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Newsletter

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First Sunday of Advent

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Weekday Readings for
1st week of Advent
Vol I. psalter week I

Next Sunday's Readings

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

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The Season of Advent

Today we begin the New Year of the Church. In this season of Advent we have an air of expectation, or hope as we prepare to celebrate the coming of the Lord at Christmas. The generosity of the parish has been exhibited last week in the collection of toiletries for the Jesuit Refugee appeal. It was amazing to see so much brought in for the appeal. In the end two cars full (150 bags) of donated items were taken to the Jesuit Refugee Service. On behalf of the JRS, I would like to thank you all. This was a great effort which marked the end of our Year of Mercy.



First Sunday in Advent

Each year, at Christmas we nominate one charity as our Christmas Crib Appeal. Last year we supported the work of Oxfam and their Syrian Refugee Appeal. The year before we helped with Mary's Meals, providing support to children from poor families. This year, a number of parishioners have asked if we could do something to help in the development of Fr Ted's home village. Having discussed this with him it is suggested

that the Christmas Crib Appeal this year would be to help fund a water project for the people of Omabite in the village where Fr Thaddeus comes from. The project will provide clean water to the area. At present water can only be purchased from water tankers or collected from streams. The aim of the project is to provide clean and free water to the local people. Water for us is something we rarely worry about. We are used to just turning on the tap for our needs. Imagine what it is like when every drop of your water has to be rationed. Hopefully our collection this Christmas time will help improve the lives of those in the village.

THE PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Parish Priest: Canon John Clark

Parish Clergy: Fr Thaddeus Nwokeji and Deacon Julian Burling

Also Resident: Canon Elias Vojtech

Team Members: Fr Michael O'Halloran SJ, Sr Francis SSA, Sr Dorothy Perrott OSU, Cristina Connolly and Pat Ryan (Youth Minister)

JESUIT MISSIONS ANNUAL APPEAL

Next weekend, 3rd/4th December, Jesuit Missions will be holding their annual appeal in our parish with Richard Greenwood, from Jesuit Missions UK, speaking at all Masses.

SIGNED & SPOKEN MASS

A signed and spoken Mass will be celebrated this Sunday 27th November, at 4pm in the Chapel of Wimbledon College. All with hearing difficulties welcome!

STAMPS FOR JESUIT MISSIONS

Please keep your used stamps. We are able to sell them to raise funds for the work of JM across Africa, Asia and Latin America. You can post them to Jesuit Missions, 11 Edge Hill, Wimbledon, SW19 4LR or pop them through our letterbox after Mass. We are always looking for volunteers to join our stamp team which meets for a few hours on the first Thursday of every month. Next meeting on 1st December at 9.30am, to prepare the stamps for sale. To find out more, please contact Paddy on 020 8946 0466 or email info@jesuitmissions.org.uk

THE PASSAGE

Please support the work of *The Passage - Working with Homeless People*: 'Double your Donation, Double your impact'. Donate through The Big Give website between 12noon on Tuesday 29th November and 12noon on Friday 2nd December and every £1 can be worth up to £2. With Gift Aid it can be worth £2.25! The link is <https://secure.thebiggive.org.uk/projects/view/thepassage2016>

Parish News

AT HOME

There will be an 'At Home' on Monday 28th November from 7.30-9.30pm.

SCHOOL SLIPS

School slips will be collected this weekend.

SPECIAL MASS

We will celebrate a special Mass to mark the end of the Year of Mercy on Monday 5th December at 8pm. Do come and help to make it a parish celebration that will bring to an end a significant year in the life of the parish

MORNING PRAYER

We continue the celebration of Morning Prayer from the Divine Office each Wednesday morning in the Sacred Heart Chapel at 9.40am before the 10am Mass.

Announcements

CONFIRMATION 2017

Registration for confirmation in July 2017 is now open for those in Years 8-11. Please register on <http://sacredheartwimbledon.fornees.com> The programme will start with an introductory evening on Sunday 11th December. Once registered, you will receive details for this and further dates via email. The first session will be on Sunday 15th January after the 5pm Mass. If you have any queries, please email edgesw19@gmail.com.

Confirmation volunteers: we are in need of small group leaders, catechists, cooks and general volunteers, both young and old. If you are able to help, we will have a meeting on Sunday 4th December, 6.15-7pm in the Lounge.

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Do come and have a chat

with other parishioners over a delicious continental breakfast this Sunday 27th November (last one this year) in the Lower Hall after the 8.15am Mass up to 12 noon.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Moya Hogarth's Christmas cards as well as *Aid to the Church in Need* Christmas cards and diaries for 2017 are available now for sale in the Presbytery Reception. The 'My Advent Day by Day' booklet is now available at the back of the church.

TRADCRAFT

Traidcraft goods on sale this Sunday include lots of lovely items for Christmas giving, including Advent calendars and Christmas cards, and an array of beautiful socks! Please continue to support producers in developing countries by buying from us. Goods can also be ordered from 020 8946 6528 or

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EXPOSITION

Please note that there will be no exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 10am Mass and between 5.25 and 6.25pm on Wednesday 30th November.

CHURCH PEWS

Please note that pews will be moved in church on 1st December from 1pm for a concert. Thank you for your understanding.

FIRST FRIDAY VIGIL OF PRAYER

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for vocations to the priesthood and religious life and for World Peace will be on Friday 2nd December starting after the 6.30pm Mass continuing to midnight. Silent prayer to 8.30pm followed by meditations and prayers. Please come if only for a short visit.

Parish Organisations

WIMBLEDON CANCER FRIENDSHIP GROUP

The festive period is on our doorsteps and to celebrate, the WCFG will be hosting a Christmas Party on Thursday 8th December from 7.30-9pm in the dining room of the Wimbledon Guild. Food

& drinks will be provided so please do let them know if you can come. Please call 07948 767936 or email wcfg@live.co.uk for more information. 30/32 Worple Road, SW19 4EF.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP Music Hall Extravaganza!

Friday 2nd December at 2.30pm in the Parish Lounge: Come & sing along to favourites - old and not so old. Enjoy mulled wine and Christmas specialities, finishing with chit chat & tea. All welcome.

Social, Cultural & Notices

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 (cash bar after that) & a light supper

on Saturday 7th January 2017 at 7.30pm.

The Upper Hall, Sacred Heart Church, Edge Hill, Wimbledon. SW19 4LU

250 tickets are available (maximum 4 tickets /family) from Thelma D'Costa, Parish Office

GENERATIONS

TOGETHER IT CLINICS

There will be 2 more sessions of *Generations Together IT Clinics* on Fridays 2nd & 9th Dec at 12.35pm at the UHS. Knowledgeable girls provide excellent computer and mobile phone tuition. All grades welcome, no charge. Contact Sheila Gent on 020 8390 0119 to book a place.

PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2016

Invitation & volunteer forms for this year's Christmas Lunch are available at the back of the church.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The West Barnes Singers' Christmas Concert will be on Saturday 3rd December at 7.30pm at St Saviours, Grand Drive, SW20 9DG. Do come

for a celebration of music by Mozart, Rutter & Finzi plus carols. Tickets are £10 for adults, children are free.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Raynes Park Christmas Celebration - on Friday 2nd Dec from 3.30-5.30pm by the station - make a note in your diary. Volunteers are needed to assist as stewards - full briefing provided. If you can help for just one hour, please contact Chris Larkman (chris.larkman@gmail.com 020 8542 0612).

'T'WAS THE WEEK BEFORE CHRISTMAS

MyRaynesPark will be presenting an 'open mic' evening of stories, poems and other readings relating to Christmas on Thursday 8th Decem-

ber from 7.15-9pm at the Raynes Park Library. Read one of your own compositions or a favourite piece from the treasury of Christmas literature (email reading @myraynespark.co.uk with the title of your piece to save your place). Performers of all ages are welcome (each will have 4 mins).

THAMES PHILHARMONIC CHOIR

Christmas Concert on Saturday 10th December, 7.30pm, All Saints Church, Kingston KT1 1JP - Händel Messiah Christmas Music, Vaughan Williams Serenade to Music, and seasonal works by Gabrieli, Sweelinck and Bryan Kelly - for tickets (£20, £16/£18, £14.50 concessions) please call 07522 524081 or www.thamesphilchoir.org.uk.

New to the Parish?

Please introduce yourself to a member of the Parish Team after Mass and complete a parish registration form available at the back of the church.

SH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR

Come along to our popular Sacred Heart School Christmas Fair with exciting rides, games, licensed bar, food, tombolas, raffle, entertainment and lots more. Entrance only £2 per adult, children free. Saturday 10th December 1-4pm, KT3 4ND.

RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE

From Sunday 22nd - Friday 27th January, we will be offered by the Jesuit Ministries a 'Retreat in Daily Life' - a daily period of personal prayer and a daily half-hour individual meeting with an experienced prayer guide, at times during the week to suit the participant - There will be an introductory meeting in the Upper Hall on Sunday 22nd January from 3-5pm, at which the retreat will be further explained and the prayer guides assigned. In addition, there will be optional group sessions each evening on different ways of praying. Those having participated in a previous *Retreat in Daily Life* in the parish in 2011, found it very helpful in deepening their prayer life. Leaflets & application forms will be available at the back of the church.

Exploring our Faith

A DAY WITH MARY

On Saturday 17th December, 10.45am-5.45pm at Sacred Heart, Edge Hill, SW19. Entry Procession of Our Lady, Angelus, Crowning, Sung Litany Mass in honour of Our Lady; celebrant and preacher Canon John Clark; sermons by Fr Romanus Ozuomba and Fr Jude Ifeorah SMMM. Please visit adaywithmary.org for more information.

'LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY'

The Kairos Spirituality Centre is offering quiet days where you can explore different aspects of prayer and your relationship with God. Next Prayer Day will be on Sat 3rd Dec 10.30am-3.30pm with Sr Brenda Scholfield SMG. There is no cost for the day, donations gratefully received, booking is essential: 020 8788 4188.

BRINGING THE GOSPEL OF LUKE TO LIFE

Mount Street Jesuit Centre is holding a 3-week course facilitated by Brian Purfield on Thursdays, 1-15 Dec (11am-1pm), repeated as a 1 day workshop on 3rd December. Please book on pathways togod.org or call 020 74951673. Cost - suggested donation £30.

CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

6.30pm (Sat) Canon V Elias 11.15am Canon V Elias
8.15am Fr T Nwokeji 12.45pm Canon J Clark
8.30am Fr M O'Halloran SJ 5.00pm Fr P Gallagher SJ
9.45am Fr N King SJ 8.00pm Fr T Nwokeji

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 26 6.30pm James Westbrook RIP
Mon 28 7.30am Mrs M Omera Ints.
10.00am Kathy McElroy Ints.
6.30pm Kenneth Longworth RIP
Tue 29 7.30am Miss P. Campbell Ints.
10.00am Alfred Jessiman RIP
6.30pm Veronica Mirandah RIP
Wed 30 7.30am Sr Catherine Ints.
10.00am Juliette de Menezes-D'Costa Thanksg.
6.30pm Kitty Pearse RIP
Thu 1 7.30am Sr Marian Ints.
10.00am Alfred Jessiman RIP
6.30pm Eugene Martin RIP
Fri 2 7.30am Frank Mallon RIP
10.00am Cheryl Motha RIP
6.30pm Marian Ints.
Sat 3 7.30am Robert Micetich Thanksgiving
10.00am For souls in need

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: John Hoban, Caroline Holmes-Milner, Cynthia Jackson
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Kenneth Longworth, Mary Sherlock
The sick: Nigel Meyer, Charles Grostate, Edward Kirchner, Daphne Minas, Gabriel Godfrey, Cathy McElroy, Eddie Bailham, Roberto Farina, Fr Brendan Callaghan SJ, Barry Sharrow, Sr Charmain, Camille Endaya, Charlie Bradley, Yvonna Patton, Tracy Byrne, Angela Balogum, Giena Worth, Luisa Derx, Ronnie Bradnick, Alexander Skachkov, Baby Bleu Denley Saunders, Patricia Meehan, Joan Paul, Frank Micetich, Lorraine Grozdanovic, Roberto Luigi Farina, Sophia Ridley, Avril Brown, Cindy Bayat, Bernadette McMurray, Anne Medicraft, Carol Escalona, David Fyfe, Mary Wallace, Con Harrington, Rita Westbrook, Angela de Leon, Alina Hancock, Teresa Scanlon, Sheila Chateau, Michael Hoskins, Electa Almeida, Sr Tien Nguyen, Caleb Edser, Julian Eddy, Troy Najair, Margaret Lumley and Andrew Tan [Please advise the Reception when names can be removed.]



COLLECTIONS

Collections at Mass last Sunday came to £2,019 in loose plate giving and £701 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £2,720. This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.
The second collection for Catholic Youth Services raised £852. Thank you for your generosity.

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Wednesday 30th November St Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland
Thursday 1st December Ss Edmund Campion, Ralph Sherwin and Alexander Briant, Martyrs
Saturday 3rd December St Francis Xavier, Memorial Day of prayer for Migrants

EXPOSITION

Sundays: 3.30 - 4.30pm
(Prayers for the Pope and the Catholic Church in Britain)
Wednesdays: after the 7.30am and 10.00am Masses and 5.25 - 6.25pm
Fridays: 5.25 - 6.25pm
On First Fridays there is exposition from after the 6.30pm Mass to Midnight.

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays:
10.30 - 11.30am
3.00 - 4.00pm
6.00 - 6.20pm
Monday - Friday:
6.00 - 6.20pm

MUSIC AT THE 11.15am MASS

Missa 'Orbis Factor', Plainsong
Ad te levavi, Johann Joseph Fux
Creator alme siderum, Plainsong

PARISH SERVICES

Parish Office/Reception Hours: 9am - 5pm (Mon-Fri) 9.30am - 1pm (Sat) 9am - 1pm (Sun)
Executive Assistant & Hall bookings: Thelma D'Costa (Mon - Fri 9.30am - 5pm) Site Manager: Arthur White (Mon - Fri 12noon - 6pm; Sat 9am-1pm)
Parish Pastoral Council: sacredheartwimbletonppc@gmail.com
Baptism, Marriage, First Sacraments, Funerals contact the parish 020 8946 0305
Bereavement Support: For more information please contact the co-ordinator by email bereavementsacredheart@gmail.com or call 020 8946 5198, Referral forms available in the Presbytery Reception