

Archdiocese of Southwark

SACRED HEART of JESUS CAMBERWELL PARISH NEWSLETTER



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Sunday Masses.

6:00pm (Sat) 8:30am 10:00am 11:30am* 6:00pm with Children's Liturgy 3:00pm (KCH chapel)

Confessions

Saturday 10.30-11.00am, 5.00 - 5.45pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Sunday 4:30 - 5:30pm Friday 7:30 - 8:30pm. First Friday of every month after 9.00am mass - till dawn

Morning Prayer

Monday - Friday 8:45am Saturday 9:45am

> **Prayer Groups** Rosary

after weekday Masses

Sacred Heart Association:

Friday 6.00pm

Our Lady & Divine Mercy:

Thursday 5:30 pm

Legion of Mary Seniors: Thursday 7pm **Legion of Mary Juniors**

Sunday 1pm

Catholic Charismatic Renewal

Saturday 7pm

Union of Catholic Mothers.

1st Sunday of every Month. 1.00pm

St. John Bosco Youth club & Junior Altar servers Tuesdays 5.30pm

> Bible Study group Mondays 7.30pm

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

The Nativity of Our Lord

24th - 28th December, 2015. Christmas Day.

Thursday 24th Christmas Eve. 9.00am Doreen Barnett. 12.45pm Mary Forde. Thanks

7.00pm Children Christmas Vigil Mass

(children to dress as a character from Nativity scene)

11.00pm **Carol Service**

00.00am Midnight Mass.

People of the Parish.

The Nativity of The Lord. Friday 25th Kathleen Gray. Sick 8.30am

10.00am Patrick Regan. R.I.P 11.30am Norman Popp. R.I.P

Thanks: David Ompreon. 6.00pm Anonymous private Intention.

Saturday 26th St. Stephen. First Martyr. (Patron Saint. Altar Servers)

10.00am Josephine Popp. R.I.P

6.00pm Anonymous private Intention.

Sunday 27th The Holy Family of Jesus Mary & Joseph.

8.30am George Popp & family. Clare Cozens, R.I.P. 10.00am 11.30am John Okpaloafe, R.I.P.

Thanksgiving: Goma family, Kenneth & Mirabel & family.

6.00pm Anonymous private Intention

Monday 28th The Holy Innocents.

> 10.00am Anonymous private Intention.

Mission Statement.

We, the Parish community of Sacred Heart, Camberwell celebrate the presence of Christ in our lives. Central and true to our name, we celebrate, we stand, and we dedicate our lives, witnessing to the unfailing love and friendship of God, through His beloved Son, in whose Heart of love we find daily strength for our journey.

We are a Catholic community, diverse and multicultural. Everyone has a voice and everyone is welcome. We strive to make visible, God's love and care for the world in word, sacrament, and service to all. Nourished by the sacraments and in our diversity, we strive to create a supportive parish family that fosters communication. We use our talents as responsible stewards-accountable to God, to our neighbour, to our community and to the world at large. Rev. Fr. Victor Darlington.

Natices for the Week

Parish finance. Parish finance.

Collection: **First collection** for the Parish amounted to £697.25

Gift Aid amounted to £385.00

Second collection for "Parish Needs mounted to £260.75.

This week-end second collection is for "Parish Needs."

Thank you for your generosity.

Crib collection this year is for Southwark crisis fund, please be generous.

Christmas collection: Christmas offering in the Archdiocese of Southwark is the Parishioners expression of gratitude to their priests. Thank you for your generosity.

We wish you all a joyful celebration of Christmas and every blessing for the New Year.

Fr. Victor, Fr. Paul , Fr. Ben & Deacon Samuel

Books in honour of Fr. Victor.

Two books in honour of Fr.Victor's Silver Jubilee are now available in the repository. Kindly purchase your copies and support this charity fund for poor children and brilliant children whose parents cannot afford their university education.

Mission Appeal 2016

Our Annual January Mission Appeal this year is for the "Verona Fathers Mission Appeal " which will take place on the week-ending the 9th / 10th January 2016. Please be generous to this appeal.

Parish diaries are now available in the repository.

St. Joseph's school: On Sunday 10th January Mrs. Gallagher, Ms Kirrane And Miss Jameson will be speaking to us at all Masses about St. Joseph school, please join me to welcome them that weekend to the Parish.

Christmas programme, 2015

Monday 21st December from 10.00am
Christmas Anginting for the sick and

Christmas Anointing for the sick and housebound.

Thursday 24th December 7.00pm Children's vigil Mass

All Children to come dressed as a character from the Nativity scene
11.00am Carols - Midnight Mass.

Friday 25th December 8.30am, 10.00am, 11.30am, 6.00pm. Saturday 26th December 10.00am only.

Sunday 27th December: 8.30am 10.00am, 11.30am 6.00pm.

Monday 28th December: 10.00am only.

Thursday 31st December: 11.00pm Holy Hour followed by Midnight Mass.

New Years Day: Friday 1st January 2016: 10.00am only

St.Joseph's Blog continued...

St.Joseph's blog is about the news of Jesus' birth.

The child will spend the rest of His life hunting for what was missing and he will never find it because the first belonging was never there. With all the nurture and care he's received in the womb, every child is primed for an assured welcome, confident that he's heading out of his warm hiding place to an expectant world of hospitality and embrace. Surely, no child, Mary insisted, "expects to arrive unclaimed? You, Joseph, are his belonging, his own, his destination. May you be the climate of gentleness and strength in which he grows to discover whatever destiny awaits him. Help me, Joseph, please do, and help our child to become what the three of us are meant to be."

What could I say? How could I disagree with her pleading? The time approached and the women of the village gathered in readiness to welcome what they all knew to be another miracle. They fussed and fetched and wiped and whispered in what appeared to me to an invincible female conspiracy, while I felt a bit useless, hovering in the background.

From somewhere inside me a voice taunted from the shadows: "Unneeded for the conception, can't you be useful at the birth? And then I heard another voice challenge. "Get over it, Joseph! What you haven't ushered into being, you can foster in becoming.

To be continued......



Pope Francis's Prayer for the Year of Mercy

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.

Show us your face and we will be saved. Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things, made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repententant thief.

Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman:

"If you knew the gift of God!"
You are the visible face of the invisible
Father, of the God who manifests his
power above all by forgiveness and
mercy; let the Church be your visible
face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified

You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen

Please pray :

- for the Holy Father's Universal Intention for this month, that all may experience the Mercy of God, who never tires of forgiving.
- for Evangelisation: that families especially those who suffer, may find the birth of certain hope.
- For the faithful departed, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

For the housebound and our sick brothers and sisters: Lucy

Monrose. Carmel Tertullien, Sue McCarthy, "Peter Kellegher, Velda Eileen Hartnett, Jessie Vincent, Emeka Okoye, Birdie Heffernan, Angela Smith, Margaret Lynch, Rita Greenaway, Ashley Isochukwu Igwebike,

Janet George, Eileen Nimmo, Joan Bastin, Johanna Sims, Ursula Lubrano, Basil Pereira Andra Martin, Troy Benjamin, Lucy Toussaint,

Rocky Fernandes, Kathleen Lennon, Marie Cody, Minnian Davies, Marie August, John Barron, Aldrick Leonce, Rueben Jameson, Michael Donlan, Josephine Enwezoh, Pascal Ocloo, Philomena Ocloo, Kathleen Gray, Timothy Ryan.

Robert & Eileen O'Dempsey, Indria Singh, Arielle Miambanzila, Paulin Ngang, Ulina Pierre,

Cían Dinsmore, Ewen Aitchison, Rasheeda, Beatrice Owumi, Gabriel Owumi, Grace Izegbu,

James McDonald, Fr. Chris Dooley, Mary Regan, Elsie Devereaux, Eileen Moore, Doreen Barnett, Marie Perla. Barbara Kendall, Shaun Smith. Agnes Omeike. Adelaide Peters,