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Parish Newsletter

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Parish Office Open on Monday—Friday 10am– 1.00pm

**10th/11th December 2016
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year A)
Gaudete Sunday**

Sat 6.30pm Holy Souls
Sun 9.00am Vera Hutchinson (Kathy Jankowski)
11.00am Maria Simmonds (Kathy Jankowski)
12.30pm **Baptisms:** No Baptisms
6.00pm People of the Parish

**THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT
12th– 10th December 2016**

Mon 12th **Feria**
9.30am Honora Miles RIP (Pat Parker & Family)
Tues 13th **Saint Lucy**
9.30am In Thanksgiving to Sacred Heart (Kathy Jankowski)
Wed 14th **Saint Ambrose**
9.30am Sheridan Family & All Relatives (Anne Sheridan)
Thurs 15th **Saint John of the Cross**
9.30am Ottavio D'Agostino (Franco D'Agostino)
Fri 16th **Feria**
9.30am Michael Simmonds (Maria Simmonds)
Catherine & Thomas Mulrose RIP (Kathleen Kelleher)
Sat 17th **Feria**
9.00am Bridie Fillmore (Carol, Mark, Michelle)

**17th/18th December 2016
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year A)
Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers**

Sat 6.30pm McDonagh Family
Sun 9.00am Thulasi Patheerathan
11.00am Edward & Gerard - Thanksgiving (Anne Sheridan)
12.30pm **Baptisms:** No Baptisms
6.00pm People of the Parish

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION THIS WEEK
Saturdays 9.30-10.00am and 5.30 to 6.00pm**

Please remember in your prayers all those who have died especially those whose anniversary falls at this time. We remember also all those who mourn the loss of loved ones.

Please remember and pray for the sick, the housebound and all who care for them, especially those within our own parish community:

Vanessa Andrew, Arthur Bailey, Christina Beyer, Mary Burrows, Jim Creighan, Martin Dray, Anthony Durkin, Jenny Elbourough, Robert Estall, Tony and Mavis Fisher, Geoff Grenade, Anne Groves, Thomas Haley, Fr David Hutton, John Keane, Jan Leightley, Roisin Loftus, Frances Powell, Simon Munnery, Pat Parker, Lewis Penn, Cecelia Russell, Genny Santhirasagarum, Rouben Sarkissian, Cerys Sullivan, Roman Szymanski, Chris Wade and Mrs Wallace.

REGULAR EVENTS IN THE PARISH

SVP meet fortnightly on Wednesdays at 7.30pm.
Next meeting: Thursday 22nd December.
To contact SVP please ring **07427922420.**
Junior SVP meets at 6.30pm.

Justice & Peace Group meet on the second Monday of each month at 7.45 in the RDJ Room, except July, August and December.

St Vincent de Paul Coffee/Tea in the Old Chapel
Every 3rd Sunday of every month after the 9am mass.

Afternoon Tea and Chat in the RDJ Room
2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at 2pm.

Monthly Syro Malabar Mass is on the fourth Saturday of each month at 3.00pm.

Library: last weekend of the month - after Saturday 6.30pm and Sunday 9am Masses.

Union of Catholic Mothers meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 8pm.

Knights of St Colomba every 3rd Monday at 8pm in RDJ Room.

Cafe: Every Wednesday after the morning mass.

Afternoon for Adults meets 2-4pm on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays every month, in RDJ room.

The Kingston Franciscan Fraternity meet in the Pastoral Centre on 3rd Saturday of the month at 3pm.

Next Sunday's Readings:

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Gospel Matthew 1:18-24

Last Sunday's Collection: £ 1622.71

Thank you for your continued generosity.

SACRAMENTS and LITURGY

BAPTISMS IN THE PARISH

Parents who want to have their children baptised are expected to follow the two Baptism Preparation Sessions held on the 1st & 2nd Sunday of the month (except in of August) between

10.00am – 11.00am in the parish hall.
Please speak to the priests first and register as early as possible.

RCIA - continues 12th December at 6.30pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION '17

Next meeting for First Holy Communion parents is on Monday 9th January at 7.30pm in the parish hall.
Next Preparation for Children is on Saturday 14th January at 10.30am.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Deceased

With sadness we announce the deaths of Fr Eamonn Whelan and Deacon Braz Menezes who died recently. Please keep them in your prayers.

TODAY—Toy Sunday

The new toys and games brought to masses this weekend will be given to Kingston and Richmond Homestart, and Refugee Action Kingston, both of whom support families in need in this borough. With thanks for your generosity. Any questions please call George Hoskins 07949334349

OLI CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

The OLI Christingle Service will take place on Wednesday 14th December at 5.30pm in the Church. This Service is a special Church Service that is held for children during Advent and celebrates Christ, who is the Light of the World. Children (and adults) are invited to bring a Christingle to the Service. A Christingle consists of an orange, decorated with a red ribbon, sweets and / or dried fruits, in which a small candle is placed. (Instructions on how to make a Christingle can be found on the Parish website (<http://www.olionline.co.uk>)). A candle will be provided when you arrive at the Service).

Advent Penitential Service

Our Annual Advent Penitential Service is this coming Friday, 16th December at 7.30pm. Please make use of this opportunity to make your Sacramental Preparations for Christmas.

Denis McBride

Thank you to all those who came to the talk on Infancy Narratives given by Fr Denis McBride. All those of you who came I am sure will agree that it was a wonderful few hours opening up our understanding of the differences between the gospels of Luke and Matthew.

We are delighted to say that Fr Denis McBride will be with us again on Saturday 11th March 2017. He will lead the day on the Passion Narratives. This will also be our Annual Day of Recollection for the Eucharistic Ministers. As Eucharistic Ministers you are expected to attend a Day of Recol-

lection each year, please keep this day free to attend. This day is also open to all parishioners.

Novenas to Saint Anthony and Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Novena Prayers to Saint Anthony each Tuesday after morning mass and at 6.30pm.

Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help each Wednesdays at 6.30pm.

“Help Needed for all Christmas Masses — *Volunteers are needed for all our Christmas Masses i.e. 6.00 pm Christmas Eve, Midnight, 8.00 am, 9.15 am and 11.00 am on Christmas Day. We need Altar Servers, Readers, Gift Bearers, Collectors, Welcomers and Eucharistic Ministers. If you can help at any of these masses please add your name to the appropriate sign-up sheet in the RDi room. We need a lot of people to ensure these masses are successful so please help if you can and thank you in advance for your assistance. Jacques Lambert Parish Master of Ceremonies.”*

Kingston Foodbank Collection

Our next Foodbank collection is due to be after all Masses next weekend (17/18 December) – so do please remember to bring donations, even if it is one item, it really does help to make a difference. We need new, in-date, undamaged, non-perishable food, and donations can be left in a box in the church porch.

Food they continue to need at the moment is milk (long life or powder), fruit juice (long life or squash), vegetarian meals (tins of macaroni cheese, vegetable curry, vegetable chilli, ratatouille etc), noodles (packets or pot noodles) and steamed puddings. Also, it might be nice to include some Christmas treats (e.g. chocolates, biscuits).

Many thanks for your continued support. OLI Foodbank Team

SVP Christmas Lunch

Saturday 17th December at 12 noon. If you would like to come please speak to Fr Edward or one of SVP members.

The St Vincent de Paul Society have launched their Christmas Time Ap-

peal.

Although they always need and welcome financial donations, they're also asking parishioners to give a little of their time to help others by joining our parish SVP group. As you plan your Christmas celebrations,

spare a thought for those who dread the festival season. For many it's a time of profound loneliness and solitude, while for others it means not being able to afford the family presents or delicious food that the rest of us take for granted. But giving a little of your time or money (or both) to help those in need could transform someone's bleak Christmas. It might be the best gift you've ever given.

To find out more please contact a member of your parish SVP group.

9am Music Group

Would you like to join our music group for the 9am mass?

We are always looking for new members. Singers / instrumentalists - all welcome! Please email Radka: radka1.weedon@btopenworld.com

♪ Singing is good for you! ♪

Come and sing with our choir at the 11am Sunday Masses. More details from Rosemary (07557057083) or Mary (020 8399 8013)

We are also looking for a competent pianist who would be interested in learning to play the organ.

Daily Reflections for the Season of Advent

The Diocesan Spirituality Commission offers daily reflections during Advent. To receive these reflections email southwarkdsc@gmail.com



PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS continued

Knights of St Columba—Special Request to help Erect the Crib

For over 40 years, the local Knights of St Columba have erected a large crib scene at the front of the Church, on the roof over the Repository. This scene has helped demonstrate the real meaning of Christmas to all who pass along the Broadway.

Unfortunately, there are now not sufficient fit and able local Knights to continue this valuable work, and whilst we have

recruited some willing helpers, we would welcome further offers of help. The Knights will erect the crib inside the Church, and will be doing this on Saturday (17th Dec) after Mass. Whilst we feel we can deal with this less strenuous task this year, if you feel you could also help, then we would welcome offers. If you feel you could help, please contact Mark Draper on 020 8399 0446

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Carol Service in Aid of The Passage

Please support a Carol Service in aid of The Passage, a charity working with homeless people, on Friday 16 December at 6.00 pm in St Margaret's Church, Westminster, the parish church of the House of Commons. Readers include Nick Hancock, Lynda Baron, Kathryn Pogson and Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Admission by advanced ticket only from The Passage tel. 020 7592 1856 email tickets [@passage.org.uk](mailto:passage.org.uk) minimum recommended donation £25.

VISIT TO THE TOWER OF LONDON AND THE SHRINES OF CATHOLIC MARTYRS

WEDNESDAY

14TH DECEMBER, 10.45 AM TO 1.30 PM

This trip is being organised by Kingston University's Faith and Spirituality leader the Revd. Andrew Williams, whom many of you will know. As well as viewing various parts of the Tower, we will be escorted to the crypt of the Tower's church, St. Peter ad Vincula, for a visit to the shrines of the Roman Catholic martyrs, SS. John Fisher and Thomas More. These are normally closed to visiting members of the public. The focus of the visit will be on the connection between the Tower of London and our country's religious history, including the many people martyred there. There is no charge but booking is essential. If you are interested, please contact Deacon Peter deaconpetersebastian@gmail.com or 07921 667679. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

THE INCARNATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

TALK BY

SEBASTIAN MORELLO, CCF

Friday 16th December 7.30 pm in Alexander House

As part of our Advent preparation, we have invited Sebastian Morello to talk about the Incarnation. Sebastian is the Adviser for Catholic formation for the South-west London Area of Southwark Diocese at the Centre for Catholic Formation (CCF), Tooting Bec. He is also the co-ordinator for the "Rite of Election" for adults under instruction for Baptism and Confirmation and oversees the Diploma in Catechesis. Before joining the CCF, he worked for Family Life International and the Catholic Truth Society.

YOUTH 2000—Greater/Things

New Year Retreat for 16-35 year olds from 29th December—1st January. Nye—London. A time to renew your faith and make friends with other like-minded Catholics. Details from: 01328 821153 Info@Youth2000.org or www.Youth2000.org Please see notice board.

CYMFED Flame

Flame National Youth Event for school year 10+ taking place on

11th March 2017 at the SSE Arena, Wembley. Music from Matt Redman. Please see poster for details. Bookings at: cymfed.or.uk/flame2017

Proposed Changes to Admissions Arrangements – Consultation Period

The governors at Our Lady Immaculate are intending to remove from the admissions policy 2018, the clause in criterion 2 relating to sib-

lings resident in other parishes.

The draft admissions arrangements can be found on the school website (<http://www.oli.kingston.sch>) or hard copies are available from the school office along with a response form if required. It is intended to remove from the policy the section highlighted in yellow on both the Draft Admissions Policy 2018 and the accompanying Draft Supplementary Information Form 2018. The consultation period lasts from Monday 28th November 2016 to Monday 9th January 2017 and responses must be received by then. Please respond via email to: admin@oli.rbksch.org or post to: Annie Goodman, Clerk to the Governing Body, Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School, 399 Ewell Road, Tolworth, Surrey KT6 7DG.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Please see next page for times of all Christmas Services

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2016

Wednesday	14th December	5.30pm	Christingle Service
Friday	16th December	7.30pm	Penitential Service

Christmas Masses

Saturday	24th December	6.00pm	Vigil Mass
		11.30pm	Carols followed by Midnight Mass
Sunday	25th December	8.00am	Mass of Christmas Morning
		9.15am	Mass of Christmas Morning
		11.00am	Mass of Christmas Morning

No Evening Mass

New Year Masses

Saturday	31st December	6.30pm	Mass
		10.00pm	Holy ½ Hour
		10.30pm	Mass
Sunday	1st January	8.00am	Mass
		9.00am	Mass
		11.00am	Mass

No Evening Mass

ADVENT PRAYER

Lord Jesus,
Master of both the light and the darkness,
send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations
for Christmas.

We who have so much to do,
seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.

We who are anxious over many things,
look forward to your coming among us.

We who are blessed in so many ways,
long for the complete joy of your kingdom.

We whose hearts are heavy,
seek the joy of your presence.

We are your people, walking in darkness,
yet seeking the light.

To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"

(Henri Nouwen)