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Newsletter

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The Nativity of the Lord

Solemnity
with an octave

Vol I. Psalter week I

Next Sunday's Readings

Solemnity of Mary,
The Holy Mother of God (A)

- Book of Numbers 6:22-27
- Psalm 66:2-3.5.6.8. R.v2
- Galatians 4:4-7
- Luke 2:16-21

Upcoming Events

Friday 23 December

- Crib Service Rehearsal,
10.40am-12noon, Church

Saturday 24 December

- Children's Christmas Eve Crib
Service, 3.30pm, Church

*For Mass times during the Christmas
period see p. 2 or please refer to the
Christmas 2022 booklets*

Saturday 31 December

- Bereavement Drop In, 10.30-
11.30am, Parish Lounge

Friday 6 January

- Friendship Group, 2.30pm,
Lounge

Saturday 7 January

- Epiphany Party, 7.30pm, Up-
per Hall (see p. 3)

A Happy and Holy Christmas to you all

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Each of us is blessed this Christmas time as we celebrate again the birth of the child Jesus in Bethlehem. It is a timeless story, it is a story shared by every family as they welcome a new born into their family. Our new-born children are among the most vulnerable members of our families.

We witness their vulnerability when we read of the dangers that can challenge them in the early days of their lives, the risk of drowning as the family attempts a crossing of the English Channel in an open dingy, or the trauma of surviving a Russian attack on an Ukrainian city.

For most of us the first few months of our children's lives are marked by love and care. We can extend the care of those children in need by supporting those far less secure than we are.

Our Crib Collection this year is in support of charities that are working to alleviate the poverty of the refugees. Care4Calais has been working with France, Belgium and the UK. They aim to meet the needs of those living without money, rights or freedom of choice while waiting for a decision from the Government about their status. Our donation to Care4Calais will be to help extend the services offered to what are the most vulnerable in our society today.

Canon John Clark



The Nativity, Lorenzo Lotto 1523

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

A MESSAGE FROM CHRISTIAN CARE

'At Christian CARE we have been pleased to welcome a number of new people this year as volunteers: new Befrienders, people to join the Drive & Drop Team as well as people to work in the office. We are still looking to fill 3 important roles in the organisation: Deputy CARE Co-ordinator, Children's and Families' Activities Coordinator & Transport Organiser. As we enter a new year please do spread the word about Christian CARE. Info about the different roles to be found at <https://christiancare.merton.org.uk/> Thank you for your support!'

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023

Southwark Pilgrimage to World Youth



Day 2023 (<https://www.lisboa2023.org/en/>): there are a few places left: around thirty young pilgrims are joining the Archdiocesan pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Lisbon next summer between 31 July - 7 August 2023, Archbishop John Wilson will be joining the group.

There are still a few places available on the pilgrimage at the price of £1,396, on a first-come, first-served basis; You can find out more about the schedule and book directly with All Saints Travel <https://www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/LS0781>

Please book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment and by no later than Tuesday 31 January 2023.

If you have any queries please do get in touch with the diocese's youth team at youth@rcaos.org.uk

Parish News

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve:

5pm Mass

7.10pm Carols - 7.30pm Mass

11.30pm Carols - 12 Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

8am, 10am (Family Mass),

12noon, 5pm, 8pm

Christmas 2022 booklets are available at the back of the church.

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

OFFICE & RECEPTION

Please note that the Parish Office and Reception will be

closed from Friday 23 December until Tuesday 3 January 2023.

The last Newsletter before the Christmas break will be sent out on Thursday 22 December. The Newsletter distribution will be paused between Christmas and 7/8 January.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

The Christmas collection is traditionally for the benefit of the priests as an expression of gratitude for their ministry. Donations can be made in cash on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day; gift aid envelopes will be availa-

ble. Alternative means of giving are using the dedicated button on the digital giving plates at the back of the church or on the parish website or by cheque or bank transfer payable to Sacred Heart Church Wimbledon, using the reference XOFFERING; Sort Code 60-24-07, Account 33138672.

Thank you!

DIOCESE DIRECTORIES

The Cath. Directories 2023 of the Diocese of Southwark are available at the Presbytery for £4.50 each.

Announcements

CRIB SERVICE REHEARSAL

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

The Children's Christmas Eve Crib Service will take place on Sat 24 Dec at 3.30pm in the church.

PARKING

Parking in Wimbledon College this weekend:

Christmas Eve: 5pm through to Christmas Day 2pm; Sat 31 Dec from 5-7.30pm.

Please do take care when parking in our neighbouring roads, only park in authorised parking places, do not block drive ways of the residents!

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Parishioners are invited to celebrate Midnight Mass on Sat 31 Dec at 12pm (Exposition and Adoration

between 11-12pm).

NEWMAN CIRCLE

The next meeting: at 7.30pm on Wednesday 18 January, Lounge: the speaker is Sr Jessica Gatty, a Religious of the Assumption, who is the niece and goddaughter of Siegfried Sassoon. Sr Jessica will speak about Sassoon, his poetry and his later life, seeking to 'set the record straight' after what she feels is a false impression of his later years given by the recent film 'Benediction'. All are welcome.

Parish Organisations

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

The Bereavement Team invites everyone experiencing loss in their lives, no matter how long ago, to drop in for a coffee and a chat on Saturday 31 December from 10.30-11.30am, in the Parish Lounge. For more info,

please email bereavement.group@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk.

MEMORY LANE CLUB

This popular club for people with dementia and their carers will reopen in the New Year on Wednesday 4 January 2023 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.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

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

Social & Cultural

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. Tick-

ets are available (maximum 4 tickets/family) from Thelma in the Parish Office, and will be given out on a first come first served basis.

EDGE HILL PLAYERS 2023 PANTO

Jack and the Beanstalk
Leave the January Blues at home and come and have a

giggle at the Edge Hill Players Panto, Jack and the Beanstalk. Saturday 28th January and Saturday 4 February, 2.30pm and 7pm, Upper Hall. Tickets available from www.edgehillplayers.com or tel: 07742 230493.

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.

Exploring our Faith

PEACE SERVICE

On Sunday 1 January, World Day of Prayer for Peace, there will be a Peace Service at 4pm at St John Fisher Church, 207 Cannon Hill Lane, Merton, SW20 9DB. Please do join in prayer for peace in the world in 2023. There will be refreshments in the hall afterwards.

A DAY WITH MARY

The next Day with Mary will take place on Sat 28 Jan at Holy Apostles, Pimlico; for more info & further dates visit adaywithmary.com.

LONDON JESUIT CENTRE

Race and Theology: a course starting on Tue 24 Jan - Tue 21 Feb, 7-8pm: throughout the long history of the Church, Christian sacred texts have been used as a way of promoting both racial justice and racial discrimination. During the earliest period of European colonial history, Christian theology was co-opted by those who sought to provide an ethical warrant for genocide. It was also used by those who

sought to defend the dignity of indigenous people. During the 19th century, Christian theology was used by those who wished to defend the practice of slavery but also by abolitionists. In the 20th century, white nationalist groups vaunted their Christian identity, but Christian thought and texts were also used by those who fought *against* racism. This course explores the complex interaction between Christian theology and race over the course of 2000

years of Church history. For more info & to register please visit <https://londonjesuitcentre.org/>.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE

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

Crib Appeal 2022 • Crib Appeal 2022 • Crib Appeal 2022 • Crib Appeal 2022 • Crib Appeal 2022 • Crib Appeal 2022

This year's Parish Crib Appeal will be in support of **Care4Calais**, a volunteer run charity working with refugees in France, Belgium and the UK.

Their local team have been active since July 2020 and they have worked directly with those that arrive here searching for safety. Their services aim to meet the needs of those living without money, rights, or freedom of choice while waiting for a decision from the government about their status. After making an often-dangerous journey to the UK, 37000 individuals are currently restricted to their hotel rooms, with little ability to make decisions due to financial restraints and restrictions.

Imagine waking up every day not knowing if you will be moved and made homeless or taken to a deportation centre and sent to Rwanda. Unable to provide for your children, in some hotels a person may receive just £8 per week, to cover everything other than basic meals.

Support from charities is the only way these people can get through the months or even years of waiting to be granted asylum.

Care4Calais has been overwhelmed with support from the local community, including donations in kind from the Sacred Heart parish.

They now provide additional food, clothing and activities that enhance mental health and wellbeing. They run board game nights, conversation classes, walking groups, yoga classes, cooking sessions and reading with children.

They ask now for your support to allow a little bit of happiness for refugees this Christmas.

They would not be able to do all this without your kindness and generosity, so thank you from the beneficiaries and from

Care4Calais.

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 THIS CHRISTMAS

7.30pm (Sat)	Fr Michael Barnes SJ
12 Midnight	Canon J Clark & Parish Clergy
8.00am	Fr Joseph Donkor
10.00am	Canon John Clark & Deacon Julian Burling
12 noon	Fr Matthew Donnelly
5.00pm	Fr Joseph Donkor
8.00pm	Fr Matthew Donnelly

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Mon 26	10.00am	Jim Kehoe RIP
Tue 27	10.00am	Ramon & Patricia Osano Ints.
Wed 28	10.00am	Sheena Wilson RIP
	6.30pm	Private Intentions
Thu 29	10.00am	Viajar Family Ints. & Thanksgiving
	6.30pm	Jimmy Carroll RIP
Fri 30	10.00am	Gerry Rothman Ints.
	6.30pm	Michael Paice RIP
Sat 31	10.00am	John Coleman RIP
	6.30pm	Charles Morrison RIP
Mon 2	10.00am	Keith Smith RIP
Tue 3	10.00am	Hazel Lawlor Birthday Ints.
	6.30pm	Holy Souls
Wed 4	10.00am	Jeevan Jose Thanksgiving
	6.30pm	Agnieszka & Jan Ptazyński 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: Neil Calvert, Joseph Hanna, Alfred Fanciulli, Dominic Sammons and Treasa Mary Hearty

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Eddie Bailham, Andrew Kenny, Anne Coomes, Dorothy Toohill, Gerard Evans, Christine Walker, Silvia Wilkinson, Bridget Cury, Jeanne Garcia, Lee Aberton, John Baldesare, Beatrice Nyeko, Rui Braganza,

The sick: John Abbiss, Donal Weir, Giovanni Baldacchino, Kate O'Brien, Kim Carr, Patricia Small, Luca Buttaci, Nancy Drapper, David Steele, Shanu Mathew, Maureen May, Ryan Lyndsey, Samar Staussi, Matthew Bees, Emily Grey and Andrew Tan.

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

Mon 26 Dec	St Stephen, Deacon, the first Martyr, Feast
Tue 27 Dec	St John, Apostle and Evangelist, Feast
Wed 28 Dec	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs, Feast
Thu 29 Dec	St Thomas of Canterbury, Bishop and Martyr, Feast
Fri 30 Dec	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Feast
Sat 31 Dec	Collect of St Sylvester
Sun 1 Jan	Mary, The Holy Mother of God, Solemnity
Mon 2 Jan	Ss Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church, Memorial
Wed 4 Jan	The Beatified Martyrs of the Diocese
Fri 6 Jan	The Epiphany of the Lord, Solemnity

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

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, for 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.