to help us prepare for the arrival of Jesus this Christmas.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas cards will be available from next week at the

Presbytery Reception.

NO CONFESSIONS

Please note that there will be no confessions after the 10am Mass on Saturday 10 December as the candidates for First Holy Communion will be doing their Reconciliation in preparation for the FHC.

Announcements

A DAY WITH MARY

You are invited to a *Day with Mary*, a day of instruction, devotion and intercession this Saturday 26 Nov at Sacred Heart Church, 10.45am-5.45pm; celebrant and preacher: Fr Pius Collins o.praem; sermon on Our Lady by Fr Joseph Donkor; Silent Adoration, Meditations on the Passion of Our Lord. Please visit www.adaywithmary.org for more info and further dates.

ADVENT FAITH STUDY

Join us this Advent as we explore the significance and importance of the Eucharist in our faith. Each Tuesday from 7.30-8.30pm in Advent (29 November, 6, 13 & 20 December) we will meet

in the Lounge, and - using the book *A biblical walk through the Mass* - unpack, reflect and discuss the parts of the Mass. Please do let Eleanor know if you are intending to join this group so the right number of resources can be purchased (eleanor@sacredheartwimbleton.org.uk).

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

At the back of church you can still find prayer cards made by the children preparing to make their First Holy Communion in the coming year. Please take one card home and pray for that child and their family during this special time in their faith journey.

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

We will meet again for a continental breakfast on Sunday 11 December after the 8am Mass until noon in the Lower Hall. Come and join us for lovely croissants, tea & coffee and a chat.

CRIB SERVICE REHEARSAL

A rehearsal for the Crib Service will be from 10.40am-12noon on Friday 23 December 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.

Parish Organisations

ENCOUNTER

Every Sunday, all those in Y7 - Y11 are welcome to join the parish youth group from 6-7.30pm in the Youth Room as they share faith, fun and friendship together.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Carols for Christmas: The parish young adults group warmly invites all young adults ages 21-35 to join

them for carols around the piano and mulled wine from 7pm on Fri 9 Dec. For the address please email Phoebe (phoebeworthington@gmail.com).

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Do join us on Fri 2 Dec at 2.30pm for a Christmas Singalong with Songs on Wheels in the Lounge. Sherry, tea, cakes, mince pies. Everyone is welcome.

MEMORY LANE CLUB

This popular club for people with dementia and their carers is open every Wednesday from 10.30am to 12.30pm in the Parish Lounge with tea, coffee & cake along with lots of chat, laughter, snooker and different activities. For more information please ring Jenny on 07906 856 183.

Social & Cultural

WIMBLEDON MUSIC FESTIVAL

wimf On Mon 28 Nov at 8.30pm, church: Brahms 'A German Requiem' in the version for piano duet: OSJ Voices with star soloists Sophie Bevan and Roderick Williams.

On Tue 29 Nov at 8pm on a large screen in the church, we are showing Cecil B de Mille's epic 1928 silent film 'King of Kings' with an improvised accompaniment by David Briggs on our wonderful Walker organ. This epic but extremely moving re-telling of the last days and Passion of Christ has long been admired for its spiritual yet very human portrayal of Christ's suffering, death and resurrection. The film lasts around 1'50" (short intermission halfway through).

David played the memorable inaugural recital after the restoration in 2012 and

is one of the world's great organists; he has garnered great accolades for his sensitive and powerful accompaniments to silent films of all genres. Please visit sacredheartmusic.co.uk for a short introductory video from David Briggs. Tickets are £15, students & <18s £5, group discounts available.

Further details & to book tickets for both events please visit wimbledonmusicfestival.co.uk/whats-on

NEWMAN CIRCLE

The next meeting will be on Wed 14 Dec at 7.30pm in the Lounge when Tim Everson, author, fellow parishioner & former pupil at Wimbledon College will talk about 'The History of the Christmas Crib'; it is topical, very interesting & highly relevant shortly before we celebrate Christmas. What is its relevance & significance to you? All are welcome!

WEST BARNES SINGERS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

'Come and join us on Saturday 3 December at 7pm at St Saviours, Grand Drive. SW20 9DG for a selection of Christmas Music.' Tickets £12 (under 12s free) on the door.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

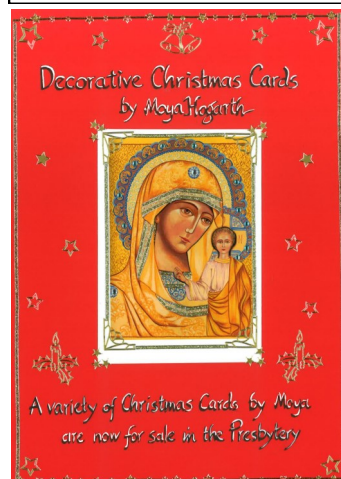
Evening of traditional carols & festive songs
Sacred Heart Church
19 Dec, 7.45pm

A wonderful host of parish musicians and actors join Katy's Songbirds and Putney & Wimbledon Brass Band. Mince pies & mulled wine 7.15pm, Upper Hall.

Early bird tickets: £10 (under 10s/over 70s free with a ticket) from Thelma at the Parish Office or by emailing ksongbirds656@gmail.com; £12 from Eventbrite (<https://christmascelebration-2022.eventbrite.ca>); £12/door.

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.



Decorative Christmas Cards by Moya Hogarth are now for sale in the Presbytery

TEAMS OF OUR LADY

8 December: 75th Anniversary of the founding of Teams of Our Lady. The Teams provide a way of offering mutual support to married couples through sharing and prayer at monthly meetings. If you would like to know more, contact Chris and Luisa Elliott at elliotts138@yahoo.com or visit <https://teamsgb.org.uk>

JESUIT MISSIONS STAMP CUTTING

Volunteers welcome to help trim & sort used stamps to raise money for JM: Thu 8 Dec, 9.30am-12.30pm - coffee provided, please bring your own scissors. 11 Edge Hill, SW19 4 LR.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2022

Canon John, Fr Joseph and Fr Matthew invite you to make Christmas a very special Parish Day.

Come and have *LUNCH* on Sunday 25th December from 11.30am (carriages 3.15pm).

Spend the day with the Clergy and other parishioners, rather than being on your own. You will receive a warm welcome and have lots of fun.

To help the team plan the day, please fill in the invitation form (one form per attending person), available at the back of the church and at the Presbytery and return it and any donations you wish to make to the Presbytery.

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	Canon John Clark & Deacon Julian Burling
12 noon	Fr Michael Barnes SJ
5.00pm	Canon John Clark & Deacon Julian Burling
8.00pm	Fr Joseph Donkor

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat	26	6.30pm	James Westbrook RIP
Mon	28	10.00am	Thanksgiving Mass
		6.30pm	Edward Hogan RIP
Tue	29	10.00am	Denis Quinn RIP
		1.00pm	Funeral of Desmond Magrath
		6.30pm	Charles Grostate RIP
Wed	30	10.00am	Superior General of the Heart of Mary
		2.15pm	Funeral of Wassim Tappuni
		6.30pm	Diana & Francis Mac Karill RIP
Thu	1	10.00am	Emily Grey & family
		6.30pm	Thanksgiving
Fri	2	10.00am	Marie, Anne & Teresa Boland Ints.
		6.30pm	Alina Hancock
Sat	3	10.00am	Thanksgiving

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: ask for Cath. Chaplain at reception

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: Daniel Gould, Terry Searle, Emma Kohler, Mary Walsh, Desmond Magrath, Alina Hancock and Wassim Tappuni

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Lady Jeanette Brandon, Marie Josephine Nyunt, Lawrence Pereira, Agnes Degnan, Elisabeth Hussey

The sick: Kate O'Brien, Kim Carr, Patricia Small, Luca Buttaci, Nancy Drapper, Elizabeth Cooling, David Steele, Shanu Mathew, Maureen May, Ryan Lyndsey, Samar Staussi, Matthew Bees, Emily Grey, Andrew Tan and Caroline Worrell.

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

Thank you for your donations towards the second collection in support of the Archbishop Administration Fund which raised **£451.99**.

Last weekend's 'Breaking the Silence' appeal for Aid to the Church in Need raised **£2,781.38**, thank you for your generosity.

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Mon 28 Nov	St Catherine Labouré
Tue 29 Nov	Ss Cuthbert Mayne and Companions, Martyrs
Wed 30 Nov	St Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland, Feast
Thu 1 Dec	Ss Edmund Campion, Ralph Sherwin and Alexander Briant, Priests and Martyrs
Sat 3 Dec	St Francis Xavier, Priest, Memorial; Day of Prayer for Migrants

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: 243 *Hark, a herald voice is calling*

K: Missa Orbis Factor

Offertory motet: *Ad te levavi, Domine*, Alessandro Scarlatti

S: Mass in D minor, Antonio Lotti

Communion: *Creator of the stars of night*, Plainsong

Post-Communion hymn: 738 *Thou whose almighty word*

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), 020 8946 0305

Executive Assistant & Hall bookings: Thelma D'Costa (Mon - Fri 9am - 4pm) Caretaker: George McLennan

Parish Pastoral Council: ppc@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk

Baptism, Marriage, First Sacraments, Funerals contact the parish office.

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

Sacred Heart SVP Conference meets to help those living locally in need. All enquiries are dealt with confidentially. Leave contact details with the parish office or email presidentA190704@svp.org.uk.