

## 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.

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

So often in our fast paced world we find ourselves run off our feet and exhausted by the frantic build up to Christmas and we completely lose this special time to take stock and renew our relationship with God.

To help make some space and focus on the development of this most precious relationship, the Diocesan Stewardship Team have once again produced a handy daily email to enable reflection.

The focus will be on the readings for each Sunday in Advent. Every day there will be a different reflection. The brief reflection will be sent directly to your Inbox to make it as easy as possible to take a little time out each day. So wherever you are, and whatever time you can invest in your personal Advent preparation – you will have the resources to hand! To receive your daily reflection – simply sign up at: <http://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/>

**ST CECILIA'S SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR** is on **Saturday 1 December** 12.00- 3.00pm. £1 donation, under 12s free. An afternoon of fun for all. Santa's Grotto, BBQ, Krispy Kreme doughnuts, mulled wine, Irish coffee, crafts, tombola, raffle and silent auction with great prizes. Please come along and support our school.

## APPLICATIONS FOR ST CECILIA'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL - INTAKE 2019/20

The closing date for applications for **Foundation 1** (Nursery), for children whose dates of birth range between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016, and **Foundation 2** (Reception) for children whose dates of birth range between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015, is 15 January 2019.

To apply for a place or check that your child's application is complete contact the school office on 020 8337 4566 or email [office@stcecilias.school](mailto:office@stcecilias.school) Full details about our admissions process and how to book a guided tour of the school can be found on the school website at [www.stcecilias.school](http://www.stcecilias.school)

**THE PASSAGE** is raising funds through the Big Give from 1200 Tuesday 27 November – 1200 Tuesday 4 December to support its work with homeless people this winter. This is a matched giving scheme and donations will be doubled online at <https://secure.thebiggive.org.uk/project/30366>

**THE HOUSE OF COMMONS WOMEN AND EQUALITIES COMMITTEE** has launched an Inquiry into Abortion Law in Northern Ireland. Please make a submission to the inquiry at <https://righttolife.org.uk/inquiry-submit/>

# CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST CHRISTOPHER

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## NEWSLETTER

25 November 2018

### OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (B)

- Mon 26 Nov** Christmas Quiz Night 7.30pm
- Wed 28 Nov** St Christopher's Craft Circle 7.00—9.00pm
- Thu 29 & Fri 30 Nov** PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- Mon 3 Dec** Parish Council Meeting 8.00pm
- Fri 7 Nov** St Christopher's Craft Circle 10.30am—12.30pm
- Sun 9 Dec** Family Nativity Performance 3.30pm
- Mon 10 Dec** Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch 1.00pm in the hall
- 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

**St Christopher's Parish Social Committee**  
is delighted to present the  
**Christmas Quiz Night**  
**Monday 26 November, 7.30pm in the parish hall**  
Glass of mulled wine & mince pie included  
You are welcome to bring your own drinks & snacks

*£2 entrance* *All Welcome*

**25 November 2018 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (B)**

Sat	24	1800	Ann Mullane RIP Anniversary (Margaret Wright)
Sun	25	0830	For Deceased Relatives & Friends Whose Names Are On The November Lists
		1000	People of the Parish
		1200	Rob Lynch RIP (Pat & Mike O'Donnell)
		1400	BAPTISMS: Arean Antony Bobby Finbarr Patrick Hurley Dave Hudson Don Nielson Henry Abbott
Mon	26	1000	Deceased Members of the Brennan Family
Tue	27	0900	Albert Mills
Wed	28		<i>No Mass</i>
Thu	29	0900	John & Harriet Albion RIP
Fri	30	0900	<b>Saint Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland, Feast</b> Patricia Kirwan RIP (Doyle Family)
Sat	1	1030-1100) 1700-1730)	Sacrament of Reconciliation

**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)

**LAST SUNDAY**

Attendance	536
Plate	<b>£ 518.44</b>
Gift Aid	<b>£ 687.17</b>
	<b>£ 1,205.61</b>

**Gift Aid** by standing order—October **£ 2,267.16** *Thank you for your offerings.*

**NATIONAL YOUTH DAY** is this Sunday, the Feast of Christ the King. A second collection will be taken to support youth work in the diocese.

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

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF:**

**Cyril Waters**, a parishioner of long standing, who died on Tuesday. His Requiem Mass will be celebrated here on Wednesday 12 December at 12.30pm.

**Elizabeth Syron**, who died in Ireland last week. Please remember her daughter Johanne especially in your prayers at this time.

**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, Pearl McLeod, Michael Moores, Ivan Pedropillai, Leslie Pinto, Catherine Thompson, Maria Tobin, Denis Vaughan, Nan Waldron, Ghylaine Lebentz Walter, Nickii Wright and one other parishioner.

**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.

**CHRISTMAS QUIZ NIGHT**

By popular demand, Quiz Master Doug Berry is back to host this year's Christmas Quiz on **Monday 26 November at 7.30pm** in the Parish Hall. The evening is set for fun, festive cheer and friendly rounds of trivia. Refreshments of mulled wine and mince pies will be served or if you prefer you can bring your own beverage and snacks. Everyone is warmly invited to join us. Tables are set for 6 and there is no need to organise teams or groups. Prizes will be awarded to the winning team. A nominal entrance fee of £2.00 will be charged at the door.

**FAMILY NATIVITY PERFORMANCE – SUNDAY 9 DECEMBER, 3.30PM**

The Children's Liturgy Group is delighted to be organising a Nativity play for the children of the parish again this year. It will take place on **Sunday 9 December at 3.30pm** in the church, followed by tea for the children and a glass of wine and mince pie for adults. Children can come dressed as shepherds, angels, kings or an animal from the nativity and they are also invited to take a speaking role. To give an idea of numbers for catering purposes and if your child would like to be a narrator or have a small speaking part, please email Johanna ([johannahignett@mac.com](mailto:johannahignett@mac.com)) as soon as possible.