



# THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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## Newsletter

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### Fourth Sunday of Advent

**Weekday readings for  
4th Week of Advent**

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**Vol I. psalter week 4**

### Next Sunday's Readings

- Samuel 1:20-22.24-28
- Ps. 83:2-3,5-6.9-10.R.v5
- I John 3:1-2.21-24
- Luke 2:41-52

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## Silent Night! Holy Night!

The world seems to hold its breath for just a few minutes every year at Christmas when this one song rings out 'Silent Night! Holy Night!'

The song 'Silent Night' was created during a time of radical change in Europe. For decades, political upheavals, wars, crop failures and economic misery caused people in Europe to experience hardship. With all this in the background, Joseph Mohr, a young priest, wrote what would become his famous poem 'Silent Night' in 1816 in Mariapfarr, Salzburg, Austria. On Christmas 1818 he handed the poem to Franz Xaver Gruber who added a melody to it and that same night the song was



Silent Night Chapel, Oberndorf

performed for the very first time at the end of Christmas mass in Oberndorf. The song expresses a profuse longing for peace, a longing that is just as strong now as it was 200 years ago. It is sung by people all over the world in more than 300 languages and everyone who knows the song has their own special relationship with it.

Canon John, Father Thaddeus, Deacon Julian, Deacon Sean and Georg wish you all a happy and holy Christmas. They are very grateful for the many 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 Pact, a charity that serves prisoners and their families. Thank you for your overwhelming generosity so far! The appeal lasts until Sunday 6 January. Thank you for helping make their operation *Christmas Elf* a huge success!

The Christmas collection is your personal gift to the priests of the parish.

### THE PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Parish Priest: Canon John Clark MA

Parish Clergy: Fr Thaddeus Nwokeji and Deacon Julian Burling

Also Resident: Georg Böckl-Bichler (Student)

Team Members: Sr Francis SSA, Sr Dorothy Perrott OSU and Cristina Connolly

Youth Minister: Eleanor Bowman

Adult Faith Formation Officer: Kelly Hockey

## PARKING

Parking in Wimbledon College during the Christmas period is as follows:

Monday 24 Dec: 9am-2am (after midnight Mass)

Tuesday 25 Dec: 9am-2pm

Please do take care when parking in our neighbouring roads, only park in authorised parking places, do not block drive ways of the residents!

## PEACE SERVICE

'Good politics serves peace', Pope Francis' World Peace Message 2019: Saint John Fisher Justice and Peace Group invites you to a Peace Service on Tuesday 1 January 2019 at 7.30pm. Please join them for refreshments after the service. St John Fisher Church, 207 Cannon Hill Lane, SW20 9DS.

## JESUIT MISSIONS

### CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Across the world JM is working to empower people to achieve their full potential. In Guyana, they are supporting young people to learn new skills after finishing school enhancing their employment opportunities, while in South Sudan they are supporting trained teachers enhancing the quality of education. Visit [www.jesuitmissions.org.uk/christmas-appeal-2018/](http://www.jesuitmissions.org.uk/christmas-appeal-2018/) for more info on how you can support their work this Christmas.

## SURPLUS OF CHRISTMAS GIFTS

There will be a Surplus Christmas Gifts sale on Sunday 6 January from 9am-1pm in the Parish Lounge. All proceeds go to this year's Crib Appeal. Please leave the gifts at the Presbytery Reception.

# Parish News

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

### Christmas Eve

5pm Mass  
7.10pm Carols - 7.30pm Mass  
11.30pm Carols - 12 Midnight Mass

### Christmas Day

8.15am, 9.45am, 11.15am,  
12.45pm, 5pm

### Confessions

24 December 10.30-11.30am  
and from 3-4pm.

Christmas time booklets are available at the back of the church. Please refer to the booklet for Mass times during the Christmas period.

## MIDNIGHT MASS

You are cordially invited to join us for mulled wine and mince pies in the Lower Hall after Midnight Mass.

## AT HOME

Please note that there will be **no At Home** until January 2019.

## OFFICE & RECEPTION HOURS

Please note that the Parish Office and Reception will be closed from 24 December until Wednesday 2 January

2019. This weekend's newsletter (22/23 Dec) will be the last of this year. We will resume our newsletter on 5/6 January 2019.

## SCHOOL SLIPS

School slips will not be collected until 12/13 January.

## SOUTHWARK DIRECTORY 2019

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

# Announcements

## 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 4 January after 6.30pm Mass continuing to midnight. Silent prayer followed by meditations and prayers. Please come, if only for a short visit.

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

On Saturday 29 December from 10.30 - 11.30 am, in the Parish Lounge. Grief is a particularly isolating experience that can affect all aspects of your life, physically, emotionally and socially. The Bereavement Team invite everyone experiencing loss in

their lives, no matter how long ago, to drop in for a coffee and a chat. Come and share how Christmas is going for you. We offer you a warm welcome. For more information call 020 8946 5198 or 07917 120 893 or on the website.



## FIRE DRILL

Good practice & common sense require that we should know what to do if there is a fire in the church. The risks are greatest when the church is very full, e.g. during the Christmas services.

### WE SHOULD ACT AS FOLLOWS:

Pushchairs should not be parked anywhere that restricts access routes.

In the event of a fire:

- Remain calm.
- Follow any instructions given from the altar.
- There are 3 exits from the church.
  - The main rear exit which includes the disabled ramp
  - The rear side exit
  - Exit through the sacristy
- Identify which exits are available, since the fire may cause one or more exits to be unusable.
- Use the full width of all exits by unbolting all double doors.
- Give wheel-chair users and people with limited mobility priority use of the ramped exit.
- If it is dark and the lighting fails, there are torches fixed to the wall near to the 3 exit points.  
People with mobile phones should also use the torch facility on their phone.
- Do not attempt to return to your seat or re-enter the church to retrieve coats/bags etc.
- Do not attempt to return hymn books to the back of church.
- Assemble at the Assembly Point notice on the lawn in front of the church.

## Social, Cultural & Notices

### CORELLI'S CHRISTMAS CONCERTO

All those attending midnight Mass on Christmas Eve are invited to arrive early (at approx. 11.10pm before the carols) when Giles Kennedy & friends will be performing **Corelli's Christmas Concerto**. Come and enjoy this musical meditation on the mystery of the incarnation.

### FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Friday 4 January 2.30pm in the Lounge. Film: *Some Like it Hot* (1959), starring Marilyn Monroe, Tony Curtis & Jack Lemmon; ice creams, tea & cakes. All welcome.

### LUNCHTIME RECITAL

On Tuesday 8 January 2019 David Gammie is playing a lunchtime recital on the beautiful new organ at St George's Church, Hanover Square,

WIS IFX, from 1.10-1.50pm. Friendly faces from Wimbledon will be very welcome!

### VACANCY

St. Teresa's Home for The Elderly requires a PT Care Assistant (25 hrs/week, includes weekends). Subject to DBS checks. For full details please contact the office (020 8879 7366 option 3, or [info@stteresas.home.co.uk](mailto:info@stteresas.home.co.uk)).

### 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 12 January 2019 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*

## Exploring our Faith

### PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE

Fully escorted St Patrick's Weekend Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 16 March 2019. £599.00 pp sharing. Price includes flight with hand luggage, all taxes, luxury transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full Irish Breakfast each morning and 4 Course Dinner each evening. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms at supplement of £100. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278, 07740 175 557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com).

### MOUNT STREET JESUIT CENTRE

You are invited to come for a one-day workshop 'New Beginnings' facilitated by Lynne Galloway on Saturday 5 January from 11am-4pm at Mount Street Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street, London W1K 3AH. Take time for prayerful reflection on the road you travelled in 2018, becoming more aware of God's presence within all the ups and downs of life. And to prayerfully consider what God might be inviting you to at this time of a new beginning. Two other one-day workshops are being held in January: one on the

Spirituality of St Paul facilitated by Brian Purfield on Saturday 19 January from 11am-4pm. All through his letters, Paul encourages his converts to imitate him; for in him they have a model of what it was to follow Christ. On Saturday 26 January from 11m-4pm, a workshop facilitated by Audrey Hamilton will be on *Work, Worship and Wholeness*. Please see [www.mountstreet.info](http://www.mountstreet.info) for online booking or call 020 7495 1673; cost - suggested donation £30 for one-day workshops.

### 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.

### CINDERELLA

Tickets for the Edge Hill Players' next pantomime *Cinderella* - a cast of 80 - are now available to purchase, please visit [www.edgehillplayers.com](http://www.edgehillplayers.com) to book (book your tickets now for a special early bird price). Performances will be on Saturdays 26 January 2019 at 2.30 & 7pm and on 2 February at 2.30 & 7pm.

**The Sew Must Go On!** Calling all sewing bees, the Edge Hill Players need help with making costumes for their forthcoming pantomime, *Cinderella*. If you are a dab hand with a needle and thread please contact Wendy Tansey on 07715 164 468.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please put down the following concert dates in your diaries:

- Stars of Sacred Heart Wimbledon and award winning London Accordion Orchestra ask you to join their world on Saturday 18 May 2018 at 3pm. Save the date for a fundraising concert spectacular!!
- The Sacred Heart Choir and Orchestra will perform Bach's B Minor Mass on Saturday 22 June in the church.

**CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY**

6.30pm (Sat) Fr T Nwokeji      11.15am Fr T Nwokeji  
 8.15am Fr M Barnes SJ      12.45pm Canon J Clark  
 8.30am\* Fr T Byron SJ      5.00pm Canon J Clark  
 9.45am Canon J Clark      8.00pm Fr T Nwokeji

\* SH School Mass Centre

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK**

Sat 22 6.30pm Sarah Loftus RIP  
 Mon 24 7.30am Maura Gormley MacMahon RIP  
 10.00am Dced members of Wang Family RIP  
 6.30pm Noel Forster RIP  
 Wed 26 10.00am Jim Kehoe RIP  
 Thu 27 10.00am Joelecta Macedo Ints.  
 6.30pm Debbie Murphy Farrell RIP  
 Fri 28 10.00am Helen O’Keffee RIP  
 6.30pm Tommy McLedd RIP  
 Sat 29 10.00am Maria Rodriguez Luis RIP  
 6.30pm Ned & Margaret Loftus RIP  
 Mon 31 6.30pm Bertha D’Costa RIP  
 Tue 1 10.00am Seamus Keegan RIP  
 6.30pm Mr & Mrs Magee RIP  
 Wed 2 7.30am Breda Rita Maher  
 10.00am Bruce & Rosie Doig  
 6.30pm Mr & Mrs Scott RIP  
 Thu 3 7.30am Danny Kelly RIP  
 10.00am Mela & Ferdinand RIP

**WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS**

**Those who have died recently:** Tony Kane, Serenella Randolph, Bertha D’Costa, Francie McHugh

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Margaret Elliot, Dorothy Toohill, Ryszard Szuman, Beatrice Dias, Nicholas Murphy, Gervaise Milward, Anne Hussey, Rui Braganza

**The sick:** Sheena Wilson, Kieran Walsh, David Carrier, Paul Saunders, Marian Spencer, Rita Westbrook, Mary Purcell Cosgrave, Trinity Kerin, Roberto Farina, Damji Vadhia, Brian & Margaret Birch, Alina Hancock, Simon Hull, Doug Cusack, Lalita Nagar, Cath O’Neill, Andrew Tan, Tom Searle, John Burke-Gaffney, Donald Derx, Margaret Lumley, Electa Almeida, Giena Worth, Brian Sewell

Please note that for data protection reasons, since the 25th of May people have to 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 NL sick list.



**COLLECTIONS**

Collection at Mass last Sunday came to £1,679 in loose plate giving and £407 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £2,086. This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.

**FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK**

**Wednesday 26 December** St Stephen, First Martyr  
**Thursday 27 December** St John , Apostle & Evangelist  
**Friday 28 December** The Holy Innocents, Martyrs  
**Saturday 29 December** St Thomas of Canterbury, Bishop, Martyr  
**Sunday 30 December** The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph  
**Monday 31 December** St Sylvester I, Pope  
**Tuesday 1 January** Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

**EXPOSITION**

Sundays: 3.00 - 4.00pm  
 (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**

Mass XVII, Plainsong  
 Dixit Maria, Hans Leo Hassler  
 Ave Maria, Jacques Arcadelt

**PARISH SERVICES**

Parish Office/Reception Hours: 9am - 5pm (Mon-Fri) 9.30am - 1pm (Sat) 9am - 1pm (Sun) [A range of religious and greeting cards are on sale at very competitive prices - please feel free to call to view.]

Executive Assistant & Hall bookings: Thelma D’Costa (Mon - Fri 9.30am - 5pm) Caretaker: George McLennan

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.