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Newsletter

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The Nativity of the Lord

Weekday Readings for
Christmas Octave
Vol I. psalter week I

Next Sunday's Readings

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

A Christmas blessing on you all



Canon John, Fr Tad and Canon Elias wish you all a happy and a holy Christmas. They are very grateful for the good wishes, cards and gifts that they have received this Christmas. They wish you all every blessing for the coming New Year. The Crib Collection this year will go towards a water project in Fr Tad's home village. Contributions can be made either in the boxes available at the site of the crib or through the parish office. The crib appeal lasts till Sunday 8th January 2017. Envelopes are available for those who would like to gift aid their donation. The Crib Collection will be monitored through the parish account. **Happy Christmas!**

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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)

Parish News

PARKING

Parking in Wimbledon College during the Christmas period is as follows

Sat 24th Dec: 2pm-2am

Sun 25th Dec: 7.30am-2.30pm

Please take care when parking in Darlastan Road! Park only in authorised parking places and please be considerate and do not park across driveways and block residents turning in their own driveways. We must not prove an inconvenience to our neighbours.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT TEAM

The Bereavement Support Team will be thinking and praying for all our bereaved friends at Christmas. Grief is a particularly isolating experience that can affect all aspects of our life, physically, emotionally and socially. On Saturday 31st December, New Year's Eve we invite everyone experiencing loss in their lives, no matter how long ago, to drop-in to the Lounge for a coffee and a chat from 10.30-11.30am. We offer you a warm welcome, for more info please call 020 8946 5198 or email bereavementsacredheart@gmail.com

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.

AT HOME

The next 'At Home' will be on Monday 9th January 2017, time to be confirmed.

SCHOOL SLIPS

School slips will not be collected until the weekend of 14th/15th January 2017.

YOUTH MASS

The next youth Mass will be on Sunday 15th January at 5pm. The youth and young adult team will be leading the music and liturgy. We will be blessing all the candidates for the upcoming Confirmation Programme. All ages are welcome.

SOUTHWARK DIRECTORY 2017

The Catholic Directory of the Archdiocese of Southwark is now available for sale at the Presbytery Reception (£3).

Announcements

OFFICE & RECEPTION OPENING HOURS

The Parish Office and Reception are closed until Tuesday 3rd January 2017. Newsletter distribution will resume on the 7th/8th January 2017.

PARISH SOCIAL CLUB

The Parish Social Club will be closing for Christmas on Friday 23rd December. We will re-open on Friday 6th January 2017 at 8.30pm.

PEACE SERVICE

On Monday 2nd January 2017, 7.30pm there will be a Peace Service at St John Fishers, Merton, SW20 9DB. Refreshments in the Hall after the service.

TRAI DCRAFT

Thank you to all who have supported the Traidcraft stall in the past year. Thanks to your support, a donation of £200 has been sent to the Traidcraft Christmas Appeal to help Kenyan farmers.

CONFIRMATION 2017

Registration for confirmation in July 2017 is still open for those in Years 8-11. Please register on <http://sacredheartwimbledonformeeds.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.

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 6th January 2017 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.

SURPLUS OF CHRISTMAS GIFTS

There will be a Surplus Christmas Gifts sale on Sunday 8th January from 9am-1pm in support of our this year's Crib appeal. (Please leave the gifts at the Presbytery before the 6th January or bring them on the day.)

YOUNG ADULTS - SOCIAL

There will be a Young Adults Social on Friday 20th January 2017 at 7pm at *The Terrace*, Wimbledon, next to Wimbledon Station. A night to meet other young adults in the parish and launch the new programme for 2017. Ages 21-40. For more information please contact Pat Ryan at youthminister@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk

Parish Organisations

WIMBLEDON CANCER FRIENDSHIP GROUP

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 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 (Caleigh Band), a welcome drink (cash bar after that) & a light supper on Saturday 7th January 2017 at 7.30pm in the Upper Hall, Sacred Heart Church. Tickets are still available (maximum 4 tickets /family) from the Presbytery Reception, and will be given out on a first come first served basis.

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.

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 per 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

SOCIAL EVENING FOR FAMILIES

Date for your diaries - The next family social evening is on Saturday March 4th 2017 from 5-7.30pm. This is for Mums, Dads and little ones, of all ages. Children are able to play in the Lower Hall whilst the adults and younger children can chat and relax in the Parish Lounge. The bar will be open and please bring a plate of food to share. For further details please call Rachel Malam 07534 893 737 or Clare Whatling 07900 580 627.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION FACILITATORS

Marriage Care is the largest faith-based relationship support organisation in England and Wales, they are looking for Marriage preparation Facilitators, a Head of Centre and a Publicity Officer to volunteer with us at our South West London centre, and help us in our mission to support couples in the best and worst of times. Please visit www.marriagecare.org.uk or email volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk for more information.

ST CHAD'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Headteacher required for September 2017 at St Chad's Catholic Primary School in South Norwood. Please see the school website for more details www.stchadprimaryschool.com, closing date is Sunday 22nd January 2017 (midnight).

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.

RELIGIOUS OF MARY IMMACULATE SOUTHFIELDS

Job vacancies:

PT cook: 18 h/week, Mon - Sat, for 10 people; fixed term contract.

PT cleaner: 15h/week, Mon - Sat, permanent contract

PT receptionist, zero hours contract. All of them to start asap. For more details please contact Sr Carmen on 020 8788 9477.

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

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, dorothyperrott@aol.com or call 020 8946 0305.

'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 Saturday 14th January 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.

A DAY WITH MARY

Do come for a day of instruction, devotion and intercession on Saturday 21st January at St Agnes, Cricklewood Lane, NW 2, starting at 9.45am with Entry Procession of Our Lady, Angelus, Crowning, Sung Litany Mass in honour of Our Lady; celebrant and preacher Fr John Buckley, sermon on Our Lady by Fr George M Roth FI. Please visit adaywithmary.org for more information.

CELEBRANTS FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Mon	26	10.00am	Jim Kehoe RIP
Tue	27	10.00am	Sarah & Ryan Wedding Ints.
Wed	28	10.00am	Eileen McQuaid
		6.30pm	Roy Anggiansah RIP
Thu	29	10.00am	Mary Ellen Cafferkey RIP
		6.30pm	Theresa Roche Ints.
Fri	30	10.00am	Funeral Mass for Ella Stephen
		6.30pm	Iris Desimer Ints.
Sat	31	10.00am	Carlos Peixoto RIP
		6.30pm	Evelyn Gallagher RIP
Mon	2	10.00am	Flavio D'Souza RIP
		6.30pm	Pat Lacey RIP
Tue	3	10.00am	Patrick & Lena Meehan RIP
		6.30pm	Andrew Cusack
Wed	4	10.00am	Denis Geoghegan RIP
		6.30pm	Teresa Atkins RIP
Thu	5	10.00am	Emery Family Ints.
		11.00am	Funeral Mass for Luisa Derx
		6.30pm	Eleanor McGee RIP
Fri	6	10.00am	Funeral Mass for Marie-Lise Celine
		6.30pm	Ignatius Carvalho RIP

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Luisa Derx, Marie-Lise Celine, Ella Stephen, Eddie Bailham, Audrey D'Rosario

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Josephine Richardson, Janko Zarkovic, Roland Desmier, Ryszard Szuman, Jeremiah Cahill, Clare de Maria, Vernon Fairhurst, Beatrice Dias

The sick: Marcus Wrede, Elizabeth Quinn, Felicia Rathbone, Sandra Broadbent, Daphne Minas, Gabriel Godfrey, Cathy McElroy, Roberto Farina, Fr Brendan Callaghan SJ, Barry Sharrow, Sr Charmain, Camille Endaya, Charlie Bradley, Yvonna Patton, Tracy Byrne, Angela Balogum, Giena Worth, 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 £1,691 in loose plate giving and £678 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £2,369. This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.

A reminder that the collection on Christmas Day is your personal offering to the priests of the parish.

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Monday 26th December St Stephen, the first Martyr
Tuesday 27th December St John, Apostle and Evangelist
Wednesday 28th December The Holy Innocents
Thursday 29th December St Thomas of Canterbury
Friday 30th December The Holy Family of Jesus

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

Carols as announced



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.