

## SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Senior Citizens of the parish are warmly invited to a Christmas lunch which will be held on **Monday 10 December** at 1.00pm in the parish hall. If you would like to come, **please give your name to Vivienne in the parish office by this Monday 3 December at the latest.** Thank you.

## CHRISTMAS QUIZ NIGHT

The Social Committee would like to thank Doug Berry for compering the Christmas Quiz and once again entertaining us with his anecdotes. A warm thank you to the many parishioners who attended, making it a successful and enjoyable evening, and lastly we would like to congratulate the 'all ladies' table who won for a second year running. We hope you can all make it again to next year's quiz and welcome the opportunity for any new faces to join us.

## TAKE SOME TIME TO REFLECT THIS ADVENT....

Advent is a very special season of the year – and yet it can sometimes pass us by, because we're so busy preparing for Christmas. For the past couple of years, our diocesan Spirituality Commission has produced a series of short daily emails, to help us focus on the true meaning of Advent. These have been very well received, so we would like to make more people aware of them. To sign up, please visit [www.southwarkdsc.org.uk](http://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk)

## SUNDAY COFFEE HELPERS NEEDED

Would you be willing to help prepare and serve refreshments after the 10.00am Mass on Sunday with a small team just once every six weeks? If so, please contact Vivienne in the parish office.

**PARKING FOR PARISHIONERS** who attend Mass is available in our own car park and, at the weekend, in Tabor Gardens. We ask parishioners to avoid blocking cars in, parking in spaces reserved for disabled badge holders and across the entrance to the church.

**EPSOM & DISTRICT IRISH ASSOCIATION'S** next dance is on **Friday 14 December** at the Rhodrons Club, Rhodrons Avenue, Chessington KT9 1BA (020 8397 2683). Dancing 8.30—11.30pm featuring Declan Gaynor. Local parking, raffle and licensed bar. Tickets £5 on the door. We donate all monies to various charities eg The Children's Trust, Princess Alice Hospice, Guide Dogs.

**FULLY ESCORTED ST PATRICK'S WEEKEND PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE** 16 March 2019. Full details are on church notice boards. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com).

# CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST CHRISTOPHER

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| Sun           | 2 Dec  | 10.00am Mass with Children's & Young People's Participation   |
| Mon           | 3 Dec  | Parish Council Meeting 8.00pm   |
| Fri           | 7 Dec  | <b>EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</b> for one hour after 9.00am Mass<br><b>St Christopher's Craft Circle</b> 10.30am—12.30pm |
| Sun           | 9 Dec  | <b>Family Nativity Performance</b> 3.30pm   |
| Mon           | 10 Dec | <b>Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch</b> 1.00pm in the hall  |
| Wed           | 12 Dec | <b>St Christopher's Craft Circle</b> 7.00—9.00pm  |
| <i>Weekly</i> | Wed    | <b>Toddler Group</b> 9.45—11.15am (term time)   |
|               | Fri    | Coffee in the hall after 9.00am Mass  |
|               | Sun    | <b>10.00am Mass: Children's Liturgy</b><br>Refreshments in the hall after Mass  |

**2 December 2018 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)**

Sat	1	1800	Mary Reilly RIP Anniversary
Sun	2	0830	Charles & Mary Dancy RIP (Richard & Elizabeth Dancy)
		1000	People of the Parish
		1200	Deceased Members of the Nyunt Family (John, Marie, Glen, Nolan, Benny) (Paula Nyunt)
Mon	3	1000	<b>Saint Francis Xavier, Priest, Memorial</b> Irene & Helen Kerr RIP (Geraldine Kerr)
Tue	4	0900	Nellie Gallagher RIP (Hugh Gallagher)
Wed	5		<i>No Mass</i>
Thu	6	0900	Mary Phillips RIP Anniversary (Linda Gilham)
Fri	7	0900	<b>St Ambrose, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church, Memorial</b> Wellbeing of Christopher Vaughan (Mary Brookes)
		0930-1030	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Sat	8	1030-1100)	Sacrament of Reconciliation
		1700-1730)	

**9 December 2018 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)**

Sat	8	1800	People of the Parish
Sun	9	0830	Ethel & Tony Knight RIP & Patricia Spooner RIP (Gwen Docherty)
		1000	Geraldo & Regina de Bastos RIP (Elaine Bastos Wooldridge)
		1200	Peter Jablonski RIP Anniversary (Jablonski Family)

<b>LAST SUNDAY</b>	Attendance	510	<b>Catholic Youth Work</b>
	Plate	<b>£ 473.09</b>	Plate
	Gift Aid	<b>£ 470.18</b>	Gift Aid
		<b>£ 943.27</b>	<b>£ 291.17</b>

**CAFOD Connect2: Ethiopia** Jan—Jul **£ 347.12** *Thank you for your offerings.*

**GIFT AID LETTERS**

A significant tax return filing deadline falls on 31 January 2019. Anyone still requiring a letter setting out their Gift Aid contributions should take note that it takes at least a week to produce such letters and that the information contained in the letters can only be sent out by mail and not by email. Please allow plenty of time when requesting such letters.

**APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO CATHOLIC PRIMARY & SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

Parents of children of two years of age and older are reminded to collect a certificate after Sunday Mass, which will provide evidence of the record of attendance when they apply for a place at a Catholic school.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF** Cyril Waters, a parishioner of long standing, whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated here on Thursday 13 December at 12.30pm (please note the change of date).

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:**

Jill Atkin, Peter Barry, Oonagh Bulaitis, Michael Burke, Pat Carbery, Carmel Curtis, Marie Deans, Melba De Silva, Patrick Egan, Patrick Gill, Sean Healy, Umberto Inostroza, Margaret Jones, Patrick Kennedy, Indira Louis, Michael McKenna, Michael Moores, Ivan Pedropillai, Leslie Pinto, Catherine Thompson, Maria Tobin, Denis Vaughan, Nan Waldron, Ghylaine Lebentz Walter, Nickii Wright and one other parishioner.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Henry Alexander Roy Abbott, Arian Antony, Bobby Finbarr Patrick Hurley, and Dave Hudson Don Nielson who were baptised here last Sunday.

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES:** Please take a Christmas Services card from the church.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS, READERS, ALTAR SERVERS & COLLECTORS**

Please add your name to the list in the Sacristy if you are able to help at one of the Christmas Masses.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS** are invited to collect a copy of the new rota, which starts next weekend, from the sacristy.

**FATHER LUKE (REV CANON ANTHONY VERHEES)**

Father Luke is celebrating his 90th birthday on 18 December 2018. To mark the occasion, he will be saying a special Mass in the school chapel of St Philomena's School, Pound Street, Carshalton SM5 3PS on **Sunday 16 December** at 12.00 noon, followed by a get together and light refreshments in the school hall afterwards. (NB: Please use the entrance in Shorts Road SM5 2PB, opposite the end of Alma Road). Father Luke looks forward to seeing you there.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019**

If your child is in Primary School Year 3 (or above) and you would like to enrol them in next year's First Holy Communion Programme—if **you feel they are ready**—please take a Registration Form from the church.

If your child is accepted, classes for him or her will start in March on Saturday afternoons, and First Holy Communion will be celebrated on the weekend of 15/16 June 2019.

The closing date for registration is Sunday 16 December.