

### VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR YOUNG WOMEN (20S AND 30S)

An opportunity to live community life for a weekend on **27-29 January**, with the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ), in New Cross, London. Contact Sr Lynne fcj at [lynnefcj@hotmail.com](mailto:lynnefcj@hotmail.com) or visit [www.fcjsisters.org](http://www.fcjsisters.org)

### 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)

### 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.

**HEADTEACHER** required for September 2017 at St Aidan's Catholic Primary School, Coulsdon CR5 3DE. Application pack from Mrs Jennifer Blackburne at [clerk@st-aidans.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:clerk@st-aidans.croydon.sch.uk) Closing date: 20 January 2017.

**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.

### CHURCH CLEANING

We are currently short of helpers to clean the church. If you would be willing to join a small team for an hour or so after Mass on a Thursday or Friday morning once every six weeks, then please speak to Vivienne in the parish office as soon as possible. Thank you.

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## NEWSLETTER

**8 January 2017**

### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

#### Parish Diary:

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| Tue 10 Jan  | Bereavement Group Members Workshop 8.00pm                               |
| Wed 11 Jan  | <b>St Christopher's Craft Circle</b> 7.00—9.00pm                        |
| 18 — 25 Jan | <b>Church Unity Octave</b><br>Week of prayer for Christian Unity        |
| Sat 21 Jan  | <b>Saturday Social Circle</b> (for those who live alone)<br>3.30—5.30pm |
| Sun 22 Jan  | <b>Christian Unity Service</b> at Cheam Methodist Church<br>6.30pm      |

#### Weekly:

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| Wed | <b>Toddler Group</b> 9.45-11.15am (term time)  |
| Fri | Coffee in the hall after 9.00am Mass   |
| Sun | <b>Children's Liturgy</b> at 10.00am Mass<br>Refreshments in the hall after 10.00am Mass |

**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)
		1700	Chaldean Catholic Rite Mass (Iraqi Community)
Mon	9	1000	<b>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, Feast</b>
			Margaret Keany RIP Anniversary (Larry Keany)
Tue	10	0900	Joan Letheren RIP (M & W Joyce)
Wed	11		<i>No Mass</i>
Thu	12	0900	Desmond Logan RIP (Kevin & Helen Logan)
Fri	13	0900	Danny Scanlan RIP (Devine Family)
Sat	14	1030-1100	Sacrament of Reconciliation
		1700-1730)	

**15 January 2017 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**

Sat	14	1800	Special Intention of John & Eileen Sullivan
Sun	15	0830	Mary Byrne RIP (Granat Family)
		1000	People of the Parish
		1200	Deceased Members of the Golden Family (Eileen Quirke)

<b>LAST SUNDAY</b>	Attendance	362
	Plate	<b>£ 392.95</b>
	Gift Aid	<b>£ 463.44</b>
		<b>£ 856.39</b>

*Thank you for your offerings.*

**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.

**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.

**WHITE FLOWER APPEAL**

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal next weekend. In 2017 SPUC is commemorating the 50th anniversary of the passing of the 1967 Abortion Act. Over 8.7 million unborn children have lost their lives due to abortion in the last 50 years.

Since 1967 SPUC has been working tirelessly to uphold the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. Please help make 2017 a landmark year in SPUC's historic campaign to win legal protection for unborn children. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC and help save mothers and babies from abortion.

Parish Gift Aid donors may wish to use one of their spare envelopes, writing 'SPUC' clearly on the front.

**SATURDAY SOCIAL CIRCLE**

The next meeting of the circle (for those who live alone) is on **Saturday 21 January**, 3.30—5.30pm. Sadie will be giving an illustrated talk on her USA coast to coast trip.

**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.

**ST PAUL SUNDAY MISSAL 2017**

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

**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.

**EPSOM & DISTRICT IRISH ASSOCIATION** are holding their next dance at the Rhodrons Club, Rhodrons Avenue, Chessington KT9 1BA (phone 020 8397 2683) on **Friday 20 January**. Dancing from 8.30pm until 11.30pm featuring Mary & the New Counties with local parking, a raffle and licensed bar. Tickets £5.00 on the door.