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Newsletter

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**Third Sunday
of Advent (A)**

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Vol I. Psalter week 3

Next Sunday's Readings

**Fourth Sunday
of Advent (A)**

- Isaiah 7:10-14
- Psalm 23:1-6
- Romans 1:1-7
- Matthew 1:18-24

Upcoming Events

Sunday 11 December

- Continental Breakfast after the 8am Mass - noon, Lower Hall
- Children's Liturgy during the 10am Mass

Tuesday 13 December

- Advent Faith Study, 7.30pm, Lounge

Wednesday 14 December

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

Friday 16 December

- Penitential Service, 8pm, Church

Saturday 17 December

- School of Communion Christmas carols, 5pm, Church

Gaudete Sunday

'Gaudete'

A special time of joy is Advent - joy in waiting for something special.

We light the third candle of our Advent wreath this Sunday and priests wear joyful, rose-coloured vestments. Isaiah in the first reading is the 'joyful messenger' and his joy is that God is coming, and he is coming to save us.

John the Baptist's strange task whilst in prison is to send his disciples to Jesus to ask if he was the promised Messiah. The response of Jesus lists some striking aspects of what is reported in Matthew 8 - 9: the blind see again, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the dead are raised to life, the Good News is proclaimed to the poor, and happy is the man who does not lose faith in him.



As we celebrate this season of Advent may we grow in hopefulness and gratitude and may the light of Jesus shine brighter than this gloomy winter darkness, inspiring us with acts of compassion, kindness, peace and love.

Happy Gaudete Sunday
to everyone!

Fr Joseph Donkor

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

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).

FAREWELL GIFT

Peter Armfield has been maintaining our church grounds for 30 years, he is retiring this month. If any parishioner wishes to make a donation towards a farewell presentation to Peter, please send it to Thelma in the office, clearly marked 'Peter Armfield', by 18 December. Cheques should be made payable to 'Sacred Heart Church' but endorsed on the back.

Parish News

MANNA SOCIETY COLLECTION

This 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!

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas cards are available at the Presbytery Reception.

NO CONFESSIONS

Please note that there will be **no** confessions after the

10am Mass this Saturday 10 December as the candidates for First Holy Communion will be doing their Reconciliation in preparation for the FHC.

NO EXPOSITION

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

Mon 12, Wed 14 and Fri 16 Dec **no** exposition in the morning.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas 2022 booklets are available at the back of the church from this weekend.

Please refer to the booklets for Mass times during the Christmas period.

STEP FREE ACCESS

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

OFFICE & RECEPTION

Please note that the Parish Office and Reception will be closed from Friday 23 December until Tuesday 3 January 2023.

The Newsletter distribution will be paused between Christmas and 7/8 January.

Announcements

CHURCH GROUNDS

Please take notice that ground works are being carried out on the south side of the church. The church door on the south side must only be used in the event of the fire alarm being activated or should you need to exit the church due to an emergency. The area is screened off, so no access is permitted within the screened off area.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

There will be a Penitential Service held in the church on Friday 16 December at 8pm.

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 (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.

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

We will meet again for a continental breakfast this 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@marshall.email.net. Offers of help from parents are most welcome.

Parish Organisations

SCHOOL OF COMMUNITY

All parishioners are invited to join an evening of Christmas carols with the Choir of Communion and Liberation on Saturday 17 December at 5pm in Sacred Heart Church. Following the Service, traditional refreshments will be served in

the Upper Hall. All are welcome, including children, it is a good occasion to meet the CL local community.

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 info please ring Jenny (07906 856 183).

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

You are welcome to the annual BEETLE DRIVE on Fri 6 Jan 2023 at 2.30pm in the Lounge. Tea & cakes.

Social & Cultural

NEWMAN CIRCLE

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 14 December 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.

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.



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.



Decorative Christmas Cards by Moya Hogarth are now for sale in 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 15 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 17 Dec at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Friary Rd, SE15 1RH, 9.45am - 5.15pm; celebrant & preacher: Fr Stephen Morrisson O.Praem; sermon on Our Lady by Fr Pius Collins O.Praem; Please visit www adaywithmary.org for more info & further dates.

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 10 6.30pm John & Mary and Sean Granahan RIP
Mon 12 10.00am Bernard Thefaut RIP
6.30pm Michael Paice RIP
Tue 13 10.00am Frances Barden Ints.
6.30pm Tom Byrne RIP
Wed 14 10.00am Chris Ponnukone RIP
11.30am Funeral of Alina Hancock
6.30pm Maureen Healy Healy RIP
Thu 15 10.00am Clive Compton RIP
6.30pm Thanksgiving to Infant Jesus
Fri 16 10.00am Peggy Hegarty RIP
6.30pm Francie, Hugh and Andrew McHugh RIP
Sat 17 10.00am John Fennelly 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: 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: Dr Jay Chitnis, Canon Colm Acton, John Elliott, Sheila Wadhwa, Walter Close and Alina Hancock

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Angela Cox, Chris Cviic, Luisa Derx, Mary Thefaut, Mary Healy, Mary O'Neill, Francie, Hugh and Andrew McHugh and Hilary Ashdowne

The sick: Donal Weir, Giovanni Baldacchino, 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 Catholic Youth Service which raised **£632.44**

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Mon 12 Dec Our Lady of Guadalupe
Tue 13 Dec St Lucy, Virgin and Martyr, Memorial
Wed 14 Dec St John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church, Memorial

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: 522 *O come, O come Emmanuel*
Kyrie: Mass in C, John Ireland
Offert. motet: *Rejoice in the Lord always*, attrib. John Redford
Sanctus: 433
Comm. motet: *Panis angelicus*, César Franck (b.10th Dec 1822; arr. Rutter)
133 *Come thou long-expected Jesus*
Organ: *Pièce Héroïque*, César Franck

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.