

## CHURCH CAR PARK

Parking for parishioners who attend Mass is available in our own car park and, at the weekend, in Tabor Gardens. Our car park is relatively small and we ask parishioners to avoid blocking cars in, parking in the spaces reserved for disabled badge holders and across the entrance to the church. Careless parking has resulted in some disputes and has hampered emergency services. Please park neatly in the marked bays. The cooperation of all is requested.

## APPLICATIONS FOR ST CECILIA'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL FOUNDATION 1

The closing date for applications for Foundation 1 (Nursery) intake 2017/18 is 31 January 2017 for children whose dates of birth range between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014. Please contact the school office on 020 8337 4566 or via email on [office@stceciliasprimary.org.uk](mailto:office@stceciliasprimary.org.uk) if you wish to apply for a place or to check that your child's application is complete.

**MARRIAGE CARE** is the largest faith-based relationship support organisation in England and Wales. We are looking for **Marriage Preparation Facilitators**, a **Head of Centre** and a **Publicity Officer** to volunteer with us at our South West London centre, and help us in our mission to support couples in the best and worst of times. Please visit: [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk) or email: [volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk) for more information.

## NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION: MAKE A DIFFERENCE WITH CAFOD

Make 2017 the year you meet new friends, inspire others to act for social justice, and use your skills to help our sisters and brothers working to overcome poverty around the globe. Are you a good communicator who would enjoy speaking in churches? Are you a people-person who would relish involving and encouraging others in your local area? Are you a budding writer who could contribute to our blog and e-news?

Please get in touch with us at [southwark@cafod.org.uk](mailto:southwark@cafod.org.uk) or 020 8466 9901 to find out more and book a place on one of our Understanding CAFOD information sessions on 11, 28 January or 4 February.

## BURNS NIGHT CEILIDH—WEDNESDAY 25 JANUARY, 7.00pm

Beat the January blues and come for a night of music and dancing, haggis and fun at Westminster Hall, Ambrosden Avenue, SW1P 1QA. All proceeds will go towards vital work supporting homeless people in Westminster and beyond. Book now at [www.streetwiseopera.org/ceilidh2017](http://www.streetwiseopera.org/ceilidh2017)

**HEADTEACHER REQUIRED** for September 2017 at St Chad's Catholic Primary School in South Norwood. Please see the school website for details <http://www.stchadsprimaryschool.com>. Closing date: 22 January 2017.

# CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST CHRISTOPHER

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## NEWSLETTER

**25 December 2016**

**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

and

**1 January 2017**

**MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

## Parish Diary:

Mon 26 - **No Mass** (Monday to Friday inclusive)

Fri 30 Dec Parish Office Closed

Fri 6 Jan **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** for one hour after 9.00am Mass

Tue 10 Jan Bereavement Group Members Workshop 8.00pm

Wed 11 Jan **St Christopher's Craft Circle** 7.00—9.00pm

## Weekly:

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

Fri Coffee in the hall after 9.00am Mass

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

Refreshments in the hall after 10.00am Mass

**25 December 2016 THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

Sat	24	1800	<b>Vigil Mass of Christmas</b> Royston Louvain Drucker RIP Anniversary & Royston Frederick Drucker RIP
		2200	Carols
		2230	<b>Midnight Mass</b> People of the Parish
Sun	25	0900	<b>Mass at Dawn</b> Ethel & Tony Knight RIP & Patricia Spooner RIP (Gwen Docherty)
		1030	<b>Mass during the Day</b> John Waldron RIP
Mon	26	)	
Tue	27	)	
Wed	28	)	<b>No Mass</b>
Thu	29	)	
Fri	30	)	
Sat	31	1030-1100 1700-1730	Sacrament of Reconciliation

**1 January 2017 MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

Sat	31	1800	Claire Rutherford RIP Anniversary
Sun	1	0830	Richard Lung RIP Anniversary
		1000	Fr Joseph Sheridan RIP
		1200	People of the Parish
Mon	2		<b>No Mass</b>
Tue	3	<b>1015</b>	FUNERAL MASS: Daniela Symonds RIP
Wed	4		<b>No Mass</b>
Thu	5	0900	Denis Vaughan—Wellbeing (Mary Brookes)
Fri	6	0900	Annie, Johnny & Patrick Vaughan RIP & Deceased Relatives (Mary Brookes)
Sat	7	0930-1030 1030-1100 1700-1730	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Sacrament of Reconciliation

**8 January 2017 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

Sat	7	1800	Brian Le-Boeuf RIP Anniversary (Pat Le-Boeuf & Family)
Sun	8	0830	People of the Parish
		1000	Rose Nasser RIP & Imogen Nadir RIP
		1200	John Doyle RIP (Kisz Family)

<b>LAST SUNDAY</b>	Attendance	525
(18.12.16)	Plate	<b>£ 553.59</b>
	Gift Aid	<b>£ 583.92</b>
		<b>£1,137.51</b>

**St Raphael's Hospice** **£ 146.11**  
(Collection taken at Family Carol Service)

*Thank you for your offerings.*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF** Daniela Symonds, and remember especially her husband Andrew and their two children in your prayers at this time. Her Requiem Mass will be celebrated here on Tuesday 3 January at 10.15am.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:**

Patrick Allen, Maureen Berkerey, Michael Burke, Pat Carbery, Carmel Curtis, Marie Deans, Melba De Silva, Patrick Egan, Francis Ellis, Bob Green, Sean Healy, Anne Kellett, Patrick Kennedy, Pauli Koskimies, Michael McKenna, Pearl McLeod, Michael Moores, Pat O'Brien, Leslie Pinto, Maria Tobin, Denis Vaughan, Nan Waldron, and Nickii Wright.

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

**ST PAUL SUNDAY MISSAL 2017**

Copies of the new Missal are now on sale at £6 in the book rack at the back of the church.

**2017 SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC DIRECTORY**

Copies of this useful directory which gives details of Catholic churches and Mass times for Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation in the Diocese 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.

**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.