

THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS (Year C)

6th January 2019

Parish Newsletter

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 5th/6th January 2019

6.30pm John William Tumilty –RIP
9.00am Alice & John (*Caterina Burton*)
11.00am Bertha D’Costa— Month’s Mind
6.00pm Holy Souls

6th/7th January 2019

Mon 7th **Feria of Christmas Time**
9.30am Freda Caislin—Good Health & Recovery

Tues 8th **Feria of Christmas Time**
9.30am Dennis Peiris — RIP (*Gihan Peiris*)

7.00pm **Vincent Neba Ayamnde—RIP**
(Requiem Mass)

Wed 9th **Feria of Christmas Time**
9.30am Stephen Fleming—RIP (*Susan Fleming*)

7.00pm Frances Jarvis—RIP (*Audrey Swallow*)

Thurs 10th **Feria of Christmas Time**
9.30am Christopher Holland—RIP (*L & M Holland*)

Fri 11th **Feria of Christmas Time**
9.30am Vincent Ayamnde — RIP (*Monica Tett*)

Sat 12th **Feria of Christmas Time**
9.00am Leslie, Cyril, Eileen, Charles and Friends & Relations of Swallow & Jarvis Families—RIP

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (C) 12th/13th January 2019

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY BEGINS

6.30pm Ken Stacey & Nellie Walmsley (*M. Stacey*)

9.00am Deceased of Punter’s Family (*M. Radford*)

11.00am Thanksgiving — 25 Years of Marriage
(*Helen Emmett*)

6.00pm *Pro Populo*

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday—Friday,
8.30am; Saturday after 9am Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday: 9.30am—10am & 5.30—6.00pm

NOVENAS

1. Novena Prayers to Saint Anthony each Tuesday after the morning Mass and after the evening Mass.
2. Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help each Wednesday after the evening Mass.

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH: Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima

NIGHT ADORATION: Every 1st Saturday of the Month after the 6.30pm Mass **until 8.30pm**

Please remember in your prayers all those who have died, especially *Vincent Neba Ayamnde* (father of Winnie Groves), *Christopher Holland* and *Irene Janota*, and 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, Martin Dray, Anthony Durkin, Sue Ewen, Pauline Ferrara, Ann Groves, Thomas Haley, Roisin Loftus, Pat Parker, Eileen Pearce, Heather & George Trutwein, and Yvonne Norman.

REGULAR EVENTS IN THE PARISH

St Vincent de Paul Meetings

First and third Wednesdays at 7.45pm.

Next meeting: 16 January 2019

To contact SVP please ring the presbytery

Junior SVP meets at 5.15pm.

SVP Coffee Morning in the Old Chapel

3rd Sunday of every month after the 9am Mass.

Justice & Peace Group

Second Monday of each month at 7.45 in the RDJ Room, except July, August and December.

Afternoon Tea and Chat in the RDJ Room

2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at 2pm.

Repository

The repository is open the first Saturday of every month after the 6:30 pm Mass and the first Sunday after the 11 am mass. It is open every Sunday after the 9 am Mass, excluding school holiday.

Library:

3rd Sunday of every month - after the 9.00am Mass with SVP Coffee Morning.

Union of Catholic Mothers

Third Tuesday of each month except August at 7.30pm in the Old Chapel.

Knights of St Columba

Every 3rd Monday at 4pm in RDJ Room.

The Kingston Franciscan Fraternity

Pastoral Centre on 1st Saturday of the month at 3pm.

Prayer Group—Tuesday at 10.30am— 12noon (RDJ Room) except 1st Tuesday.

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS:

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16,21-22

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

CRIB OFFERING 2018

Our Crib Offering this Christmas will be donated to the Catholic Children's Society's Southwark Crisis Fund.

This fund provides emergency grants for children and families in our Archdiocese who are facing crisis in their lives. Every single penny donated to the Crib will be given out via these grants.

We still have one week to go within the Christmas Time. Please kindly visit our Crib to pray and, if you are able to do so, donate towards this noble course. Thank you.

Baptisms in the Parish

After consultation with the Infant Baptism Catechists, from January 2019, the following process would be followed in the administration of Infant Baptism in the parish:

1. Parents who want to have their children baptised are to make appointment with the Priests/Deacon during which they will complete a mandatory paperwork, collect an information pack, and agree on a date.
2. They are expected to follow two Baptism Preparation Sessions, to be held on the first and second Sundays of every other month from 10am to 11am in the Old Chapel.
3. The Sacrament will be administered only after the two sessions have been completed.
4. You may complete the two sessions before the birth of your child.
5. Normally, Baptism will be celebrated at 12.30pm on Sunday, BUT also on other dates/time subject to arrangement with the minister.

RCIA PROGRAMME 2019

Are you an adult who is not yet baptised? Or an adult who was baptised in another Church and would like to join the Catholic Church? Or an adult baptised Catholic who has not yet been confirmed?

Kindly consider joining the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) programme towards full incorporation into the Catholic Church.

If you feel called to explore taking this important step in your journey of faith—even if you may not be sure whether this is the right time for you to do so—please contact Father Ignatius .

WEARING OF HEAD COVERS BY MEN IN CHURCH

In recent times, especially at the 6pm Mass on Sunday, I have had occasions to have a polite conversation with a few gentlemen who wear hats or baseball caps inside the Church, on the inappropriateness of doing so. I would like to make the following clarification on this subject.

Firstly, it is true that the good Lord welcomes all of us despite ourselves—who we are, what we wear, etc. Still, the Christian understanding of the Church as a **Sacred place**, not just as a mere building or a social space (see Matthew 21:12-13; John 2:13-17), obliges all who come into the Church to at least maintain some basic decorum and comportment, as much as possible, especially inside the Church and during the sacred liturgy. Thus, from ancient times, the Christian/Catholic tradition enjoins gentlemen to take off their hats, caps, head scarves, etc. as a sign of respect and worship. Moreover, in the Catholic tradition, in utmost reverence to the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist—either on the Altar during Mass or reserved in the Tabernacle. This is why we genuflect in worship towards the Tabernacle whenever we enter the Church or cross the aisle from one side of the Church to the other. Every society has some basic ethos and etiquettes; the Church isn't an exception. An openness to embrace such rules, I believe, is implied in our voluntary membership of the Church. I pray this rather tentative explanation would be of any little help. **PP**



A FOLLOW-UP TO THE 1ST OPEN EVENING: 20/01/2019, 10-10.50AM

I want to thank all who attended our maiden Open Evening with me in October 2018—and for your frank feedback.

The need to conduct a similar session on a Sunday morning, between 9am and 11am Masses, has been suggested by many; and I would like to take this up on Sunday, **20 January 2019, 10-10.50am.**

May I appeal especially to parents and young people to make every effort to attend this session.

Social and Games Changes from January: Last Sunday of each month, social and games will take place after 11 mass in the Old Chapel. Please call Helen, the YSVP coordinator on 07402327177 for any further information.

SVP Meeting: 16 January, 7.30pm in the old Chapel.

Junior SVP meets at 5.15pm at the same venue.

SPUC WHITE FLOWER APPEAL 2019

The Society for the Protection of the Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual White Flower Appeal in our parish next weekend. SPUC is currently campaigning to stop the decriminalisation of abortion, which means taking abortion outside the law. This is the most dangerous threat to unborn children and their mothers in decades.

Please be as generous as you can help us defeat this latest attack on unborn babies and their mothers.

CHRISTIAN UNITY OCTAVE

The annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be observed from 18-25 January 2019 on the theme:

“Justice and only justice you shall pursue” (Deuteronomy 16:18-20).

This year's prayer for unity has been prepared by Christians from Indonesia.

For prayer resources, please visit http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/pontifical_councils/chrstuni/weeks-prayer-doc/rc_pc_chrstuni_doc_20180621_week-prayer-2019_en.html

UCM BRING-&-BUY SALES!

Tuesday, 15/01/2019 at 7.30pm in the Old Chapel. Please contact Rosemary Butcher on 0208 241 9275

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A valuable resource for contacts and events in the diocese. Available for purchase at the Repository: **£3** only.