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Newsletter

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The Presentation of the Lord Candlemas

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Next Sunday's Readings

- Isaiah 58:7-10
- Ps 111:4-9. R.v 4
- Corinthians 2:1-5
- Matthew 5:13-16

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The Presentation of the Lord

The events of the Presentation of Our Lord are recorded in Luke's Gospel. Mary and Joseph took the infant Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem forty days after his birth to complete Mary's ritual purification after childbirth, and to



The Presentation in the Temple (ca. 1430) by Alvaro Pirez

perform the redemption of the first born son, in obedience to the Torah. Luke explicitly says that Joseph and Mary take the option provided for poor people (those who could not afford a lamb) sacrificing a pair of turtle doves or two young pigeons. The law as listed in Leviticus indicates that this event should take place forty

days after the birth of a male child, hence the Presentation is celebrated forty days after Christmas. Upon bringing Jesus into the temple, they encountered Simeon. The Gospel records that Simeon had been promised that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. Simeon then uttered the prayer that would become known as the *Nunc*

Dimittis which prophesied the redemption of the world by Jesus. Simeon then prophesied to Mary: *Behold this child is set for the fall and the rising of many in Israel.* It is the meeting of the human and the divine in the person of Jesus that we celebrate today. He is the light for the revelation to the Gentiles and for the glory of your people Israel.

THE PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Parish Priest: Canon John Clark MA

Parish Clergy: Fr Joseph Donkor MA, Fr Dennis Bukunya CSSp and Deacon Julian Burling

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

Youth Minister: Eleanor Bowman

Adult Faith Formation Officer: Kelly Hockey

SECOND COLLECTION

Next Sunday 9 February is Racial Justice Day. The second collection that day will be in support of the work of the Catholic Church to promote racial justice in our schools, parishes and in wider society. Thank you for your continued generosity.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

We urgently need a volunteer to drive elderly/infirm people to Mass at the Sunday 12.45pm Mass. As a member of a team of four, the commitment is once every four weeks and drivers arrange swaps when they cannot make their normal duty. If you can help, please contact Jenny Cairns on 020 8947 7320.

ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

Saturday 8 February is the Feast Day of St Josephine Bakhita - the patron saint of victims of modern slavery and human trafficking. On this day Catholics are encouraged to pray for all those affected by the crimes of modern slavery and human trafficking that they might find the support and care they need to start a new life, and for the people who volunteer and work to eradicate this crime.

There will be a celebration of the feast of St Josephine Bakhita on Sat 8 Feb. at St Stephen Catholic Church, Welling (DA16 3QL): Holy Mass at 10.30am presided over by Bishop Patrick Lynch, followed by a presentation by the Santa Marta Group (SMG), titled: 'The Presence of Human Trafficking in our Communities', discussion and a light lunch. For more info please visit <http://santamartagroup.com/>

Parish News

AT HOME

There will be an *At Home* on Monday 3 February from 7.30 - 9pm.

PARISH NOTICE BOARDS

We are planning to refresh and reorganise the notice boards in the Church Lobby.

This means that some of the existing notices may be moved or taken down. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Chair of the PPC Anne Waldron at anne@annewaldron.com.

CHRISTMAS GIFT SALE

The surplus Christmas gift sale raised £375 in aid of the Church Appeal. A heartfelt thank you to all who have donated so generously!

SCHOOL SLIPS

School slips will be collected again this weekend.

Announcements

MESSY CHURCH

On Tuesday 4 February from 4.30-5.45pm in the Lower Hall, families with primary school aged children are invited to join us to explore a bible story in new and creative ways. There will be games, arts & crafts to help us explore the theme, refreshments will be available. Please contact Eleanor for more information and to register your interest: elea.nor.bowman@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk

SACRED HEART NIGHT SHELTER

Our parish will be running a Night Shelter in the Lower Hall for Merton homeless

people. This will be in shifts on Sundays from 5.30pm-9am for seven weeks between 15 March to 26 April. Our guests will be welcomed between 6 and 8pm, offered a hot meal, shelter for the night, and breakfast in the morning.

Adult volunteers are invited to help us running this project for the following shifts on one or more Sundays: 5.30-10pm helping to cook dinner or greeting guests on the evening team (5-6 persons); 10pm-7am stay overnight (2pers.), 7-9am help with breakfast and clearing up.

Training for volunteers is essential, a training session

will be held on Wed 5 February from 7-9pm or Sun 9 February 3-5pm at the YMCA Wimbledon, 200 The Broadway, SW19 1RY. Please email David (dthurst52@gmail.com) for more information or to volunteer. Thank you for considering to volunteer!

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 7 February after 6.30pm Mass continuing to midnight. Silent prayer followed by meditations and prayers.

Parish Organisations

YOUTH GROUP

Our Youth group for those in y8+ will meet again this Sunday in the Youth Room from 6-7.45pm and all are welcome. Please contact Eleanor for more info: elea.nor.bowman@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Friday 7 February at 2.30pm in the Lounge. Everyone is welcome to join us for BINGO! Fun, Prizes, Tea and Cakes.

SUPPER FOR WIDOWERS

On Friday 7 February the Bereavement Support Group have booked for supper in a restaurant for all men who have lost their wives however long ago. If you would like more information about this or to be added to our booking, please contact Sadie at 8946 5198 or sadiesmith3@talktalk.net. All widowers are most welcome!

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, men's clothing etc. can be left in the green bins inside the Lower Hall.

FAMILY CRAFT MORNING

On Sunday 9 February, after the 9.45am Mass, there will be an Arts & Crafts morning with a Creation theme for families in the Lower Hall. Please contact Eleanor for more information.

Social, Cultural & Notices

CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS

Sunday 2 February; Borough: A Candlemas Walk along the Thames river to the Tower of London, meet at 3.30pm, Church of the Most Precious Blood, OMeara Street London SE1 ITE (nearest tube: London Bridge). Please wear clothes that are suitable for the weather conditions, walks are kept no matter the weather, so be prepared! For more information please visit <https://www.catholichistorywalks.com>

GOSPEL SINGING WORKSHOP

West Barnes Singers are holding a Gospel Singing Workshop with Rachel Huggins (twice finalist in BBC

Gospel Choir of the Year will include a Sacred Heart Competition) on Saturday 8 February from 10.15am-1.15pm at New Malden Methodist Church, 49 High Street, KT3 4BY; cost £15, open to all singers. For more info contact Penelope Prendergast on 020 8648 3987.

MUSIC FOR LENT

Tuesday 10 March at 7.30pm (please note correct date) in the church. David Gammie plays Petr Eben's dramatic musical illustrations of the *Book of Job*, with bible readings by Dr William Griffiths.

SACRED HEART CHORUS

Please save the date: Saturday 13 June, the Sacred Heart Chorus' next concert

will include a Sacred Heart Church favourite: Mendelssohn-Bartholdy's *Lauda Sion*. If you would like more information about joining the chorus please contact Sheena on sheenamacd@btinternet.com

RICHARD CHALLONER SCHOOL

Richard Challoner School would like to warmly invite past pupils to *The Richard Challoner & Friends Alumni* event on Sat 14 March from 3-6pm at Richard Challoner School. A great opportunity to meet up with old friends. Drinks & nibbles will be served. Please register your interest at www.challonerandfriends.com/events/save-the-date

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.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASSES

Link for live streaming of daily 10am Masses and Sunday 8pm Masses: www.churchservices.tv/wimbledon

VACANCY

Wimbledon College seek a team leader to co-ordinate 28 Learning Support Assistants as they are wishing their Senior LSA a well-deserved and happy retirement at Easter, please contact Annette Lawlor 020 8879 9323 or visit www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk/about-us/job-opportunities for application pack.

Exploring our Faith

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The SH Charismatic Prayer Group will be meeting in the Youth Room for an evening of prayer, praise & worship on Monday 3 February at 7.30pm. All are welcome. Audra (07958 782 779 audra.wamsteker@gmail.com).

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, celebrating the feast of St. Patrick. 16-20 March, £599.00 p/p sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all transfers, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with breakfast & dinner, all entertainment, excursions, lunches on days out. Wheelchair accessible rooms. Single

room supplement £100. Contact Patricia on 01268762278 or 07740 175 557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

TALKS FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Young people are warmly invited to attend a series of talks about Mary this February & March. The talks, organised by a number of Southwark Clergy for the *Faith Movement*, will take place at Our Lady of the Assumption and St Gregory RC Church, 24 Golden Square, W1F 9JR, at 7pm on Tuesdays 4 (*Mary in the Plan of God* by Fr Michael John Galbraith) & 18 February, 3 & 17 March. Light refreshments will be available after each talk. All welcome.

SCRIPTURE AND CATECHESIS

Saturday, February 15, 10.30am-2.30pm Centre for Catholic Formation-SW17 8BS: as part of the various initiatives in Southwark relating to the *Year of the Word 2020*, Fr Gerry Mulvihill and catechists from St Thomas More church in Dulwich will be sharing their experiences of lectionary-based catechesis in the morning of this special study day. In the afternoon, staff members at the Centre will look at other ways in which Scripture informs and enriches catechesis and the handing on of faith. Tea & coffee provided; bring your own lunch. Donations for the event are welcomed (www.ccftootingbec.org.uk/)

A SHARED JOURNEY OF FAITH



If you are interested in exploring the Christian faith within the Catholic Church you are welcome to journey with us through weekly meetings held on Mondays in the Parish Lounge. For more information please take a leaflet from the back of the church entitled R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults into the Catholic Church).

CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

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| 6.30pm (Sat) Fr J Donkor | 11.15am Fr J Donkor |
| 8.15am Fr D Bukenya | 12.45pm Fr D Bukenya |
| 8.30am* Fr J Donkor | 5.00pm Fr M Barnes SJ |
| 9.45am Canon J Clark | 8.00pm Fr M Barnes SJ |

* SH School Mass Centre

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

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| Sat | 2 | 6.30pm | Ned & Margaret Loftus |
| Mon | 3 | 7.30am | Lawrence Evans Ints. |
| | | 10.00am | Maureen Kelleher RIP |
| | | 6.30pm | Thanksgiving |
| Tue | 4 | 7.30am | Brian McNerney |
| | | 10.00am | Anne Morton RIP |
| | | 6.30pm | Ranjit Croos Fernando RIP |
| Wed | 5 | 7.30am | Sheena Wilson RIP |
| | | 10.00am | Emelda Indra Pedropillai RIP |
| | | 6.30pm | Thanksgiving |
| Thu | 6 | 7.30am | Indra Pedropillai RIP |
| | | 10.00am | Paul Ints. |
| | | 12 noon | Funeral Service for John Penny |
| | | 6.30pm | Matthew Honeyman Ints. |
| Fri | 7 | 7.30am | Indra Pedropillai RIP |
| | | 10.00am | Bertha D'Costa RIP |
| | | 6.30pm | Rita De Lambert RIP |
| Sat | 8 | 7.30am | Indra Pedropillai RIP |
| | | 10.00am | Worrall Family Ints. |

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Marcela Mendoza, John Penny, Ellen Fleming, Liduvina Macias

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Angela Roots, John Pannell, Diana Ferrari, Joselina Serafin Machado, Saverio Calise, Sheena Wilson, Rubertina De Souza, Carine French

The sick: Margaret Tolmie, Peter Kosciolk, Pauline Hearn, Brendan Hollingsworth, Tilly Walters, Ian Parr, David Carrier, Colin Sims, Mary Ann Williams, Maria Keaveney-Jessiman, Annette Wheatley, Paul Jong, Richard Conceicao, Sheila Soodin, Maureen Searle, Kieran Walsh, Paul Saunders, Carol Donnelly, Damji Vadhia, Margaret Birch, Manjula Topno, Alina Hancock, Simon Hull, Lalita Nagar, Cath O'Neill, Andrew Tan, Tom Searle, John Burke-Gaffney, Donald Derx, Margaret Lumley, Electa Almeida, Brian Sewell

Please note that for data protection reasons, individuals must 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 sick list.



COLLECTIONS

Collection at Mass last Sunday came to £926 in loose plate giving and £1,045 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £1,971. This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.

The second collection in support of *Pax Christi* raised £1,681. Thank you for your generous donations.

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Monday 3 February St Blaise, Bishop; St Ansgar, Bishop

Wednesday 5 February St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

Thursday 6 February Ss Paul Miki, Priest & Companions, Martyrs

Saturday 8 February St Jerome Emiliani; St Josephine Bakhita; Day for Victims of Trafficking

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

Missa brevis in F, Giovanni Casini

Senex puerum portabat, William Byrd

Laudate nomen Domini, Christopher

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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: ppc@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk or contact Anne Waldron (Chair) at anne@annewaldron.com or 07886 034 323

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.

[St George's Hospital Chaplaincy: Fr Mark Higgins (020 8725 3069)]