



# SACRED HEART of JESUS CAMBERWELL

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

Archdiocese of Southwark

The Nativity of the Lord. 2017



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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)

### Confession:

Sat: 10.30am - 10.45am  
5.00pm - 5.45pm

### Eucharistic Adoration:

Sunday 4:30 - 5:30pm  
Friday 7:30 - 8:30pm

### Morning Prayer

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

### Rosary

After weekday Masses

### Prayer Groups

### Sacred Heart Association:

Friday: 6.00pm  
First Friday 7:30pm

### Our Lady & Divine Mercy:

Thursday 5:30 pm

### Legion of Mary Seniors:

Thursday 7.00pm

### Catholic Charismatic Renewal

Saturday 7.00pm

### Legion of Mary Juniors

Sunday 1.00pm

### Monday 25th

8.30am  
10.00am  
11.30am

### Tuesday 26th

10.00am

### Wednesday 27th

10.00am

### Thursday 28th

10.00am

### Friday 29th

9.0am  
7.00pm

### Saturday 30th

10.00.am  
6.00pm

### Sunday 31st

8.30am  
10.00am  
11.30am

6.00pm

11.00pm

Midnight

### Monday 1st January, 2018.

10.00am

### The Nativity of the Lord. (Christmas Day)

Andrew Nimmo. R.I.P  
Patrick Regan. R.I.P  
James Ryan R.I.P David Ompreon. B'day

### Saint Stephen. First Martyr.

Anastasia & Raymond Alfred. R.I.P

### St. John. Apostle & Evangelist.

Perpetual Anigbogun. Special intention  
Joachim Nnaeme. God's forgiveness.  
John Okpaloafe. R.I.P

### The Holy Innocents. Martyrs.

Ella Connolly.

### Fifth day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord.

Ann McGuire.  
Pat Edmonds.

### Sixth Day within the Nativity of the Lord.

Thomas Connolly. R.I.P  
Joshua Ahoua. B'day

### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph.

John Sims. R.I.P  
Arinze Ani. Intention..  
Mr. & Mrs. E. Okorafor. Wedding Thanks.  
Christina Kyekyire. 70th B'day, Vivian Iweka & family, end year thanks,  
Peter & Elizabeth Ezekwo. R.I.P  
**Okoi family.**

### Holy hour

People of the Parish. Benejo. B'day

### Soleminity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Vivian Iweka Thanksgiving.



# NEW YEAR

### Mission statement

We, the Parish community of Sacred Heart, Camberwell celebrates 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 .

# NOTICES FOR THE WEEK

**Parish Christmas Collection:**  
**The Priests of the Parish wish to thank you for generous donations and well wishes during this festive season.**  
**Collection To be published next week.**

**This weekend's second** collection is for Parish Needs.

**Church Repairs Appeal:** The total so far is £16041.03 Thank you for your generosity.

**Crib offerings** this year is for the Catholic Children's Society Southwark Crisis fund.

**.RCIA:** the next R.C.I.A class will be held on Wednesday 10th January at 7.00 - 8.30pm in the Church hall. The topic for the week : The Sacrament of Holy Orders, Brother Chika will explain all about this topic to us on that day. All are invited.

**Prayer request:** Deacon Peter Okojie will be ordained a priest on Saturday 6th January at Abuja. He is requesting for our prayers on that day and has promised to return to Camberwell to celebrate a mass for us all sometime in February.



**Annual Parish Pilgrimage to Fatima.**

As previously announced, the parish is organising a Pilgrimage to Fatima in Portugal. This pilgrimage will take place during the October half term - Monday 20th - Saturday 27th October, 2018. This is the half term week so children can also go on this pilgrimage. The cost for the full package which includes flight, full board hotel accommodation, full day excursion to Lisbon, guided tour etc., is £541.00 per person based on 2 people sharing a double room. Full details of the programme are available on the notice boards in the entrance porches. IF you would like to be part of this pilgrimage, please contact the parish office for a booking form as soon as possible

**Funeral Mass**

Funeral Mass for Yorbinson Chinyere, will take place on Saturday 20th January at 6.00pm Mass. All parishioners are invited to attend this funeral, as Yorbinson was a devoted parishioner and our legal adviser until his death. Choir, Ushers and Altar servers please take note.

**St. Stephen's Feast day** December 26th: All Altar Servers - Junior and Senior League are encouraged to attend Mass on that day at 10.00am as they ask for the intercession of their Patron Saint.

**Confirmation**

The first class will take place on Friday 19th January at 7.00pm in the Parish hall. Please note that the first meeting is compulsory for all Candidates and one parent or guardian. The date of the confirmation is on Friday May 18th at 7.00pm. Forms are still available at the priest's sacristy, for adults who wish to be confirmed.

**No Consultation and form signing** with Fr. Victor during the Christmas season for any urgent matter please call the Parish Office

**Christian Unity: 18th - 25th January, 2018**

**Ecumenical Vespers (Evening Prayer)**

For the week for Christian Unity with St. John the Divine Church of England, will take place at 7.00pm at St. John the Divine Church, Vassal Road on Thursday 25th January 2018. Bishop Karowei Dorgu Bishop of Woolwich, will preside and Bishop Patrick Lynch our area Bishop will preach. Please take note of this date and all are invited to be part of this annual celebration

**Christmas Message.**

Let us adore Baby Jesus in the manger. A Baby easily wins the heart and love of anyone with human feelings, but how much more does this baby win our heart and love. Let us kneel before Baby Jesus and thank him for coming to save us this Christmas.

Imagine, Jesus, the Son of God and our Saviour born in a stable and placed in a manger instead of in a cot!  
 When God comes he usually comes in humility, silently and peacefully, without causing a great disturbance.  
 God's humble coming in Jesus would not surprise us if we knew God better.

But of course we will never know God sufficiently to understand. So no matter how much we try to understand becoming human in Jesus we will not be able to comprehend, it will remain a mystery. The best reaction is that of the shepherds, simply to praise god.

Jesus in the manger, you give us hope. In the darkness of our world, your light has shone.  
 Your coming in gentleness encourages us to hold out the hand of reconciliation, to help one another, to work for peace.

We remember the message of the Angels; "Glory to God in the highest heaven and on earth peace."  
 Baby Jesus, help us to be people of peace and to spread peace everywhere we go.

**Merry Christmas to you all and every blessing for the 2018.**  
**Fr. Victor Darlington.**

**Christmas Programme 2017**

(Please note there will be **no 6.00pm Mass** on today)

**Tuesday 26th December** 10.00am

**Wednesday 27th December** 10.00am

**Thursday 28th December** 10.00am

**Friday 29th December** 9.00am & 7.00pm.  
**(Please note there will be no 12.45pm)**

**Saturday 30th December:** 10.00am & 6.00pm

**Sunday 31st December** 8.30am, 10.00am 11.30pm, 6.00pm.

**New Year's Eve** 11.00pm followed by Mid-night Mass.

**Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God New Year's Day:** Monday 1st January 10.00am only.

**Please note: New Year's Eve : No 4.30pm Adoration on Sunday 31st December Holy Hour at 11.00pm**

**The Parish clergy: Fr. Victor Darlington, Fr. Damian Esene, Deacon Samuel Gyepi-Garbrah wishes all a peaceful and Holy Christmas.**

**Please pray for: The Holy Father's Universal Intention for this month :**

that the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

*For the faithful departed: Phyllis Jack. R.I.P.* May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen

*For the housebound and our sick brothers and sisters:* Ruby Cookman, Debritu Hadgu, Donaldson Opoku, Lucy Monroe, Sue McCarthy, Peter Kellegher, Eileen Hartnett, Jessie Vincent, , Adelaide Peters, Margaret Lynch, Birdie Heffernan, Angela Smith. Joan Bastin, Marie Cody, Patricia Magranaghan, Bridie Murphy, Eileen Nimmo, Timothy Angol, Rita Greenaway, Ali Brothers, Agnes Omeike, Andra Martin, Ashley Isochukwu Igwebike, Anthony Okoh, Johanna Sims, Ursula Lubrano, Troy Benjamin, Lucy Toussaint, Basil Pereira, Kathleen Lennon, Minnian Davies, Marie August, John Barron, Aldrick Leonce, Rueben Jameson, Alba Juliana Ramirez. Anna Gypei-Garbrah, Kenny Lawal, Kathleen Gray, Timothy Ryan. Robert & Eileen O'Dempsey, Indria Singh, Ulina Pierre, Arielle Miambanzila, Paulin Ngang, Cian Dinsmore, Sheelah & Nesar Ali, Ewen Aitchison, Rasheeda, Kelly Knightly, Joan Gould, Beatrice & Gabriel Owumi, Zandra Evans,, Eileen Moore, Agnes Smith, James Mc Donald, Fr. Chris Dooley, Velda, Mary Regan, Marie Perla, Elsie Devereaux, , Maura Davron, Doreen Barnett, Barbara Kendall, Shaun Smith, Esther Eugene. Declan Finn, Caleem McDonagh, Jean Gibbs **Margaret Charles.**