



SACRED HEART OF JESUS

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

1ST DECEMBER – 7TH DECEMBER

READINGS: **Jeremiah 33:14-16** **Psalm 25 (24):4-5B,8=9.10,14**
 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 **Luke 21:25-28, 34-36**

Scripture reading from the parish mass book page 82

WEEKDAY MASS:	WEEKEND MASS:	CONFESSION:
MONDAY TO FRIDAY MASS 9.00AM , 7.00PM	SATURDAY MASS 10.00AM, 6.00PM (VIGIL) SUNDAY 8.30AM,10.00AM, 12.00PM, 6.00PM	SATURDAY 10.30AM - 10.45AM 5.20PM - 5.50PM

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK	<i>“But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions” — Ephesians 2: 4-5a</i>
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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)
6.00PM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
8.30 AM	SYLVIA AND ASHLEY BASTIAN IN THANKSGIVING BARRY BRIGHT R.I.P REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF REMEDIOS AND INOCENCIO GONZALES
10.00AM	PETER AND KATE MCDONAGH R.I.P JOAN AND NORA BENNETT R.I.P PRISCILLA DAVIES BIRTHDAY THANKSGIVING DANIEL ASAMOAH YEBOAH—10TH BIRTHDAY ROGER AND ROAN—BIRTHDAY THANKSGIVING IKECHUKUZUKALU CHINEDU—BIRTHDAY THANKSGIVING
12. NOON	MR AND MRS CHUKWUZOROM FAMILY THANKSGIVING AND 10TH BIRTHDAY OF CHISOMU STELLA AMACHREE—BIRTHDAY THANKSGIVING BENEDICTA UGBANA—JOURNEY MERCIES FOR FABULOUS SISTERS DIVINE LOVE CHARISMATIC RENEWAL—THANKSGIVING AT THE END OF 3 DAYS PRAYER FOR FAMILIES CHRISTIANA KYEKYIRE KONADU R.I.P (ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY)
6.00 PM	CHRISTINA QUIGLEY BIRTHDAY R.I.P
MON. 2ND DEC	FERIA
9.00 AM	MARY GUINEA R.I.P CHRISTIANA KYEKYIRE KONADU R.I.P (ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY)
7.00PM	OGHENEFEGA DJAGBO BIRTHDAY THANKSGIVING
TUES. 3RD DEC	SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER
9.00 AM	CHRISTIANA KYEKYIRE KONADU R.I.P (ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY)
7:00 PM	
WED. 4TH DEC	FERIA
9.00 AM	CHRISTIANA KYEKYIRE KONADU R.I.P (ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY)
7:00 PM	
THUR. 5TH DEC	FERIA
9.00 AM	CHRISTIANA KYEKYIRE KONADU R.I.P (ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY)
7:00 PM	
FRI. 6TH DEC	FERIA
9.00 AM	VITALIA AND FAMILY—SAFE TRAVEL CHRISTIANA KYEKYIRE KONADU R.I.P (ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY)
7.00 PM	
SAT. 7TH DEC	SAINT AMBROSE
10.00 AM	

TO FINANCIALLY SUPPORT YOUR PARISH, OR MAKE ANY DONATIONS, PLEASE SCAN THIS QR CODE OR VISIT

www.sacredheartchurchcamberwell.co.uk/donate



PARISH FINANCE: **WEEKLY DONATIONS**

Donations can be paid into the Parish Account: Sacred Heart Church Camberwell.

Sort Code: 60-50-01 / Account Number: 79102409

PARISH FINANCE COLLECTION

First Collection amounted to £619.66 Gift Aid amounted to £399.90 Second Collection amounted to £692.00 not including standing order.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Gift aid envelopes for one off donations: we have now gift aid envelopes for anyone wishing to make a one off donation to the church. Please speak to any priest or pick up one from the sacristy. Additionally, New donors are welcome to sign up for the gift aid.

SECOND COLLECTION

Our second collection today is support of our Catholic Youth Service .

1. New Lectionary and mass book

Today, we commence using the “revised” lectionary and parish mass book. It is based on the ESV translation (English Standard Version), while the previous lectionary was based on the New Jerusalem Bible. We encourage everyone to handle them with care

2. Confirmation Programme 2025

Confirmation Programme 2025 Those who wish to enrol in the programme can get the registration form online or pick up a hard copy from Narthex. Those interested are requested to register by Sunday, December 15th, 2024. Please submit to Blessing or Isaac Quarshie.

3. Second collection today

Our second collection today is for the Catholic Youth Services.

4. Infant Baptism

Infant Baptism will be held today, 1st December 2024. at 2:15pm

5. GIFT Programme

Gift programme will be held on Saturday at 12pm

6. Mass for the sick and anointing

Our monthly healing mass and anointing of the sick, will be held on Friday 6th December at 7pm. Also, there will be blessing of water, salt, rosaries and other sacramentals.

7. Christmas Carol

The Christmas carols for the Southeast episcopal area will be held in our parish on 15th December at 7:30pm. Note it in your diary.

8. Assisted Suicide Bill

Do not be discouraged over the outcome of the recent vote in the House of Commons. We place it in the Lord's hands. We have attached a letter from Archbishop John Wilson. Please take some minutes to read it.

9. Parish Projects

Upgrade on our Parish Project

- ◆ Latest donation: £2450
- ◆ The amount needed: £3730

We have received donations from the following societies/organisations: Sacred Heart of Jesus, Ghanaian Community, Nigerian Community, Charismatic renewal, Catholic Men Organisation and St Theresa.

- ◆ Many parishioners have also made individuals donations.
- ◆ We thank you all for your generous contributions.
- ◆ We hope to commence this work, this week or the week after, all things being equal.

2) **New Mass books:** To complete our mass books for years A (volumes 1 & 2), B (volumes 1 & 2) and C (volumes 1 & 2).

- ◆ New donation: £150
- ◆ New amount needed: £5000.
- ◆ You can donate using the machine; select PARISH PROJECT.
- ◆ Thank you for all your support. Every penny counts. Pennies make Pound.

10. Food Bank

The food bank team is appealing for generous festive & food donations, as well as volunteers for the Parish Food bank party on Friday 20th December at 2pm. Containers are located at each entrance of the church. Please be aware that we can only accept non-perishable items within their expiry date. If you know anyone in need of food supply during this period, please speak to the Food bank team or any of the Parish priests. Thank you all.

SCHOOLS

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC INFANTS' & JUNIOR SCHOOLS:
EXECUTIVE HEAD: Delia Jameson **TELEPHONE:** 020 7703 3455

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL
HEADTEACHER : Mr Richard Lansiquot. **TELEPHONE:** 0207 274 6844

PRAYER GROUPS

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL PRAYER MEETING

THE CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL
PRAYER MEETING IS HELD SATURDAY FROM
7.00PM IN THE CHURCH.

AND NIGHT VIGILS,
EVERY 1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH FROM 11PM
TO 3.00AM

LEGION OF MARY SENIORS:
MEETS EVERY THURSDAY AT 7.00PM

LEGION OF MARY JUNIOR PRAESIDIUM
MEETS EVERY SUNDAY AFTER THE 12NOON
MASS

DIVINE MERCY
DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS HELD
EVERY THURSDAY 6PM

MASS FOR THE SICK AND ANOINTING
HELD EVERY FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
AT 7.00PM

SACRED HEART ASSOCIATION
MEETS ON FRIDAY AT 6.00PM AND EVERY 1ST
FRIDAY AT 7:30PM

UP COMING EVENTS

MORNING PRAYER
MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:45AM
SATURDAY 9:45AM

ROSARY
AFTER WEEKDAY MASSES

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
THERE IS EXPOSITION AND ADORATION OF THE BLESSED
SUNDAY— 5PM, TUESDAY & THURSDAY 5.30PM –
6.45PM, FRIDAY 9.45AM—6.45PM

PRAY

*Almighty ever-living God, constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us, that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism may, under your protective care, bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.
Amen.*

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSE BOUND

**Mary Cody, Adelaide Peters, Arnella McCarthy, Doreen Barnett,
Reuben Jameson, Eunica Emancy, Christiana Okoli, Grace Aburali, Crafton Bertin,
Mary Smith, Nora Mahoney, Sheelah Chowdray, Nesair Ali**

Statement from the Archbishop of Southwark

Following the Vote on Assisted Dying in the House of Commons

I am deeply saddened and extremely worried by the progress made in the House of Commons towards the legalisation of assisted suicide. While this is not yet the final step in enacting this legislation, it represents a seismic and concerning shift in our nation's approach to caring for the most vulnerable among us.

Compassion, rightly understood, means standing with those who suffer, sharing their burdens, and honouring their dignity until the natural end of their lives. It does not mean hastening death, even in the face of pain or despair. Every human life is of immeasurable value, and our response must always be to protect and support those who are most in need.

The experience of other countries where assisted suicide has been introduced serves as a grave warning. Promised safeguards are eroded over time, leaving the elderly, disabled, and seriously ill at risk of feeling their lives are a burden to others. The subtle, and sometimes overt, pressure this creates threatens the very fabric of a society built on care and protection for the weakest.

Legalising assisted suicide also undermines the essential trust between patients and healthcare professionals. Those who dedicate their lives to healing and comforting the sick are being placed in an untenable position. Conscientious objection — the right of medical practitioners, nursing and care staff, and institutions to refuse to participate in practices that violate their deeply held ethical or religious convictions — must be upheld and protected. Without this assurance, the ethos of our healthcare system and the integrity of those who serve within it are at serious risk.

Instead of moving towards assisted suicide, we must commit to improving palliative care, ensuring that expert pain relief, emotional support, and spiritual care are available to all who need them. No one should feel alone or abandoned in their suffering.

As we face this challenging moment, I call on Catholics and all people of goodwill to advocate for the protection of life at every stage and to stand in solidarity with those who are most vulnerable. Let us also turn to the Lord Jesus, who shared in human suffering and revealed the depth of his love through his death and resurrection. Through him, we find the strength to defend the dignity of every person and to build a society that values the gift of life from conception to natural death.

Archbishop John Wilson

29 November 2024