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Newsletter

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The Epiphany of the Lord

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The Epiphany of the Lord



Next Sunday's Readings

- Isaiah 49:3. 5-6
- Ps. 39:2.4.7-10.R.vv8.9
- Corinthians 1:1-3
- John 1:29-34

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Canon John, Fr Tad and Canon Elias wish to thank all who contributed in so many ways to make the Christmas celebrations so powerful this year. We would like to thank the Choirs and musicians, the altar servers, readers and special ministers, the flower arrangers and church decorators and cleaners, our welcomers and collectors. We would like to thank the people of the parish for their kind generosity over the Christmas periods especially to all who kindly sent cards and gifts. Now we celebrate 'little Christmas' in the form of the feast of the Epiphany.

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)

CRIB APPEAL 2016

We would like to express words of thanks to all who so generously supported this Christmas' crib appeal. If you still wish to make a donation you are able to do so this weekend before the appeal is closed.

GRATITUDE TO THE JESUIT COMMUNITY

This week we mark the third anniversary of the Jesuit community's handover of the care of the parish to the diocese. We would like to take this opportunity to express our profound gratitude for their continued ministry within the parish community.

PEACE SUNDAY

Next Sunday, 15th January, is Peace Sunday. *Pax Christi*, the Catholic Movement for Peace in England and Wales, are holding their annual collection. Their work is based on the gospel and inspired by faith, their vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, they work with all who share their values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice. Donation envelopes will be collected next weekend. Thank you for your support.

VOLUNTEERS & STAMPS FOR JESUIT MISSIONS

Please keep your used stamps. JM are able to sell them to raise funds for their work across Africa, Asia & Latin America. You can post them to Jesuit Missions, 11 Edge Hill, SW19 4LR or pop the through the letterbox after Mass. JM are always looking for volunteers to join their team which meets for a few hours on the first Thursday/month; to find out more, please contact Paddy on 020 8946 0466 or info@jesuitmissions.org.uk

Parish News

AT HOME

There will be an 'At Home' on Monday 9th January, from 6-8pm. Canon John is available to see anyone who calls in to the presbytery. If you wish to talk about any matter do come along.

SCHOOL SLIPS

School slips will be collected

again next weekend, Programme. All ages are welcome.

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

SOUTHWARK DIRECTORY 2017

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

Announcements

SURPLUS OF CHRISTMAS GIFTS

There will be a Surplus Christmas Gifts sale this Sunday, 8th January, from 9am-1pm in support of this Christmas' Crib appeal.

THANK YOU

Angela Maher and her team wish to thank each and everyone who assisted with the Christmas Lunch 2016. It was a huge success and would not have been possible without your generosity, time, love and support! Thank you!

The parish is deeply grateful for Angela's devoted commitment. After years of being in charge of the Sacred Heart Christmas Lunch, she will step down from organising this very rewarding parish event. We would love to hear from anyone willing to take over the organisation of

this wonderful get together on Christmas Day which has been such a long and cherished tradition at Sacred Heart.

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Do come and have a chat with other parishioners over a delicious continental breakfast on Sunday 15th January in the Lower Hall after the 8.15am Mass up to 12 noon.

CONFIRMATION 2017

The first session for this year's Confirmation Programme will take place on Sunday 15th January after the 5pm Mass. If you have any queries, please email edgesw19@gmail.com

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 info please contact Pat Ryan at youthminister@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk

NEWMAN CIRCLE

Our next Newman Circle meeting will be on Tuesday 27th January at 7.30pm in the Lounge when Fr Nicholas King SJ will speak on the underlying message of St Mark's Gospel. All are welcome! (Please note that this is on a Tuesday).

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.

Parish Organisations

MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP

The prayer group meets every Tuesday at 10.30am for approx. one hour. A simple set of formal prayers is used. This is a great opportunity to pray in a committed way for children. Please contact Polly

Harrison for more information (07815 855 469).

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.

Social, Cultural & Notices

MISH MASH PANTO

The Mish Mash Panto does what it says - it is a mish-mash of every pantomime you have ever seen! Where else would Prince Charming find three leading ladies - Snow White, Cinderella and Sleeping Beauty and a mystery heroine? Sadiq Whittington, Lord Mayor of London, has something of a troublesome Cat to keep him busy. Of course, there are Ugly Sisters and a Good Fairy too, and add to all that a topical twist with a great set of bad-dies, Aladdin and his Genie, children of the parish and a Strictly dance-off - then the mash-up is complete! Performances run on Saturdays 28th January & 4th February at 2.30pm and 7pm in the Upper Hall, Edge Hill. Get Earlybird prices (adults £12, children £6), online (www.edgehillplayers.com) or by phone (07742 230493), tickets will also be on sale before and after all Sunday Masses. All proceeds to the Royal Marsden Hospital.

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 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, 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 SW-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 info.

ST AIDAN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Headteacher required for September 2017 at St Aidan's Catholic Primary School in Coulsdon, CR5 3DE. Please contact Mrs Jennifer Blackburne at clerk@st-aidans.croydon.sch.uk for further information & an application pack; closing date is Sunday 20th January.

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.

STATUE OF OUR LADY

A blessed 12" statue of Our Lady needs a good new home, for more information please contact Teresa on 020 8946 4474.

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 - A short invitation/introduction will be given to the congregation at all Masses this weekend. An introductory meeting is held in the Upper Hall on Sunday 22nd January from 3-5pm, when the retreat will be further explained and the prayer guides assigned. 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 THIS SUNDAY

6.30pm Fr P Gallagher SJ 11.15am Fr M O'Halloran SJ
 8.15am Canon V Elias 12.45pm Fr P Gallagher SJ
 8.30am Fr N King SJ 5.00pm Canon J Clark
 9.45am Canon J Clark 8.00pm Canon V Elias

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 7 6.30am Pat McQuaid RIP
 Mon 9 7.30am Maureen Chioma Obasi Thanksgiving
 10.00am Anne Foucon RIP
 6.30pm Anna Howell Ints.
 Tue 10 7.30am Thomas Donnellan RIP
 10.00am Christopher Banks RIP
 6.30pm Joan Smith RIP
 Wed 11 7.30am Gabriel Godfrey Ints.
 10.00am Fr Gabriele Amorth RIP
 12.00pm Funeral Mass for Audrey D'Rosario
 6.30pm Philippa Mahon RIP
 Thu 12 7.30am Paulina Rosowska RIP
 10.00am Cepta McGrath Ints.
 6.30pm Thomas Limna RIP
 Fri 13 7.30am Charles Early Ints.
 10.00am Rita Germaine RIP
 6.30pm Elizabeth Enright RIP
 Sat 14 7.30am Ivan-V & Volodymyr Krvavych RIP
 10.00am Brian DeLima RIP

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Audrey D'Rosario
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Nicholas Murphy, Gervaise Milward, Anne Hussey, Grace Alvares, Theresa Cooling, John Harte, Maureen Bayat, Mary Harte, Branko Franolic, Madison Rowland, Thomas Limna, Douglas Fewell

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 £1,541 in loose plate giving and £461 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £2,002. This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.

If you change your address or if your tax status changes could you please notify the Parish Office.

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Monday 9th January The Baptism of the Lord
 The end of the season of Christmas
Thursday 12th January St Aelred of Rievaulx, Abbot
Friday 13th January St Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

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 Octi Toni, Lassus
Omnes de Saba venient, Jacob Handl

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.