

## SACRED HEART

## IMITATING THE YES OF MARY

**T**he Annunciation is the moment when our Lady is given to know the vocation which God planned for her from eternity. The annunciation to Mary and incarnation of the Word constitute the deepest mystery of the relationship between God and men and the most important event in the history of mankind. God becomes man and will remain so forever. Such is the extent of His goodness and mercy and love for all of us. And yet, on the day when the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity assumed frail human nature in the pure womb of the Blessed Virgin, it all happened quietly, without fanfare of any kind.

St. Luke tells the story in a very simple way. We should treasure these words of the Gospel and use them often, for example, practicing the Christian custom of saying the Angelus every day and reflecting on the five Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary.

As we come now to the final week of Advent, we are invited to consider Mary's example and inspiration. As the angel announced, the coming of the Messiah, who would establish the final reign of God, was to occur first in the life of Mary. Until the Lord comes again, the reign of God will continue to be established in a hidden way in the lives of those who, like Mary, consent to personally receive the announcement of the gospel, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, allow themselves to be a sort of throne or temple within which Jesus can take up residence.

In the First Reading, we heard about David, in spite of his personal and public life, wanting to build a temple for God. But instead of David building a temple (house) for God, God will build a "house," an everlasting dynasty for David.

The Gospel records the fulfilment of God's promise to David. Like the temple in Old Testament days, Mary was overshadowed by the power of the Most High and became his dwelling-place. The "shadow" is a symbol of the presence of God. When Israel was journeying through the wilderness, the glory of God filled the Tabernacle, and a cloud covered the Ark of the Covenant (Exodus 40:34-36). And when God gave Moses the tablets of the Law, a cloud covered Mount Sinai (Exodus 24:15-16); and, at the Transfiguration of Jesus the voice of God the Father was heard coming out of a cloud (Luke 9:35).

Like Mary, each of us is greeted by God, and called upon, first to conceive Christ in our hearts by faith and by obedience to the Word, to nurture with love the Christ-life within us, and then bring Him forth into the world around us, to make Him visible to the world through the Christlikeness of our way of life in what we say and in what we do.

Do we give consent for the Lord Jesus to dwell in our lives and exercise in us His kingly rule? As we do so, the kingdom of God is made that much firmer upon the earth. Let us pray today that, just as Mary's 'Yes' opened the door for the salvation of the world, a new door to deeper faith and commitment may be opened for us; and at the same time pray for those in our world who sit in darkness and unbelief. May Mary's faith, in God's Word and her obedience to what He asked of her, lead us to a similar act of faith and obedience, as we welcome Jesus into our lives this season of Christmas.

## READINGS

## FIRST READING:

2 SAMUEL 7:1-5,8-12,14,16

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM :

PSALM 88(89):2-5,27,29

## SECOND READING:

ROMANS 16:25-27

## GOSPEL:

LUKE 1:26-38



MERRY  
CHRISTMAS



# SACRED HEART OF JESUS – CAMBERWELL

## Archdiocese of Southwark Third Sunday of Advent - Year B

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### SUNDAY MASSES

6:00pm (Sat) 8:30am  
10:00am 11:30am\* 6:00pm  
\* with Children's Liturgy  
3:00pm (KCH chapel)

### CONFESSION:

Sat: 10.30am - 10.45am  
5.00pm - 5.45pm

### Eucharistic Adoration:

Sunday 4:30 - 5:30pm  
Friday 7:30 - 8:30pm

### MORNING PRAYER

Monday - Friday 8:45am  
Saturday 9:45am

### ROSARY

After weekday Masses

### PRAYER GROUPS

#### Sacred Heart Association:

Friday: 6.00pm  
1st Friday 7:30pm

#### Our Lady & Divine Mercy:

Thursday 5:30 pm

#### Legion of Mary Seniors:

Thursday 7.00pm

#### Catholic Charismatic Renewal

Saturday 7pm

#### St. John Bosco Junior Altar Servers

Tuesdays 5.30pm

#### Adult Altar Servers

Sunday after 11.30am Mass

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

20TH DECEMBER—26TH DECEMBER, 2020

#### SUNDAY 20TH

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

6:00PM

People of the Parish

10:00AM

Holy Souls in Purgatory/Cruz D family

12 NOON

Marie Swaray, Birthday Thanksgiving and God's blessings

The souls of Virgie & Malcolm Sharman

6:00PM

#### MONDAY 21ST

#### FERIA

9:00AM

Sir. John Gilbert

7:00PM

#### TUESDAY 22ND

#### FERIA

9:00AM

Jonny McDonagh, RIP

7:00PM

#### WEDNESDAY 23RD

#### FERIA

9:00AM

John +Martha Rayne

7:00pm

Karcn Manze, RIP

#### THURSDAY 24TH CHRISTMAS EVE

9:00AM

Walkins family, RIP

7:00 PM

10:00PM

Holy Souls in Purgatory/Isaac Edo, Amelia & Khan  
Pem Kamla's family in Thanksgiving

#### FRIDAY 25TH

#### THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

8:00 AM

Derek & Graham Chatterton, RIP.

10:00AM

Holy Souls in Purgatory/Sofia A & family, Viana Lopez and  
Colleague

12NOON

Ada Ntoutou Marie Josianne Griffin children, grandchildren  
Sweet Bazuaye in Thanksgiving to God for life and wellbeing.

#### SATURDAY 26TH

#### FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR

10.00AM

Holy Souls in Purgatory/Salman Khan

6.00PM

Thomas Hannon, RIP

### MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Parish community of Sacred Heart, Camberwell celebrates the presence of Christ in our lives. Central and true to our name, we celebrate, we stand, and we dedicate our lives, witnessing to the unending love and friendship of God, through His beloved Son, in whose Heart of love we find daily strength for our journey. We are a catholic community, diverse and multicultural. Everyone has a voice and everyone is welcome.

We strive to make visible, God's love and care for the world in word, sacrament, and service to all. Nourished by the sacraments and in our diversity, we strive to create a supportive parish family that fosters communication. We use our talents as responsible stewards-accountable to God, to our neighbour, to our community and to the world at large.

Rev Fr Victor Darlington .

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

ISAIAH 45: 8

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour .

## FIRST READINGS

2 SAMUEL 7:1-5,8-12,14,16

‘Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, ‘Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent.’ Nathan said to the king, ‘Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.’

But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: ‘Go and tell my servant David, “Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies.

The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me; if he does evil, I will punish him with the rod such as men use, with strokes such as mankind gives. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever.”’

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 88(89):2-5,27,29

**R. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord**

- 1 I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.  
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.  
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,  
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens .
- 2 I have made a covenant with my chosen one;  
I have sworn to David my servant:  
I will establish your dynasty for ever  
and set up your throne through all ages
- 3 ‘He will say to me: “You are my father,  
my God, the rock who saves me.”  
I will keep my love for him always;  
with him my covenant shall last.’

## SECOND READING

ROMANS 16:25-27

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

LUKE 1:38

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

***I am the handmaid of the Lord: let what you have said be done to me. Alleluia!***

## GOSPEL

LUKE 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin’s name was Mary. He went in and said to her, ‘Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.’

She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, ‘Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God’s favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.’

Mary said to the angel, ‘But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?’ ‘The Holy Spirit will come upon you’ the angel answered ‘and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.’ ‘I am the handmaid of the Lord,’ said Mary ‘let what you have said be done to me.’ And the angel left her.

The Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel

## NOTICES OF THE WEEK

### PARISH FINANCE: WEEKLY DONATIONS

Donations can be paid into the Parish Account:  
**Sacred Heart Church Camberwell**  
Sort Code: 60-50-01  
Account Number: 79102409

### GIFT AID & OFFERING

We have the Offering and Gift Aid boxes at the entrance and exit doors for our offering.

### GIFT AID USERS

Please all gift aid users are kindly encouraged to pick up their envelopes at the exit door of the church with your names & numbers indicated on the envelopes.

### FROM THE FINANCE DESK

We can now register our gift aid envelope online by picking a form from the parish website. After the details are entered, kindly email to:

[camberwellfinance@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:camberwellfinance@rcaos.org.uk).

### CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS

From the Archbishop's Office  
This year, due to the global pandemic all of the collections (including electronic giving) which are taken on each of the days within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord and up to and including 6th of January 2021, will constitute the annual personal Christmas offerings of the faithful for their priests. The offerings should be recorded through the parish bank account in the normal way. Thank you for your generosity

### CHRISTMAS MASSES

Due to the restrictions presently in place for the safety of us all, parishioners should please note that our Christmas Vigil Masses 24th Dec, will be at 7pm and 10pm. Elderly parishioners and young families are encouraged to attend the 7pm Mass. On are encouraged to attend the 7pm Mass. On Christmas Day, we shall have 3 Masses at 8am, 10am and 12noon. For our cross over night into 2021—Adoration will begin at 11pm. Plans have been made to livestream the service in the Parish Hall to accommodate people.

### CONFIRMATION

Confirmation classes will resume in January 2021 as follows:

**Group 1—Wednesday 13th January**

**Group 2—Thursday 14th January**

**Group 3—Friday 15th January**

**ALL CLASSES WILL BE HELD ON ZOOM IF THE CURRENT STATUTORY COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS REMAIN.**

### St. JOSEPH'S CAMBERWELL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS FEDERATION.

Reception places available for September 2021.  
please call : 02077039264 for more information.

### MASS BOOKING

We have Mass spaces for this week. Kindly call or text any of the priests to book a Mass on any of the free days. See the parish newsletter on the website or on the parish WhatsApp group to know the days that are free.

### FACE MASK/FACE COVERING

Please be reminded that face mask or face covering is recommended for everyone attending Mass except for those exempted on health grounds. The parish is no longer able to provide you with one. Kindly ensure you have your own mask for the safety of us all.

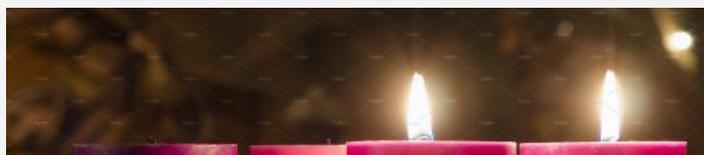
### NOTICES : TIER 4 GUIDELINE FOR PLACES OF WORSHIP

From today 20th December the south east including London have now moved to tier 4, the equivalent to a full lockdown. Thanks be to God this time, churches and places of worship are allowed to continue their services. This opportunity must not be abused, as we now know that there is a new strain of COVID 19 Virus and it's infection rate is higher than the initial virus.

Everyone is encouraged to keep strictly to the restrictions in church/ sanitise your hands, keep your space, wear face masks, and go home immediately after mass. Our Stewards will be required to enforce the Social distancing protocols if not observed in the parish. May God continue to keep us safe at this difficult time, Amen.

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

We are reminder that Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is every Sunday from 5pm to 6pm, followed by Mass.



### ADVENT PRAYER:

(For Lighting the fourth Candle of Advent)  
Lord God, during this time of Advent may your Word illuminate all darkness in our lives. May this forth flame shine so brightly that the world may see your Word in us. Come, Lord Jesus. Come, Emmanuel. Use us to shine forth Your Word to a world seeking light in the darkness. Amen.

# NOTICES OF THE WEEK

## RESUMPTION OF WEEKLY PRAYER GROUPS

### IN THE PARISH

**Any of the Pious Prayer Groups in the Parish, who feel they are ready to begin prayer meetings again under the new restrictions guiding us for Masses, are now encouraged to do the following:**

1. Each prayer group should appoint a safeguarding officer and a steward and submit the names and contact information to Fr. Victor.
2. Soon after meeting this request, prayer groups can begin their weekly prayers. For the sake of clarity, the following are the weekly prayer groups of our parish: The Legion of Mary, the Charismatic, the Divine Mercy group and Sacred Heart Association.
3. At all prayer meetings, the 2 meter social distancing must be observed, sanitise your hands before entering the Church and when leaving the Church. Face covering must be used except by those exempted due to health reasons. The steward should ensure everyone writes their names for Track and Trace. No group singing is allowed during prayers. However, a cantor or a soloist can sing and the organ or Piano is permitted. No passing of prayer books, each person should have his/hers. Physical contact with anyone is not permitted during prayers. The duration for prayer meeting is maximum of one hour. After the prayer meeting, the safeguarding officer for the group and the steward will ensure the pews are thoroughly cleaned with recommended anti bacterial wipes without bleach.
4. The UCM and St. Theresa's society are also permitted to meet only for prayers avoiding their usual meeting patterns. This way such meetings are permitted inside the Church. Both groups can alternate their meetings at the choir gallery. If they must proceed with this arrangement, please give us the names of your safeguarding officer/steward as requested for other societies.
5. Please note that cultural/social gatherings of communities within the parish are not permitted at this time.

Finally, as we all are aware, the coronavirus is still very much with us and restrictions are being tightened. We have to adapt to safety rules and learn to live with it. In the last two weeks, two parishes and their parish priests tested positive of the virus and have been shot down for two weeks. Let us remain careful and cautious as we create a safe environment for our collective worship. God bless you all.

**Father Victor**

## CONSULTATION AND FORM SIGNING

Since the presbytery and the parish office is not Covid-19 risk assessed, unfortunately face to face consultation and form signing with Fr. Victor is not permitted at this time. However, for those who wish to sign any forms or other documents, they are encouraged to fill in their parts and then drop off the form through our letter box addressed to me. Such forms will be ready for pick up by next day between 10am and 4pm. For any other consultations please email [camberwell@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:camberwell@rcaos.org.uk) or call any of the priests directly or by text message, we shall respond to you promptly. Thank you for your cooperation.

## CORONA VIRUS PRAYER

Loving and healing God, we turn to you in prayer, confident that you are with us and with all people in every moment. We stand before you as people of hope, trusting in your care and protection. May your faithful love support us and soothe the anxiety of our hearts. Generous God, fill us with compassion and concern for others, young and old, that we may look after one another in these challenging days.

Bring healing to those who are sick and all who work in our medical facilities. Give wisdom to leaders in healthcare and governance, that they may make the right decisions for the well-being of people. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our plea—we who are put to the test—and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and Blessed Virgin Mary. Amen.

## NHS TEST AND TRACE APP

For those who have registered with this app you don't need to write down your names as you enter the Church. The parish now have the QR code which you can scan as you enter the church. This is located at the entrance of the Church. For those without the App, please continue to sign in on the sheets provided for each Mass, for the safety of us all. Thank you for your cooperation.



## HOUSEBOUND & SICK

Debitu Hadgu, Donaldson Opoku, Sue McCarthy, Peter Kellegher, Eileen Hartnett, Jessie Vincent, Adelaide Peters, Margaret Lynch, Birdie Heffernan, Angela Smith. Joan Bastin, Eileen Nimmo, Timothy Angol, Rita Greaway, Agnes Omeike, Ashley Isochukwu Igwebike, Anthony Okoh, Johanna Sims, Troy Benjamin, Lucy Tousaint, Basil Pereira, Kathleen Lennon, Minnian Davies, Marie August, Rueben Jameson, Alba Juliana Ramirez. Kenny Lawal, Kathleen Gray. Robert / Eileen O'Dempsey, Indria Singh, Ulina Pierre, Arielle Miambanzila, Cian Dinsmore, Joseph Murray, Sheelly Choudray, Nesar Ali, Ewen Aitchison, Rasheeda, Kelly Knightly, Eileen Moore, Agnes Smith, James Mc Donald, Fr. Chris Dooley, Velda, Mary Regan Marie Perla, Elsie Devereaux, Alba Juliana Ramirez, James Mc Donald, Doreen Barnett, Barbara Kendall, Esther Eugene, Declan Finn, Caleem McDonagh, Imelda Kerr, Taylor Thompson, Zafar Jabal, Tina Kevitt, Nirajan Bhai, Nicola Hermentine, Anne Keane, Pascal O'Clo, Liam Whitfield. Monica White. John Howard, Charlie Quigley, Joshua Tomas, Collen McDonagh