



# THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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## Newsletter

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### Third Sunday of Advent

#### Gaudete Sunday

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Weekday Readings for  
3rd week of Advent  
Vol I. psalter week 3

### Next Sunday's Readings

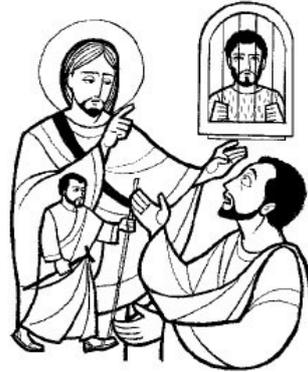
- Isaiah 7:10-14
- Psalm 23:1-6. R.Cf.vv7.10
- Romans 1:1-7
- Matthew 1:18-24

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## Are you the one who is to come?

John is that enigmatic character that bridges the Old and the New Testaments. He has taken on the mantle of Elijah and in the words of the Old Testament is preparing the way of the Lord. John calls his people to repentance and his baptism is a baptism of repentance. John knows that his role is to set the scene for the coming of the Messiah. John witnesses to the fact that 'he must increase and I must decrease'. In his humility he acknowledges that he is not worthy to untie the strap of Jesus' sandal. In the gospel today John wants to be assured that Jesus is the one anticipated, so he sends his followers to meet with Jesus and ask him if he was the Messiah. Jesus' response was to tell the



disciples of John to report back what they had witnessed in Jesus' ministry, how the 'blind see again and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor'. These are the signs of the work of the Messiah. From his prison cell John would have been assured that he had fulfilled his calling. He had prepared the way for the Lord. His question 'are you the one who is to come' has been

answered. As we near the feast of Christmas, we too respond to the questions from John. We know that Jesus is the one who is to come. As with John we prepare a way for the Lord in the depths of our hearts. This Advent time is a special opportunity for repentance and reconciliation with the Lord.

### MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS

Sacred Heart Church  
Christmas Eve

5pm Mass

7.10pm Carols

7.30pm Mass

11.30pm Carols

12 midnight Mass

Christmas Day

Masses in the church at

8.15am, 9.45am,

11.15am

12.45pm, 5.00pm and

8.00pm

### 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)

## TRADCRAFT

Traidcraft goods will be on sale this Sunday for the last time this year, and till late February. There are still lovely items for Christmas 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 [ce-liacviic@btinternet.com](mailto:ce-liacviic@btinternet.com)

## FR LEON PEREIRA

Medjugorje Chaplain to English speaking pilgrims will give a talk on Healing, Prayers, Peace at Christ the Prince of Peace RC Church, Portmore Way, Weybridge, Surrey KT13 8JD on Tuesday and Wednesday, 13th & 14th December at 7.30pm. All welcome.

## PREPARING FOR GOD'S COMING

Preparing for God's Coming - 5 minutes daily thoughts for Advent. Our Diocese has developed a series of daily reflections featuring the Scripture of the day and a related thought and prayer drawn from the spirituality of Stewardship. If you would like to receive these daily emails and encounter Advent in this way please subscribe via <http://eepurl.com/bP6Bp9>

## SVP

The Wimbledon Conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul exists to help individuals and families in need. If you, or someone you know, in the parish needs help, please leave contact details via the presbytery, either in writing or by telephone, 020 8946 0305. All referrals are dealt with in strict confidence.

## Parish News

### AT HOME

There will be an 'At Home' on Monday 12th December from 6-8pm.

### SCHOOL SLIPS

School slips will be collected this weekend.

### SIGNED & SPOKEN MASS

A signed and spoken Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 18th December, at 4pm in the Chapel of Wimbledon College. All with hearing difficulties welcome!

### CHRISTMAS EVE 5pm MASS

Please note that the 5pm Mass on Saturday 24th December will be at the church and not at Sacred Heart School.

## Announcements

### DECORATION/CRAFTS SESSION

Children are invited to join us for creating Christmas cards and decoration for our Parish Christmas Lunch: a crafts session will take place this Sunday 11th December after the 9.45am Mass in the Lower Hall. Coffee, croissants and mince pies will be available; do come and help prepare this year's Christmas Lunch!

### PRE-CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

Do come and join us for a delicious pre-Christmas breakfast with coffee, croissants, mince pies on Sunday 18th December in the Lower Hall after the 8.15am Mass until 12noon.

### PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

The Parish Liturgy Committee is looking for additional members. During 2017, the liturgy committee is developing a programme of

work covering how we celebrate the Mass, our understanding of the liturgy, music at Mass and the church building itself. This is to carry out its role to support and advise the parish in its liturgical life, working with the PPC and Finance Committee. Please contact Canon John or the Parish Office if you would like to volunteer to be on the Parish Liturgy Committee. The Committee meets monthly on the fourth Thursday of the month.

### CONFIRMATION 2017

Registration for confirmation in July 2017 is still open for those in Years 8-11. Please register on <http://sacredheartwimbledon.formees.com> (There are registration forms available at the back of the church for those who prefer to register in writing). Once registered, you will receive details 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](mailto:edgesw19@gmail.com).

### ADVENT SERVICE

You are cordially invited to join us for an Advent Service of psalms and readings with music from the 9.45am Sunday music team on Thursday 22nd December from 8 - 8.45pm.

### CHILDREN'S CRIB SERVICE

This year's children's crib service will be on Christmas Eve, Saturday 24th December at 3.30pm in the church. There will be a rehearsal on Friday 23rd December from 10.40am-12.15pm for children aged 4+ who would like to act, and children aged 9+ wishing to read. Please email Rachel Marshall on [rachel@marshallmail.net](mailto:rachel@marshallmail.net) if you wish to be involved. Help from parents and any shepherd/king costumes would be appreciated.

## Parish Organisations

### WIMBLETON CANCER FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Please note that there will be no monthly drop-in in December. The first meeting in 2017 will be on Thursday 12th January between 7.30-9pm when Lyne Omar, a radiologist, will talk about

scans and radiotherapy treatment. Thursday 26th January - afternoon drop-in between 3.15-4.30pm, please call 07948 767936 or email [wcfg@live.co.uk](mailto:wcfg@live.co.uk) for more information. 30/32 Worple Road, SW19 4EF.

### FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Friday 6th January at 2.30pm in the Parish Lounge: Festive Games! Come & try your skills at Festive Games. Enjoy more mulled wine, nibbles, tea, cake & chat. 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 (Cafeigh Band), a welcome drink (cash bar after that) & a light supper*

*on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 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*

### PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2016

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

### TECHIES - YOUR PANTO NEEDS YOU!

The Edge Hill Players are looking for lighting technicians for the MISH-MASH PANTO to be performed on January 28th and February 4th. To offer your skills and assistance please contact Wendy Tansey on 07715 164468 or Terry Marsh on 0779 6801225.

### THE PASSAGE CAROL SERVICE

Please support a Carol Service in aid of *The Passage*, a charity working with homeless people, on Friday 16th December at 6pm in St Margaret's Church, Westminster, the parish church of the House of Commons. Readers include Nick Hancock, Lynda Baron, Kathryn Pogson and Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Admission by advanced ticket only from *The Passage* (020 7592 1856, email [tickets@passage.org.uk](mailto:tickets@passage.org.uk)), minimum recommended donation £25.

### SACRED HEART CHORUS

The SH Chorus would like to invite good choral singers to join them in a performance of Brahms Requiem on June 17th 2017 at Sacred Heart Church. There will be eight Monday evening rehearsals from 7.30-9.30pm - dates to be confirmed. Subscription fee/term is £30 (free for FT students), there will be a workshop for the Brahms Requiem on Saturday 18th March 2017. If you would like to sing or take part in the workshop please register via [www.sacredheartmusic.co.uk](http://www.sacredheartmusic.co.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.

### WIMBLEDON COLLEGE 125th ANNIVERSARY

This year Wimbledon College is celebrating its 125th Anniversary. A new book "*Wimbledon College: The First 125 Years*" has been published to celebrate this. To find out details on how to order the book and more about the anniversary please visit [www.wimbledon-college.org.uk/125](http://www.wimbledon-college.org.uk/125)

### 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 are available at the back of the church.

## Exploring our Faith

### A DAY WITH MARY

Do come for a day of instruction, devotion and intercession 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](http://adaywithmary.org) for more information.

### CHRISTMAS IN LOURDES

Christmas in Lourdes: 6 days by coach, departs 22nd December from London Victoria Coach Station, no overnight travel, full Pilgrimage itinerary in Lourdes & a gift for everyone travelling. £390 per person sharing, £450 in single room, for information and bookings please contact Northern Star Travel on 0161 773 2115 or visit [www.northernstartravel.com](http://www.northernstartravel.com)

### RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

'Why become a Catholic?' Have you ever asked yourself this question? Then perhaps you'll find the answers through the RCIA. The sessions run on Mondays at 7.45-9pm in the Lounge. Please get in touch with Canon John, Sr. Dorothy or Peter Fenwick on [wimparish@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](mailto:wimparish@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk), [dorothyperrott@aol.com](mailto:dorothyperrott@aol.com) or call 020 8946 0305.

**CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY**

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

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK**

Sat 10 6.30pm John & Mary Granahan RIP  
 Mon 12 7.30am Antony Rich RIP  
 10.00am Eugene Rooney RIP  
 6.30pm Nicholas Bustin Ints.  
 Tue 13 7.30am Nicholas Bustin Ints.  
 10.00am Alfred Jessiman RIP  
 6.30pm John Breen RIP  
 Wed 14 7.30am David & Lorenza Boyce RIP  
 10.00am Charles Maxwell Grostate Funeral Mass  
 6.30pm Natasha Ints.  
 Thu 15 7.30am Nicholas Bustin Ints.  
 10.00am Alfred Jessiman RIP  
 6.30pm Evelyn Gallagher RIP  
 Fri 16 7.30am Nicholas Bustin Ints.  
 10.00am Patrick Kirwan RIP  
 6.30pm Dominic DeSousa RIP  
 Sat 17 7.30am Wedding of Aidan & Laura Ints.  
 10.00am John Fennelly RIP

**WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS**

**Those who have died recently:** Max Grostate, Edward Kirchner, Ursula Nash  
**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Patricia Nolan, Chris Cviic, Helen Xavier, Doreen Gearing, Lila Curran, Gloria Rumbelow, Patricia Grant, Elizabeth O'Brien, Margaret Jephcott, Hildegard McManus, Mary Sherlock, Ermelinda Picchiani, Samuel O'Donoran, Bridget Coulon, Dominic DeSousa, Francisco Jose Gutierrez  
**The sick:** Elizabeth Quinn, Felicia Rathbone, Sandra Broadbent, 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 £1,828 in loose plate giving and £467 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £2,295. This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.  
 The special collection for Jesuit Missions raised £3,856. Many thanks for your kind and generous support!

**FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK**

**Monday 12th December** Our Lady of Guadalupe  
**Tuesday 13th December** St Lucy, Virgin and Martyr, Memorial  
**Wednesday 14th December** St John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church, Memorial

**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 of the month 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 super Frère Thibault*, Orlando di Lasso  
*Rorate Coeli*, Palestrina  
*Veni, veni Emmanuel*, 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: sacredheartwimbledonppc@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  
 Admission to Hospital: RC hospital chaplains will only be aware of your admission if you specifically ask for the hospital chaplaincy team to be informed. Please tell a member of the ward staff, it is also helpful to let your parish priest know.