

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

A member of the Churches Together in Nunhead and Hatcham



NEWSLETTER

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Confessions: Saturdays 10.00am to 11.00am

Mass Intentions 13 December – 21 December 2008

Sat	13	9.30am	Annie Coffey RIP
		6.30pm	Tommy Collins ANN
Sun	14	9.00am	Michael Scanlon ANN
		10.30am	Nashmin Supersad sick
		1.30pm	Misa en Espanol
		6.30pm	James Hawkins 2nd ANN
Mon	15	9.30am	Daryl Murphy RIP
Tue	16	9.30am	Tony Walsh RIP
Wed	17	9.30am	Patsy Gunning Mass Bouquet
Thur	18	9.30am	Fr. Peter Rookey Mass Bouquet
Fri	19	9.30am	Lily Conlon RIP
Sat	20	9.30am	Baltasar Pena ANN
		6.30pm	John Joseph Cronin 5th ANN
Sun	21	9.00am	Bartley Dean RIP
		10.30am	Ashley Kumate RIP
		1.30pm	Misa en Espanol
		4.00pm	Carol Service (Churches Together)
		6.30pm	Mary & Paddy Hooban

Christmas trees on the Altar

Again this year we have our two Christmas trees on the Altar. One is our giving tree which this year we will use to support the good and important work of the Manna Centre. We are asking people to bring in non perishable food items such as soup, tins of tomatoes, beans, sugar, tinned meat, ham or corned beef etc... NEW socks or underwear. When you place your gift under the tree please add one of the Christmas decorations to the tree. We also have the Christmas tree of Stars. If you would like to dedicate a star to someone or in memory of a loved one please write their name on the card provided and return it to the box on the altar. Your donation will go to the fund for the sick and retired priests of the Sacred Hearts Congregation. Many thanks for your kind support.

Support for your Priests

As you know your weekly donations to the Church go to the up keep and maintenance of the Church and our Diocese. There are only two collections each year that go directly for the support of the Priests. These are the Christmas and Easter Dues. We are very grateful for your support throughout the year and we would like to thank you again for your kind support this Christmas.

The Advent Wreath

Made of a circle of evergreens, reminding of God's everlasting love, His eternity, His endless mercy which has no beginning and no end. The green also speaks of the hope Christians have in God, the hope of new beginnings, or renewal and eternal life. The candles, one lit on each Sunday of advent so that in the last week before Christmas all four candles are lit, the last central white candle representing Christ, being lit at the Midnight Mass of Christmas these candles symbolize the light of God coming into the world through the birth of His son, Jesus. The four traditional themes for the four Sundays of Advent are: 1. Gods people - the Candle of Hope. Hope is like a light shining in the dark. As we light this first candle let us be reminded of the hope we have in Jesus Christ. 2. The Old Testament prophets. The candle of Peace: Peace is like a light that shinning in the dark. As we light this candle we are reminded of the peace we find in Jesus Christ and pray of peace between all peoples. 3. John the Baptist. The candle of love: Love is like

a light shining in the dark. As we look at the light of this candle we are reminded of the love we have in Jesus Christ his love of us and our love for one another. 4. Mary the mother of God. The Candle of Joy: Joy is like a light shining in the dark. As we look at the light of this candle we celebrate the joy in find in Jesus Christ. The fifth candle represents Christ, the light from this candle reminds us that he is the light of the world and if we follow him we need never walk in darkness, but will have the true light of life.

Nigerian Catholic Association end of year Christmas Party

21 December after 10.30 Mass in the big hall. All welcome.

RCIA 'Rite of Christian Initiation'

The RCIA meets on Wednesdays at 7.00pm sharp

St. Thomas the Apostle Christmas Carol Service

The boys and staff of the College are working very hard in preparing the Christmas Carol Service, which will take place on Wednesday 17 December at 7.00pm. The whole Parish is invited to this Carol Service which is a wonderful way to prepare to celebrate the coming of Christ at Christmas.

Churches together Carol Service

This year it is our turn to host the Annual Churches together Carol service we are delighted to welcome the good people of St. Catherines to the Parish for this prayerful occasion. The Carol service will take place on Sunday 21 December at 4.00pm. Please do come along, coffee and mince pies will be served afterwards.

Don't be Home Alone on Christmas Day

Christmas dinner at 1.00pm on Christmas day at Bacon's College Timber Pond Rd. Rotherhithe, open to all residents of the London Borough of Southwark. To book, call John on: 020 7703 2163. Volunteer helpers and drivers also needed.

Advent Group

You are all invited to prepare inwardly for Christmas – a little time out to reflect and pray. 7.30pm – 8.15pm in the small hall on Tuesdays: 2, 9 and 16 December.

Please Pray For

Please remember to pray for those people who have been bereaved and all who have died recently, including: Sr. Teresa's brother John, Joan Green, Frank Fancett, Peggy Simpson, Bailey Thomas Loader, Julie Shelton, (Breda's Niece), John Irmiger, Mary Horsnell, Anne (Nan) King, Margaret Dillon, Kit Murphy, Emma Reidy, Bartley Dean, Hudson Green, Frank Hayes.

Sick

Please remember to pray for all who are sick in our Parish, including: Betty McClain, George Kirby, Alma Fernandez, Margaret and Tom Wyse, Mary Rellis, Caroline Knight, Carline Onyekwere, Sarah Kayaga.

Anniversaries

Joyce Pound, Patrick O'Donnell, Baby Jeovane Luegar-Sancroft, Bartly Walsh, John Blakesly, Florence Joyce, Patrick Dilworth, John Keane, Tony Hawkins, Elizabeth Prior, Dominic Mondesir, Kathleen Cooney, Thomas Doran, Carl Sleroczuk.

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