

# CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST CHRISTOPHER

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## CELEBRATING FAMILY

The feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph on Sunday 31 December is a chance for us all to think about our own families and to celebrate them. This coming year offers an unusual opportunity to do just that in a very special way indeed. On August 21-26 the World Meeting of Families (WMOF) will take place in Dublin; its highlight, a visit by Pope Francis.

During the WMOF, there will be a wide-ranging programme of talks and workshops for adults, events for young people and various activities for children, in addition to exhibitions, cultural events and musical performances plus daily Mass.

All are welcome at this important and joyful international gathering. So why not start planning a visit now, perhaps as your annual holiday?

More details will follow—watch the parish newsletter and noticeboards.

For further information contact Carole Batty of the Southwark Diocesan Marriage & Family Life team on 07913 904 997 or email [carolemflkent@gmail.com](mailto:carolemflkent@gmail.com)

## CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Mission of the Catholic Grandparents' Association is to help grandparents pass on the faith and to keep prayer at the heart of family life. Pope Francis, meeting sick children on his birthday earlier this month gave them this advice: "Talk to grandparents, elderly, God." For more information and for the Catholic Grandparents' prayer and latest newsletter, please visit [www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org](http://www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org)

## APPLICATIONS FOR ST CECILIA'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL NURSERY INTAKE 2018/19

The closing date for applications for Foundation 1 is 31 January 2018 for children whose dates of birth range between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015. Please contact the school office on 020 8337 4566 or via email on [office@stcecilias.school](mailto:office@stcecilias.school) if you wish to apply for a place or to check that your child's application is complete.

**2018 ST PAUL MISSAL** - copies may be purchased for £5 from the bookrack at the back of the church.

## 2018 SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC DIRECTORY

Copies of this useful directory which gives details of Catholic churches and Mass times for Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation are on sale at £3 from the book rack at the back of the church. Please place the correct money in the 'Newspapers' box in the front porch of the church.

## NEWSLETTER

24 December 2017

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

and

31 December 2017



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH (B)



Sun 24 Dec

**CHRISTMAS EVE Mass Times:**

6.00pm

Vigil Mass of Christmas

9.00pm

Midnight Mass (preceded by Carols)

Mon 25 Dec

**CHRISTMAS DAY Mass Times:**

9.00am

Mass at dawn

10.30am

Mass during the day

Tue 26 - Fri 29 Dec

**No Mass**

Parish Office Closed

Mon 1 Jan

**No Mass**

Parish Office Closed

Weekly

**Wed Toddler Group** 9.45-11.15am (term time)

**Fri** Coffee in the hall after 9.00am Mass

**Sun 10.00am Mass: Children's Liturgy**

Refreshments in the hall after Mass

**24 December 2017 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)**

Sat	23	1800	Norman Waldron RIP Anniversary
Sun	24	<b>0900</b>	Allan Paxton RIP & Wellbeing of Stella Paxton (Paxton Family)
		<b>1100</b>	People of the Parish

**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

		1800	<b>Vigil Mass of Christmas</b> Royston Louvain Drucker RIP Anniversary & Royston Frederick Drucker RIP
		<b>2100</b>	<b>Midnight Mass</b> (preceded by Carols) People of the Parish
Mon	25	0900	<b>Mass at dawn</b> John Waldron RIP
		1030	<b>Mass during the day</b> John Doyle RIP (Mary & Patrick O'Sullivan)
Tue	26 — Fri	29	<i>No Mass</i>
Sat	30	1030-1100) 1700-1730)	Sacrament of Reconciliation

**31 December 2017 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH (B)**

Sat	30	1800	Claire Rutherford RIP Anniversary
Sun	31	0830	Richard Lung RIP Anniversary (Lung Family)
		1000	People of the Parish
		1200	John Doyle RIP (Mary Kirwan)
Mon	1		<i>No Mass</i>
Tue	2	0900	<b>Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church, Memorial</b> Fr Joseph Sheridan RIP
Wed	3		<i>No Mass</i>
Thu	4	0900	Annie, Johnny, Nora & John Vaughan RIP Anniversary
Fri	5	0900	Caje Lobo RIP Anniversary (Joyce Brown)
Sat	6	1030-1100) 1700-1730)	Sacrament of Reconciliation

**7 January 2018 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

Sat	6	1800	Brian Le-Boeuf RIP Anniversary (Pat Le-Boeuf)
Sun	7	0830	People of the Parish
		1000	Rose Nasser RIP & Imogen Nadir RIP (May Nadir)
		1200	Florence Josephine Stafford RIP (Judith & Bruce & Family)

<b>LAST SUNDAY</b> (17.12.17)	Attendance	566
	Plate	<b>£ 463.33</b>
	Gift Aid	<b>£ 701.22</b>
		<b>£ 1,164.55</b>

*Thank you for your offerings.*

**CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES**

Gift Aid donors are kindly asked to use their numbered scheme envelopes marked "Christmas Offering". Cheques from Gift Aid donors should be made payable to "St Christopher's Church" and placed in the scheme envelopes.

Would other donors please take an envelope from the back of the church or the side porch and place their offering in the envelope in the plate at one of the Christmas Masses.

All Christmas offerings including cheques made payable to "St Christopher's Church" are paid over the Father Bernard.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:**

Patrick Allen, Peter Barry, Michael Burke, Pat Carbery, Carmel Curtis, Marie Deans, Melba De Silva, Patrick Egan, Francis Ellis, Patrick Gill, Bob Green, Sean Healy, Margaret Jones, Anne Kellett, Patrick Kennedy, Michael McKenna, Pearl McLeod, Michael Moores, Stella Paxton, Leslie Pinto, Catherine Thompson, Maria Tobin, Denis Vaughan, Nan Waldron, Ghylaine Lebentz Walter and Nickii Wright.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS** are kindly reminded to collect a copy of the new rota which starts on the weekend of 6/7 January.

**EPSOM & DISTRICT IRISH ASSOCIATION'S** next dance will be held on **Friday 29 December** at the Rhodrons Club, Rhodrons Avenue, Chessington KT9 1BA. Dancing from 8.30—11.30pm, featuring Eugene Doonan, with local parking, a raffle and licensed bar. Tickets £5.00 on the door.

**LONDON SW CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS** is a social group for young Catholics in the diocese, which meets every month. Our next social evening is on **Saturday 6 January** from 7.30pm at The Alexandra, Wimbledon SW19 7NE. For further details please visit our Facebook page or contact Miles on 07790 441242.

**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.