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Newsletter

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Second Sunday of Advent

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Weekday Readings for
2nd week of Advent
Vol I. psalter week 2

Next Sunday's Readings

- Isaiah 35:1-6.10
- Psalm 145:6-10. R.cf.Is35:4
- James 5:7-10
- Matthew 11:2-11

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Prepare Ye The Way Of The Lord:

These words echo through the readings offered to us in the lectionary for this season of Advent. Each time I hear those words I can't help but remember the lively chorus sung in the musical



'Godspell' The words are both joyous yet challenging. 'Prepare', infers that something has to be done. Actions have to be taken. 'Prepare the way of the Lord' directs those actions to our selves. We, each one of us, needs to prepare—to get ready for the coming of the Lord. Advent is the perfect time to do that preparation. As we await the celebration of the birth of Our Lord in the stable at Bethlehem we

remember that Jesus comes to us most especially through the sacraments. There is a strong tradition in the church that we make our Christmas Communion having completed our Advent preparation. To receive that Eucharist worthily we should receive the sacrament of reconciliation before our Christmas Mass. There are many opportunities to go to confession for Christmas. Confessions are heard each day at 6pm

as well as our usual times on a Saturday. During the week leading up to Christmas we will have two priests available at each time. In addition to the regular times for Reconciliation there will be a parish Reconciliation Service on Thursday 15th December at 8:00pm. We hope to have a number of visiting priests available to help us on that evening. Do take the opportunity to receive the loving merciful forgiveness of God our loving Father. That truly is a great way to 'Prepare the way of the Lord' this Advent. There will also be a special service on Thursday 22nd December at 8pm. This will be a service of readings and hymns in preparation for Christmas. Put both dates in your diary.

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

This 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. Thank you for your support!

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 10am Mass.

FR LEON PEREIRA

Medjugorje Chaplain to English speaking pilgrims will give a talk on Healing, Prayers, Peace, etc. 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>

MEMORY LANE CLUB

Every Wednesday morning from 10.30am onwards to 12.30pm in the Parish Lounge. Open to everyone who suffers from memory loss/dementia and their carers. Refreshments, chat, bingo, snooker, music as well as various games and activities available - all in an informal, friendly and fun atmosphere. Email: edgehillmemorylaneclub@gmail.com

Parish News

SPECIAL MASS

We will celebrate a Mass to mark the end of the Year of Mercy this 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.

AT HOME

There will be no 'At Home' on Monday 5th December.

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!

Announcements

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://sacredheartwimbledonformeas.com> The programme will start with an introductory evening on Sun 11th Dec. 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 edgeswl9@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 have a meeting on Sunday 4th December, 6.15-7pm in the Lounge.

CHARISMATIC GROUP

There will be no Charismatic Prayer meeting on the 5th of December due to the End of Year Mercy mass at 8pm. The prayer meetings will resume

on the 16th of January 2017 in the church.

ADVENT SERVICE

On Thursday 22nd December from 8 - 8.45pm, there will be an Advent Service of psalms and readings with music from the 9.45am Sunday music team.

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 if you wish to be involved. Help from parents and any shepherd/king costumes would be appreciated.

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.

The monthly drop-in will be on Thursday 22nd December from 3.15-4.30pm.

MANNA SOCIETY

The Manna Centre at Melior Street supports the many homeless in that area with the opportunity to get food, clothing and medical care. Any donations of dried or canned food, toiletries, I can be left in the green bins inside the Lower Hall.

Social, Cultural & Notices

PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2016

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

GENERATIONS TOGETHER IT CLINICS

This term's last session of *Generations Together IT Clinics* will take place on Friday 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.

'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 December from 7.15-9pm at the Raynes Park Library. Read one of your own compositions or a favourite piece from the treasury of Christ-

mas 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).

'SIMEON'S WATCH'

Riding Light is coming to Wimbledon, Holy Trinity, The Broadway, SW19 1SB on Thursday 8th December at 7.30pm with the play *Simeon's Watch, a puzzle in the family at Christmas*, by Bridget Forman; tickets (£12/£10conc.) are on sale locally 020 8540 8189 and on ridinglights.org/simeon

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.

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; 250 tickets are available (maximum 4 tickets /family) from Thelma D'Costa, Parish Office and will be given out on a first come first served basis.

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.

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.wimbledoncollege.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 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.

A DAY WITH JESUS

You are most welcome to a day with Jesus on Saturday 10th December. It starts at 8.30am with Adoration of

the Blessed Sacrament, spiritual reflection, prayer, devotions, confession and at 11am a special Mass for the sick followed by anointing of the sick and prayers over individuals. Venue: St Boniface Church, Tooting, SW17 9PG.

LOVE HEALS BODY MIND AND SPIRIT

The Love Heals Body Mind and Spirit team welcomes you to a morning of quiet reflection, Catholic meditation and healing prayers at Sacred Heart Church, on Saturday 10th December in the Lounge after 10am Mass

from 10.30am-1pm, starting with tea & coffee. (Eileen & David Brum 020 8542 2476

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

CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 3 6.30pm Nicholas Lewis RIP
 Mon 5 7.30am John Martin RIP
 10.00am Karel Hubicka RIP
 6.30pm Patrick McManamon RIP
 8.00pm Special Mass for End of Year of Mercy
 Tue 6 7.30am Francisco C. Delgado RIP
 10.00am Alfred Jessiman RIP
 6.30pm Nicholas Bustin Ints.
 Wed 7 7.30am Nicholas Bustin Ints.
 10.00am Monica Brennan RIP
 6.30pm Chrissie Burbidge RIP
 Thu 8 7.30am Nicholas Bustin Ints.
 10.00am Alfred Jessiman RIP
 6.30pm Alan Paul RIP
 Fri 9 7.30am Peter Barnes Brady RIP
 10.00am Evelyn Corrigan RIP
 6.30pm Nicholas Bustin Ints.
 Sat 10 7.30am Nicholas Bustin Ints.
 10.00am Chris Cviic RIP

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Max Grostate, Edward Kirchner, Ursula Nash
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: James Westbrook, Richard Milward, Nicholas Howard, Patrick Kelly, Suzanne Carmen, Natalino Falzon, Elizabeth O'Brien, Matthew De Souza
The sick: 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 £1,717 in loose plate giving and £841 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £2,558. 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

Sunday 4th December Bible Sunday; St John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday 6th December St Nicholas, Bishop
Wednesday 7th December St Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, Memorial
Thursday 8th December The Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday 10th December St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

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 brevis in D minor, Antonio Lotti
Confortamini et iam, Orlando Lassus
There is no rose, Ronald Center

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