

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.

NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

St Dunstan's, Cheam extend a warm invitation to parishioners to join them for this service on **Sunday 23 December** at 6.00pm.

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.

CHURCH CLEANING—MORE HELPERS NEEDED

We are really short of helpers on the church cleaning rota. Would you be willing to join a small group to dust and vacuum the church on a Thursday or Friday morning for an hour or so after Mass just once every six weeks? It is not an onerous job and keeps our church looking bright and clean. If you would like to lend a hand or find out more about what is involved, please speak to Vivienne in the parish office.

PARKING FOR PARISHIONERS

Our car park is relatively small and we ask parishioners to park neatly in the marked bays and avoid blocking cars in, parking in the spaces reserved for disabled badge holders and across the entrance to the church. The cooperation of all is much appreciated.

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.

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 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

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST CHRISTOPHER

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NEWSLETTER

9 December 2018

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

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| Sun 9 Dec | Family Nativity Performance 3.30pm
All Welcome! |
| Mon 10 Dec | Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch 1.00pm in the hall |
| Wed 12 Dec | St Christopher's Craft Circle 7.00—9.00pm |
| Fri 21 Dec | St Christopher's Craft Circle 10.30am—12.30pm |
| Sun 23 Dec | Nine Lessons and Carols 6.00pm at
St Dunstan's C of E, Cheam |
| 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 |

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)
Mon	10	1000	Ann Maguire RIP (Eileen Mullarkey)
Tue	11	0900	Priest's Own Intention
Wed	12		<i>No Mass</i>
Thu	13	1230	FUNERAL MASS: Cyril James Waters RIP
Fri	14	0900	Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church, Memorial Private Intention (Mrs Ana Lobo)
Sat	15	1030-1100) 1700-1730)	Sacrament of Reconciliation

16 December 2018 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

Sat	15	1800	Maureen Lukeman RIP (Sylvia Cattini)
Sun	16	0830	People of the Parish
		1000	Norman Waldron RIP Anniversary (Nan Waldron & Family)
		1200	Ned & Sheila Horan RIP & Mary Jones RIP (Geraldine Doyle)

LAST SUNDAY	Attendance	533
	Plate	£ 490.75
	Gift Aid	£ 511.35
		£ 1,002.10

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 it can take 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, and remember especially his daughter Vera and son Paul in your prayers at this time. His Requiem Mass is on Thursday 13 December at 12.30pm.

PLEASE PRAY ALSO FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF Luigi Marciano, who died on Monday 3 December.

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.

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 kindly reminded, if they have not done so already, to collect a copy of the new rota, which starts this 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.