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## Newsletter

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### The Baptism of the Lord (A)

The end of the  
Season of Christmas

First Week in Ordinary Time

Vol I. Psalter week I

### Next Sunday's Readings

- Isaiah 49:3.5-6
- Psalm 39:2.4.7-10
- I Corinthians 1:1-3
- John 1:29-34

### Upcoming Events

#### Saturday 7 January

- Epiphany Party, 7.30pm, Upper Hall

#### Sunday 8 January

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

#### Sunday 15 January

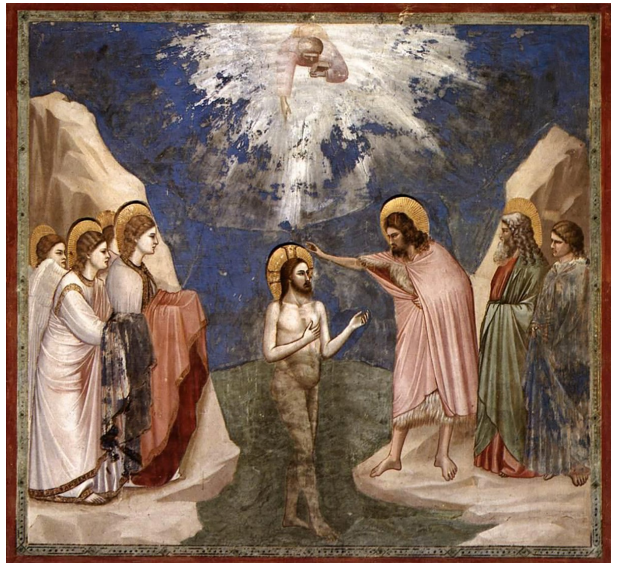
- First Holy Communion Sessions resume
- Encounter Youth Group Meeting, 6-7pm, Youth Room

#### Wednesday 18 January

- Newman Circle (speaker Sr Jessica Gatty), 7.30pm, Lounge

## The Baptism of the Lord

The story of the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan is a lesson on what Baptism means for each of us. Jesus is revealed to all as the fullness of all God's promises: *'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'* Christmas without the Baptism of the Lord, and the words that are spoken from heaven, would be incomplete, since it is only in them that we fully see the



Giotto di Bondone *Il Battesimo di Cristo* c.1305

wonder of what happened in Bethlehem, that

we fully understand the joy with which we celebrated on Christmas.

What happened at the baptism of Jesus happens at our baptism too. God calls us by name; we are identified as his children. He says to each one of us, *'you are my beloved daughter, you are my beloved son'*. The Holy Spirit descends on us, because we are given a mission, that is, we are called to participate in the work of Jesus, in the life of our parish, our family and in the world around us.

As we come to the end of Christmas, I congratulate the two children who will be baptised this weekend in our parish and thank you all who have prepared them for their baptism.

Happy New Year to all. May God continue to bless you and all your families and all whom you love.

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

## Parish News

### POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI RIP

Please join us in prayers of thanksgiving for Pope Benedict's life of faith, and for the repose of his soul. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

### WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023



Southwark  
Pilgrimage to

World Youth Day 2023 (<https://www.lisboa2023.org/en/>): there are still 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](mailto:youth@rcaos.org.uk)

### CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

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

### EDITH ARENDRUP

This coming Tuesday, 10 January, we remember with great gratitude Edith Arendrup on her 89th 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.

### DIOCESE DIRECTORIES

The Catholic Directories 2023 of the Diocese of Southwark are available at the Presbytery (£4.50 each).

## Announcements

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Sessions will resume on Sunday 15 January. From Sunday 15 January, at the 10am and 5pm Masses, the front few pews will be reserved for the children.

### 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.

### PAX CHRISTI

*'No one can be saved alone. Combatting Covid-19 together,*

*embarking together on paths of peace...'* For the 56<sup>th</sup> World Day of Peace next Sunday 15 January Pope Francis sends a message that can be read in full at <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/documents/20221208-messaggio-56giornatamondiale-pace2023.html>

### CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK: ABIDE IN CHRIST'S LOVE

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is kept between 18 and 25 January. During this octave we come together as a global Christian family through daily meditations, prayers and events. The Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland has provided the theme for this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: *'Abide in my*

*love and you shall bear much fruit'* (John 15: 5-9) This monastic Community brings together Sisters from different churches and countries. They've prepared meditations & prayers for the Week of Christian Unity; their daily reflections and texts aim to nurture closer communion with our brothers and sisters in Christ, and greater solidarity with the whole of Creation. All the resources, including an Ecumenical Order of Service, can be found on the website of the Pontifical Council ([https://www.vatican.va/roman\\_curia/pontifical\\_councils/index.htm](https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/pontifical_councils/index.htm))

## Parish Organisations

### FRIENDSHIP GROUP

You are welcome to the annual BEETLE DRIVE this Friday 6 January at 2.30pm in the Lounge. Tea & cakes.

### 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.

### ENCOUNTER YOUTH GROUP

Our youth group for those in year seven and above will resume on Sunday 15 January, in the Youth Room from 6 - 7pm.

## Social & Cultural

### 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 28 January and Saturday 4 February, 2.30pm at 7pm, Upper Hall. Tickets are available from [www.edgehillplayers.com](http://www.edgehillplayers.com) or tel: 07742 230 493.

### VOLUNTEERING FOR CAFOD

The Church relies on people getting involved. Our Church, our world needs you. Could your New Year's resolution be getting more involved in the life of our Church? What aspects of Church brings you life or joy? Could you give a bit of time to help those parts flourish? CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are looking

for people to give some time and join them in their mission. Could you help in your parish, bringing people together to help build a better world or by visiting local schools? Or raise a voice and campaign for justice or perhaps speak for CAFOD throughout the diocese? Could you support local volunteers or share your office skills to help CAFOD keep costs low? We believe that everybody has unique gifts and talents and we want to support you to use these gifts to serve the parish community and our brothers and sisters across the world. Training and support are provided. See [cafod.org.uk/Volunteer](http://cafod.org.uk/Volunteer) for more info or get in touch with Celeste & Sarah ([southwark@cafod.org.uk](mailto:southwark@cafod.org.uk)) and let's transform the world in 2023 together!

### MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT COURSE

Marriage Encounter England and Wales are promoting an upcoming *Experience* in Hendon on the Saturday 11 & Sunday 12 February at St Joseph's Pastoral Centre, St Joseph's Grove, The Burroughs, Henden, London, NW4 4TY.

The marriage enrichment courses offer a unique opportunity for couples to rekindle their relationships and focus on what is important to them. Please visit <https://wwme.org.uk> for further info & to book an *Experience*.

### VACANCY

Wimbledon College Inclusion Supervisor and Deputy DSL vacancy: for further information visit [www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk](http://www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk) under 'about us'/job opportunities' or apply by online application form via [eteach](http://eteach) website.

### 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.

### CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS

Coronation History Walk on Sat 21 & 28 Jan: meet at 3pm, steps of Westminster Cathedral, London SW1P 1QW. Discover the traditions and heritage of the Coronation ceremony that dates back over a 1000 years... The walk will include Buckingham Palace and St James Park and will finish at Westminster Abbey; (<https://www.catholichistorywalks.com/>).

### POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION

You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for his special intention in January: we pray with Pope Francis that educators may be credible witnesses who help the youngest and most vulnerable. May they teach fraternity rather than competition. 'We want to be defenders of the identity and dignity of every individual and to teach young people to accept everyone without discrimination. Education commits us to accept people as they are, not how we want them to be, without judging or condemning anyone.'

Pope Francis

## Exploring our Faith

### 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, 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](mailto: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 Canon John Clark & Deacon Julian Burling  
12 noon Fr Michael Barnes SJ  
5.00pm Fr Joseph Donkor  
8.00pm Fr Matthew Donnelly

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 7 6.30pm Sr Dorothy Wilcock RIP  
Mon 9 10.00am Angela Byrne RIP  
6.30pm Celia Cviic RIP  
Tue 10 10.00am Patricia Goldhawk RIP  
6.30pm Kit O'Brien RIP  
Wed 11 10.00am Frank McKeon RIP  
6.30pm Thanksgiving  
Thu 12 10.00am Antoni & Jozefa Wlizlo  
6.30pm Thomas Limna (Anniv.)  
Fri 13 10.00am Paddy & Mary Cahill RIP  
6.30pm Jan Stehlikova RIP  
Sat 14 10.00am Eileen Helliwell

### 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:** Elisabeth Mössler, Tom Butters, Michael Kelly, Neil Calvert, Jacqueline Newson, Treasa May Hearty, Joseph Hanna and Edward Holden  
**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Alastar MacDonald, Iris Desmier, Edith Arendrup and James Conboy  
**The sick:** Fr Michael Beatie SJ, Jacinto Cordeiro, Teresa Escalona, 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, 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.



### THANK YOU

Canon John, Fr Joseph and Fr Matthew would like to express their deep gratitude for all your kind wishes, your overwhelmingly generous gifts and donations this Christmas!

### FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

**Sun 8 Jan** The Baptism of The Lord, Feast  
**Thu 12 Jan** St Aelred of Rievaulx, Abbot  
**Fri 13 Jan** St Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
**Sat 14 Jan** The Blessed Virgin Mary

### 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: 241 *Hail to the Lord's anointed*  
Kyrie/Gloria: 459/460  
Offertory motet: *Tribus miraculis*, Luca Marenzio  
Sanctus: 433  
Communion motet: *O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit*, Thomas Tallis  
Post-communion hymn: 661 *Songs of thankfulness and praise* (v1, 2 & 5)

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](mailto:newsletter@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk) / [wimparish@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:presidentA190704@svp.org.uk).