

## Parish & Local News cont.

### **Christmas Vigil Mass: Mon 24<sup>th</sup> December**

At the 6.30pm Mass on Christmas Eve our younger children are invited to dress up in Nativity Costumes. All children will be welcome to gather around the crib and listen to the Christmas story at this first Mass of Christmas.

### **Christmas collection**

The Christmas collection is personal for the Priest, and with the Easter collection is the main personal income. Envelopes are available at the back of Church.

### **Parish Charity Giving 2019**

Our new Parish Charity group have chosen 4 Charities for next year. This means that we will start using the wall box next to the Sacred Heart statue at the front of the church to collect donations. Each will be given a period of time through the year.

In January we will collect for Catholic Children's Society (Southwark) Crisis fund which is also the collection at the crib over Christmas (see item below). This fund helps children and their families facing emergency need (in our Diocese). Applications are through either a Head teacher or Parish Priest. The Children's Society aim to respond within 24 hours. Then during Lent, we will collect for CAFOD the international Catholic Charity. After Easter it will be the turn of the HCPT (group 543) the group based in this parish. Then at the end of the summer, as we approach winter, we will collect for Spire, a local homeless charity nominated by this year's Confirmation Candidates.

### **RIP Christopher Holland**

Please pray for Christopher Holland, who died on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, and his wife Coleen, and all his family.

### **New Rotas available for 2019**

New Rotas for Altar Servers, Readers at Mass and Cleaning the Altar Linens are available in the Sacristy.

### **Red Missio Boxes**

Please can anyone with Red Missio boxes return them to the Church over the next few Sundays as we will begin to count them over the holiday period.

### **Crib Offering 2018**

This Christmas our Crib Offering will be donated to the Catholic Children's Society's Southwark Crisis Fund. This provides emergency grants for children and families in our Archdiocese who are facing a crisis in their lives. Every single penny donated to the Crib will be given out via these grants.

### **About Momentum Children's Charity**

£512.05 of funds raised at our Confirmation Mass were donated to Momentum Children's Charity earlier this year. Momentum support children, and their families, across South West London, Surrey and West Sussex who are faced with the diagnosis of cancer or a life-challenging condition. Their aim is to ensure that no family should have to cope alone during such unimaginably hard times and our donation helps enable them to do this.

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Confessions (Reconciliation):  
Saturdays 10am-10.30am  
& 5pm-5.30pm

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## 4<sup>th</sup> Advent / Christmas / New Year

Hope, faith, joy and peace are the things the candles in the advent wreath symbolise. The first purple candle, symbolises hope. Sometimes called the 'Prophecy Candle' in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah. The second candle, also purple, represents faith. It is called the 'Bethlehem Candle' as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. The rose candle is called the 'Shepherd's Candle,' and is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of the Messiah. The final candle, again purple is the 'Angel's Candle.' symbolises peace. It reminds us of the message of the angels: 'Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward All.'

Happy Christmas and the blessings of a new year.

Canon Francis



## MASS INTENTIONS

23<sup>rd</sup> December 2018 – 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec:	9.30am	People of the Parish
<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> (p. 90)	11.00am 6.30pm	Noel Donohoe RIP Private Int. Goggin RIP
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec:	10.00am	Confession
<b>Christmas Eve</b> (p.94 and p.97)	<b>6.30pm</b> <b>12midnight</b>	<b>Vigil / Children's Mass</b> <b>Midnight Mass</b>
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec:	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Christmas Day Mass</b>
<b>Christmas Day</b> (p.102)		
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> Dec:	No Mass & Church Closed	
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> Dec:	No Mass & Church Closed	
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> Dec:	No Mass & Church Closed	
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> Dec:	No Mass & Church Closed	
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> Dec:	9.30am	William Mannion RIP
<b>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph</b> (p. 105)	11.00am 6.30pm	John Collin Parry Deborah James
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec:	No Mass & Church Closed	
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2019:	No Mass & Church Closed	
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan:	No Mass & Church Closed	
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan:	No Mass & Church Closed	
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan:	9.30am	Well-being Alexander Stilwell & Family (Deacon)

Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan:	9.30am	Holy Souls
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan:	9.30am	Private Int.
<b>The Epiphany of The Lord</b> (p. 115)	11.00am 6.30pm	Catherine O'Brien RIP People of the Parish



### Parishioners and Friends who are sick:

Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick, especially, Margaret Froud, Baby Ria Moreno, Stuart Howes, Pamela Raggett, Jamie Gilmour, Manuel Campello, Anna Cleary, Mario D'Souza, and Josephine Edward.



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### 16<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Collection £656.93 + Standing Orders £400  
Total Offertory: £1,056.93

### Children's Liturgy:

Children's Liturgy will then resume with Group 7 on the 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019.  
Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January Group 7 "Wise Men from the East"

### Altar Servers rota:

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec: 9.30&11am Team 1 6.30pm Team 1  
Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Dec: 9.30&11am&6.30pm Volunteers (sign up in Sacristy)  
Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan: 9.30am & 11am & 6.30pm Team 2

### Cleaners rota:

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December: BIG CLEAN Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Jan – Team 3

The **Parish Office is now closed** until Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January. Emails and phone calls will not be responded to until the w/c Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January. In an emergency contact Monsignor Saunders at Our Lady Queen of Peace, East Sheen on 0208 876 6467.