



**5 January 2020**

**Thought for the Week** “To begin to pray is first to cleanse our souls of arrogance and pride. As beggars we come to him who alone can make us kings and queens, not of earthly kingdoms, but of the Kingdom of God. When we realise our poverty, we can go

to Bethlehem and meet the Child who became poor for us.” *Catherine Doherty*

**Prayer for Evangelisation:** Eternal Father, we ask you, through your Son Jesus Christ, and the intercession of Mary Immaculate, Star of the New Evangelization, to pour forth your Holy Spirit upon our parish. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, renew and transform us, and make fruitful the work of evangelisation, especially in our groups for those thinking of becoming Catholics, those preparing for first holy communion and their parents, those having their children baptised and those preparing for Confirmation. Root us deeply in the heart of your Son so that we may radiate him more fully, sharing with others the Good News of salvation in Christ, and drawing them back to your fold. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

## FORTHCOMING PARISH EVENTS

A big thank you to all who made our **Christmas celebrations** very special this year: our readers, altar servers, musicians, and those who clean the Church and arrange the flowers.

Fr. Keith would like to thank you all for your very generous **Christmas gifts and greetings**.

This Christmas our **Crib Offering** will be donated to the Catholic Children’s Society to support their work with disadvantaged children and families. This will help provide mental health services, family support and emergency grants for vulnerable children in our diocese.

Next year the **Sacrament of Confirmation** will be celebrated for those in year 9 and upwards by Archbishop Kevin MacDonald, former archbishop of Southwark, on **Saturday** 11 July (not Friday as stated in last week’s newsletter) at 6pm. Our course of preparation will be held on Tuesdays at 6pm, lasting till 7.30pm, in the Newman Room (Back Room) of the parish house. The first class will be on Tuesday Jan. 7. We invite those who wish to be confirmed to give in their names to Fr. Keith after whichever one of the Sunday Masses you attend.

Following a recent Health and Safety inspection, we have been informed that like every other Church, we need to have in place a system of **Fire Wardens** at every Mass to assist evacuation in the unlikely event of a fire. Training will be given. We also need volunteers to assist the disabled to leave the Church safely in the event of any emergency. If you would like to volunteer for these roles, please sign up at the back of Church, or give your name in to the parish office or to Fr. Keith.

**First Holy Communion** classes start again on Weds. 8 Jan.

The next meeting of the **Parish Council** is on 20 Jan. Please let us know if you have any items you would like discussed. There is an updated list of Parish council members in the Church porch - with photographs!

Our **Night Shelter** will run for 6 weeks on Friday



evenings, beginning on 7 Feb. Our organisers, Richard and Grace, will be in touch with Volunteers to arrange your participation if you are still able to help.

Many of you will remember **Fr. Hugh Logan** from Grenada, who stayed with us for two years and is now completing his doctorate in Rome, before returning to Grenada this summer. He sends you all his greetings for Christmas and the New Year: "I pray that Our Good Lord will continue to richly bless you and grant you peace and happiness this New Year and beyond." We hope Fr. Hugh will be able to visit us en route to Grenada and perhaps celebrate the Carnival Mass.

One of our house residents, Irantzu, writes: "A teacher for more than ten years, I want to offer **free harp lessons** to the children of the Parish during a month. I will provide the harp for lessons and practicing. The children will learn all types of music that represent a multicultural



community. There will be a final concert showcase at the end of the month. If after the month, your child wants to continue with the harp, lessons will be provided at a discounted price. Give your child a lifelong musical experience." Irantzu can be contacted via the parish office or at [irantzu.agirre@hotmail.com](mailto:irantzu.agirre@hotmail.com)

If you wish to volunteer in the church, please meet with our **Safeguarding Officer** Jennifer Ellis who will take you through the Safeguarding process. Please note, if your current DBS is over three years old, you can speak with Jennifer to get a new one done. Please see below for Jennifer's contact details.

### OTHER EVENTS

The SVP are distributing **11,500 Vinnie Packs** containing cold weather essentials to the homeless this winter. Would you be willing to help? To donate (£3.50 per pack is suggested), please send cheques payable to SVP to Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ, or to donate by bank transfer to NatWest sort code 60-60-04, account number 4608 8237.

There is a special **Candlelit Epiphany Walk** taking in Westminster, Central London parks and the Christmas lights. 6pm Mon. 6 Jan. from the Church of the Precious Blood, London Bridge SE1. Cost £10. Go to Eventbrite to book or simply come along. [chwalkslondon@gmail.com](mailto:chwalkslondon@gmail.com); 07945 205568; [catholichistorywalks.com](http://catholichistorywalks.com)

The liberating virtue of joy is much needed in our world today. Let's learn about it, reflect on it and pray for it. **Joy - the Infallible Sign of God's Presence:** Friday 17 Jan. 7-9pm, internationally known speaker David Wells at the London Jesuit Centre, Farm Street: booking on Eventbrite – search London Jesuit Centre.

### OUR CONTACT DETAILS AND MASS TIMES

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Our Mass times are Sunday 9.30am, 12.30pm and 6pm, with a Vigil Mass on Saturdays at 6pm. During the week Mass is at 10am every day, with Morning Prayer at 9.40am. At present we also have a 7.30am Mass Mon-Fri. We say the Divine Mercy together every Friday before Benediction and Mass at approx. 9.40am

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

6 Jan. Candlelit Epiphany Walk

7 Jan. Confirmation course starts

8 Jan. First Communion classes begin again

14 Jan. What do we mean by Bible?

17 Jan. Joy – Sign of God's Presence

20 Jan. Parish Council

7 Feb. Night Shelter begins