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Newsletter

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Second Sunday
of Advent (A)

Second Week of Advent

Vol I. Psalter week 2

Prepare the Way for the Lord



Bartolomé Esteban Murillo, *Saint John the Baptist in the Wilderness*, 1660-1670

Next Sunday's Readings

Third Sunday
of Advent (A)

- Isaiah 35:1-6.10
- Psalm 145:6-10
- James 5:7-10
- Matthew 11:2-11

Upcoming Events

Sunday 4 December

- Children's Liturgy during the 10am Mass

Tuesday 6 December

- Advent Faith Study, 7.30pm Lounge

Thursday 8 December

- Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Masses at 10am and 6.30pm (Solemn Mass)
- Charismatic Prayer Group, 7.30pm Lounge

Wednesday 14 December

- Newman Circle, talk by T. Everson (see p 3), 7.30pm, Lounge

Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for Him.

The Advent season is the time when we await with great anticipation the coming of Our Lord and it is the time when we prepare our hearts to welcome the Lord when He comes.

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

This 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.

WIMBLEDON COLLEGE CAR PARK

Please note that Wimbledon College Car Park is open on Saturdays from 5-7.30pm and Sundays from 9am - 2pm and can be used by parishioners at the times specified.

HOSTS FOR UKRAINIAN MOTHER & DAUGHTER

We are looking for an accommodation or a family who would be willing to host an Ukrainian mother and her 10 year old daughter from Kyiv under the *Homes for a Ukraine* scheme?

Please contact Alain van West should you be in a position to offer help (vanwest31@gmail.com).

Parish News

MANNA SOCIETY COLLECTION

Next weekend, 10/11 Dec, the Manna Society will be holding an appeal at all Masses: if you wish to support this good cause, please only bring dry goods eg. pasta, sugar, tinned tomatoes, biscuits... Collection boxes will be placed in the church porch. Thank you!

MY ADVENT DAY BY DAY

'My Advent Day by Day' booklets are still available at the

back of the church. Lovely resources to help us prepare for the arrival of Jesus this Christmas.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas cards are now available 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 Reconcilia-

tion in preparation for the FHC.

NO EXPOSITION

Please note that there will be **no** exposition on the following dates:

Wed 7 Dec no exposition and on Fri 9, Mon 12,

Wed 14 and Fri 16 Dec **no** exposition in the morning.

STEP FREE ACCESS

This is a reminder that there is a step free access to our church for those who cannot make the stairs.

Announcements

ADVENT FAITH STUDY

Join us this Advent as we explore the significance and importance of the Eucharist in our faith. We continue to meet each Tuesday in Advent from 7.30-8.30pm (6, 13 & 20 December) 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@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk).

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

We will meet again for a continental breakfast next 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.

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://teams.gb.org.uk>

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).

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

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!

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.

EPIPHANY PARTY

The clergy would like to invite you to join them as they celebrate an Epiphany Party with live music (Caleigh Band), a welcome drink & a light supper on Saturday 7 January 2023 at 7.30pm in the Upper Hall. Please bring a bottle. Tickets are available (maximum 4 tickets/family) from Thelma in the Parish Office, and will be given out on a first come first served basis.



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.

Exploring our Faith

ADVENT SPECIAL ADOREMUS TE

All young people are welcome by St Teresa's Youth on Fridays during advent to *Adoremus Te* Nights involving Music, Adoration & Confession; starting with 7pm Mass. 250 Bishopsford Rd, Morden, SM4 6BZ (020 8648 4113, or email morden@rcaos.org.uk).

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The CPG will be meeting fortnightly on Thursday evening from 7.30pm in the Lounge. Praise & worship, scripture sharing, tea & coffee. The next meeting is on Thu 8 Dec. For more info and future dates, please visit their page on the parish website.

A DAY WITH MARY

The next *Day with Mary* will be on Sat 10 Dec at St George's Cathedral, Lambeth RD, SE1 6HR, 10.15am-5.15pm; celebrant, preacher: Canon John O'Leary; sermon on Our Lady by Fr Gildas Parry O.Praem; Silent Adoration, Meditations on the Passion of Our Lord. Please visit 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.



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

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, bring your own scissors. 11 Edge Hill, SW19 4 LR.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE

15-19 March 2023, £699 pp, package includes return flight (10kg hand luggage) from LGW, 4 nights/full board in 3* Knock House Hotel. All entertainment, excursions & guided tours. Assistance from Knock Pilgrimages representative. Single rooms available (+supplement). Contact: Patricia at 01268 762 278, 07740 175 557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

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 Matthew Donnelly
10.00am Fr Michael Barnes SJ
12 noon Canon John Clark & Deacon Julian Burling
5.00pm Canon John Clark & Deacon Julian Burling
8.00pm Fr Matthew Donnelly

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 3 6.30pm Holy Souls
Mon 5 10.00am Patricia McGurk RIP
6.30pm Charlie Bonello RIP
Tue 6 10.00am Maureen Stromborg RIP
6.30pm Lorenzo Behri RIP
Wed 7 10.00am Bertha D'Costa Anniv. RIP
6.30pm Howard Paice RIP
Thu 8 10.00am Sup.Gen. Daughters of the Heart of Mary
6.30pm Mary & David Shelley RIP
Fri 9 10.00am Michael Gaffey RIP
12.15pm Funeral of Daniel Gould
6.30pm Alec Smith RIP
Sat 10 10.00am Fr Joe Donkor Ints.

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: Walter Close, Daniel Gould and Alina Hancock

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Serenella Randolph, Sarah Cooper, Eileen Champ, Bertha D'Costa, Richard Milward, Tosca Kneen and Joan Desbruslais

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.



FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Mon 5 Dec St John Almond, Priest and Martyr
Tue 6 Dec St Nicholas, Bishop
Wed 7 Dec St Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, Memorial
Thu 8 Dec The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity
Fri 9 Dec St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
Sat 10 Dec Our Lady of Loreto

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

Solemn Latin Mass

Kyrie/Sanctus: Missa brevis, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina
Offertory Motet: *Confortamini et lam*, Orlande de Lassus
Communion motet: *Jerusalem, surge*, Giovanni Battista Martini

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.