



# THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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## Newsletter

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**Thirty-Third Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

**Weekday Readings for  
33rd week in Ordinary Time  
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**Vol III. psalter week I**

### Next Sunday's Readings

- Ezekiel 34:11-12.15-17
- Ps 22:1-3.5-6. R.v1
- I Corinthians 15:20-26.28
- Matthew 25:31-46

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## #REDWEDNESDAY

*'...get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'*

(Acts 9:4,6)

Perhaps for reason of being offended by what religion generally or Christianity in particular stands for, its persecution seems to be at its peak in our time. We recall that Saul persecuted the early Church until he heard the Voice on his way to Damascus that asked him, *'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?'* As in the days of Saul, so it is in our own time and even worse. As Saul was wrong in his time, so are the 'Sauls' of our time, their reason and vehemence notwithstanding. Now

is the time to listen to what the Lord himself told Saul and tells each of us. *'...get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'* (Acts 9:6).

The Catholic Charity *Aid to the Church in Need* is organising #REDWEDNESDAY with support from *Christian Solidarity Worldwide* (CSW): they are asking people to wear an item of red clothing on Wednesday November 22 and to share images and their activities on social

media using the hashtag. They ask that public buildings be floodlit red on that day. Their aim is to promote faith and tolerance in society, stand in solidarity with victims of persecution, and oppose violence and oppression carried out in the name of religion. *'Though many, we are one'* (Rm. 12:5). In solidarity therefore, we encourage people to be part of this noble cause, to stand up for faith and freedom. Join the Red Wednesday campaign!

STAND UP FOR FAITH AND FREEDOM ON  
**#REDWEDNESDAY**  
WEAR RED ON  
WEDNESDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 2017

### THE PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Parish Priest: Canon John Clark MA

Parish Clergy: Fr Thaddeus Nwokeji and Deacon Julian Burling

Also Resident: Canon Elias Vojtech, Giovanni Prandini (Student)

Team Members: Sr Francis SSA, Sr Dorothy Perrott OSU and Cristina Connolly

## SECOND COLLECTION

Next Sunday, 26 November - National Youth Sunday, the second collection will be for the *Catholic Youth Services* which supports youth work in the diocese and beyond, especially the Southwark Catholic Youth Service.

## CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS

There is a need for volunteer catechists to help with the preparation classes for next year's confirmation programme which begins in January. Should you be willing to assist, please kindly send an email to [edgesw19@gmail.com](mailto:edgesw19@gmail.com) (Fr Ted and the Confirmation Team).

## AID FOR THE CHURCH IN NEED

Thanks to all those who supported the sale of Christmas cards and gifts which raised £1,784.49 last weekend. For those who missed the sale, or who didn't have cash on them, or who want to buy more, goods can be ordered from [www.acnuk.org/shop](http://www.acnuk.org/shop)

## CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Continental breakfast will be served in the Lower Hall after the 8.15am Mass up to 12 noon on Sunday 26 November, all are welcome!

## FRIENDSHIP GROUP

The next meeting will be held on Friday 1 December from 2.30 - 4pm in the Parish Lounge. Come along and sing festive songs with 'Songs on Wheels'. Enjoy sherry and nibbles, followed by tea and cakes. All welcome, bring a friend.

## Parish News

### WELCOME

Do join us in welcoming Fr Charles Carabott from Malta who will be with us in the parish until early December while Canon John is away on his annual holiday. Fr Charles is the Parish Priest for the Parish of the Immaculate Conception which

serves English speaking Catholics in Malta – a personal parish set up to serve the pastoral needs of non-Maltese Catholic residents on the island comprising Filipinos, Czech, Nigerians, Chinese, Poles, Irish and British... among other nationalities. He can

be reached at the Presbytery or by email ([pepprin@gmail.com](mailto:pepprin@gmail.com))

### AT HOME

There will be no 'At Home' until mid December.

### SCHOOL SLIPS

School slips will be collected this weekend.

## Announcements

### MASS FOR THE BEREAVED

On Saturday 25 November a Mass for the bereaved of our parish will be celebrated at 10am, followed by tea and coffee in the Lounge. All who have lost a loved one are warmly invited.

### SIGNED AND SPOKEN MASS

A signed and spoken Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 26 November at 4pm in the Sacred Heart Chapel in the church. All with hearing difficulties welcome!

### NEWMAN CIRCLE

Pope Benedict announced the formation of the Ordinate in 2009 with the consequent departure of priests from the CoE and their arri-

val into the Catholic Church in a blaze of publicity. But what has happened since? Fr Peter Scott Anderson, a prominent Ordinate priest, will tell us his experiences in the Ordinate as well as his thoughts about the future of his brave venture on Thursday 23 November at 7.30pm in the Lounge. Not to be missed, all are welcome!

### PARISH WEBSITE

After a lengthy gestation period the new version of the parish website has now been launched.

It can be viewed at <https://sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/> The site already has pages for many of the parish ministries and organisations. All groups are encouraged to

have their own page as this helps to broadcast the vitality of our parish, and in the recruitment of members and volunteers. It has many very useful facilities such as rota organising and automatic email reminders to those on the rota! If you would like your ministry or group to have its own page, please email [sacredheartwebanddatabase@gmail.com](mailto:sacredheartwebanddatabase@gmail.com) and a member of the Communications Team will get in touch. We can now keep the parish calendar up to date much more easily. If you have a parish event organised, please send the details to [wimparish@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](mailto:wimparish@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk) If you have your own page, you can make your entries.

## Parish Organisations

### ART GROUP

The next Art Group meeting will be this Tuesday 21 November. In the Lower Hall 2.15 - 4.15pm. Create a design for cards or bring your own choice of work, some materials available. All welcome.

### WCFG

The Wimbledon Cancer Friendship Group offers friendship, information and a

listening ear to anyone affected by any cancer. This month's drop-in will be on Thursday 23 November from 3.15-4.30pm. 30/32 Worple Road (side door on right-hand side of the building), SW19 4EF; 07948 767 936, [wcfg@live.co.uk](mailto:wcfg@live.co.uk)

The festive period is around the corner and to celebrate you are invited to a Christmas Party in the

dining room of the Wimbledon Guild on Thursday 14 December, 7.30-9pm. Food and drinks will be provided, so please let them know if you can attend.

### SOCIAL CLUB

The Sacred Heart Social Club will be holding an AMG on Friday 24 November at 7.30pm in the Lounge. Refreshments will be served.

## Social, Cultural & Notices

### GENERATIONS TOGETHER IT CLINICS

The last session of the *Generations Together IT Clinics* is on Friday 24 November at 12.35pm at the UHS. Knowledgeable girls provide excellent computer and mobile phone tuition. All grades welcome. No charge. Contact Sheila Gent 020 8390 0119 to book a place.

### WEST BARNES SINGERS

The West Barnes Singers will be joined by the choristers of St Mary's for their Christmas concert (Händel's Corona-

tion Anthems, Festive Carols) on Saturday 2 December at 7.30pm at St Saviour's Church, Grand Drive, SW20 9DG. Tickets (available from choir members or at the door) are £10, children free.

### 'TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

*MyRaynesPark* will once again be presenting an 'open mic' evening of stories, poems and other readings relating to Christmas on Monday 4 December from 7.15-9pm at the Raynes Park Library. If you want to read your own compositions or a favourite piece

from the treasury of Christmas literature, email [reading@myraynespark.co.uk](mailto:reading@myraynespark.co.uk) to be sure of a performance space, or simply come along and enjoy the evening.

### THE DREAM OF GERONTIUS

The Sacred Heart Chorus would like to invite singers to join them for a performance of this work on 9 June 2018. If you are interested, please register via <http://www.sacredheartmusic.co.uk/concerts/the-dream-of-gerontius-chorus-call/>

### New to the Parish?

Please introduce yourself to a member of the Parish Team after Mass and complete a parish registration form available at the back of the church.

### SACRED HEART CATH. PRIMARY SCHOOL

Nursery Class Teacher required Fixed Term from January to August 2018. Application packs are available from the school office, 020 8942 0215 [www.sacredheartmerton.sch.uk](http://www.sacredheartmerton.sch.uk), visits to the school are strongly encouraged. Closing date is 30 November.

### WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES - WMOF 2018

Dublin, Ireland, has been chosen by Pope Francis to host the next World Meeting of Families from 21-26 August 2018, guided by the theme 'The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World'. Held every 3 years, this major international event brings together families from across the world to celebrate, pray and reflect upon the central importance of marriage and the family as the cornerstone of our lives, of society and of the Church. World Meeting of Families 2018 will be a joyful and enriching occasion for adults, young people and children. During these five days, there will be time to meet and share, pray and reflect, grow in faith and love, celebrate, as well as gather strength to continue the journey of life. To find out more about the WMOF 2018 and to register, please visit [www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie)

## Exploring our Faith

### LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY

You are invited to a talk of a series of Evenings of Faith led by Fr Dylan James on 'Meeting God in the Liturgy of the Church' on Tuesday 21 November at 7pm at the Challoner Room, 24 Golden Square, W1F 9JR; pizza & wine/juice served. For more info visit [www.faith.org.uk/events/evenings-of-faith](http://www.faith.org.uk/events/evenings-of-faith)

### LOVE HEALS BODY MIND & SPIRIT TEAM

Welcome you to come on a one-day Retreat of quiet

Reflection on Saturday 25 November 11am - 5pm; Catholic Church of our Lady of Assumption & St Gregory, Piccadilly, W1F 9JR  
Programme: Rosary, traditional Latin Mass (Celebrant: Fr Mark Elliot - Smith), lunch break (please bring your own lunch, refreshments available), talk based on Scripture, Catholic Christian Meditation, Blessed Adoration, individual Healing Prayers. For more info contact Eileen & David Brum 020 8542 2476 or [lovehealsbodymindspirit@gmail.com](mailto:lovehealsbodymindspirit@gmail.com)

### GUILD OF OUR LADY AND ST JOSEPH

You are invited to a lecture on 'The New Evangelisation and the Old Mass' by Fr Uwe Michael Lang C.O. on Wednesday 29 November at St Wilfrid's Hall, Brompton Rd, SW7 2RP. Doors open at 6.30pm, lecture at 7pm, Low Mass in the EF at 8pm, refreshments to follow, cost £5 at the door. Registration [guildofourladyandstjoseph@gmail.com](mailto:guildofourladyandstjoseph@gmail.com)

### CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2017

Canon John, Fr Thaddeus and Canon Elias cordially invite you to make Christmas a very special Parish Day. Come and have LUNCH on the 25th December at 1pm and spend the day with the Clergy and other parishioners, rather than being on your own. You will receive a warm welcome and have lots of fun.

If you would like to attend or are able to volunteer to help, please pick up and fill in a CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2017 form,

available at the back of the church, to help Eric de Regnacourt & friends to plan the day. Please return the slip to the Presbytery. We will contact you with further details.

### CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

6.30pm (Sat) Fr C Carabott 11.15am Canon V Elias  
8.15am Fr C Carabott 12.45pm Fr T Nwokeji  
8.30am\* Fr M Barnes SJ 5.00pm Fr A Nunes SJ  
9.45am Canon V Elias 8.00pm Fr T Nwokeji

\* SH School Mass Centre

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 18 6.30pm Thomas Byrne RIP  
Mon 20 7.30am Pauline Roche RIP  
10.00am James Pedrupillai RIP  
6.30pm Jo Hsieh RIP  
Tue 21 7.30am Brian Bladen-Hovell RIP  
10.00am Ines Roel Miranda RIP  
6.30pm Marie & Sony Harty Ints.  
Wed 22 7.30am Cecilia Rossi RIP  
10.00am Gabriele Meehan RIP  
6.30pm Maria Luiza Simoes RIP  
Thu 23 7.30am David & Lorenza Boyce RIP  
10.00am Irena Harding RIP  
6.30pm Baby Grayson M. Breeze Lloyd Thksgv.  
Fri 24 7.30am Joaquim Pires Ana Rosa Carneiro RIP  
10.00am Philomena Singaraya RIP  
6.30pm Family Souls RIP  
Sat 25 7.30am Our Lady Queen of Peace  
10.00am Maria Christina Besce RIP

### WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

**Those who have died recently:** Erika Wright

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Elizabeth Mary Paul, Caroline Dale, Michael Swanson, Emilio Gutierrez

**The sick:** Carol Donnelly, Richard Hurst, Horace D'Cruz, Paul Helm, Brian Sewell, Cath O'Neill, Lalita Nagar, Sheila Johnstone, Judex Celine, John Burke-Gafney, John Douglas, Fr Michael O'Halloran SJ, Linda Day, Fr Phelim McGowan SJ, Eddie Power, Tom Searle, Iris Desmier, Sandra Broadbent, Daphne Minas, Gabriel Godfrey, Sr Charmaine, Yvonna Patton, Tracy Byrne, Giena Worth, Ronnie Bradnick, Alexander Skachkov, Baby Bleu Denley Saunders, Joan Paul, Frank Micetich, Roberto Luigi Farina, Sophia Ridley, Avril Brown, Cindy Bayat, Bernadette McMurray, Anne Medicraft, Carol Escalona, David Fyfe, Mary Wallace, Rita Westbrook, Angela de Leon, Alina Hancock, Teresa Scanlon, Michael Hoskins, Electa Almeida, Caleb Edser, Julian Eddy, Troy Najair, Margaret Lumley and Andrew Tan [Please advise the Reception when names can be removed.]



### COLLECTIONS

Collection at Mass last Sunday came to £1,741 in loose plate giving and £470 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £2,211. This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.

The second collection in support of the *Archbishop Administration Fund* raised £959. Thank you.

### FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

**Tuesday 21 November** The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Memorial

**Wednesday 22 November** St Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr

**Thursday 23 November** St Clement I, Pope, Martyr

**Friday 24 November** Ss Andrew Dũng-Lạc & Companions, Martyrs

**Saturday 25 November** St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr

### EXPOSITION

Sundays: 3.00 - 4.00pm

(Prayers for the Pope and the Catholic Church in Britain)

Wednesdays: after the 7.30am and 10.00am Masses and 5.25 - 6.25pm

Fridays: 5.25 - 6.25pm

On first Fridays of the month there is exposition from after the 6.30pm Mass to Midnight.

### RECONCILIATION

Saturdays:

10.30 - 11.30am

3.00 - 4.00pm

6.00 - 6.20pm

Monday - Friday:

6.00 - 6.20pm

### MUSIC AT THE 11.15am MASS

*Missa brevis*, Palestrina

*Exsultate Deo*, Palestrina

### PARISH SERVICES

Parish Office/Reception Hours: 9am - 5pm (Mon-Fri) 9.30am - 1pm (Sat) 9am - 1pm (Sun) [A range of religious and greeting cards are on sale at very competitive prices - please feel free to call to view.]

Executive Assistant & Hall bookings: Thelma D'Costa (Mon - Fri 9.30am - 5pm)

Parish Pastoral Council: [sacredheartwimbledonppc@gmail.com](mailto:sacredheartwimbledonppc@gmail.com)

Baptism, Marriage, First Sacraments, Funerals contact the parish 020 8946 0305

Bereavement Support: For more information please contact the co-ordinator by email [bereavementsacredheart@gmail.com](mailto:bereavementsacredheart@gmail.com) or call 020 8946 5198, Referral forms available in the Presbytery Reception

Admission to Hospital: RC hospital chaplains will only be aware of your admission if you specifically ask for the hospital chaplaincy team to be informed. Please tell a member of the ward staff, it is also helpful to let your parish priest know.