



# THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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## Newsletter

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Third Sunday (C)

Weekday Readings for  
3rd week of the Year

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Next Sunday's Readings

4th Sunday of the Year

- Jeremiah 1:4-5. 17-19
- Psalm 70:1-6.15.17.R.v15
- Corinthians 13:31-13:13
- Luke 4:21-30

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### Unity in Diversity

The three readings this weekend point to some of the reasons for Ecumenism and the Catholic Social Teachings of the Church. Seen from this perspective, the message of Racial Justice Sunday and the need of the prayer for Christian Unity has a deeper impact. At the end of prayer is action. It has become more pertinent that humans learn the need we have of each other. How boring would that world be where uniform, monologue and monotone are the recurrent words. Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Perhaps, there would be too much congestion should there be only one road



leading to Him. Unity in Diversity can be enriching.

As the week of prayer for Christian unity comes to an end, and as today is Racial Justice Sunday, St Paul paints a perfect picture of *unity in diversity*. In his words, *just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts is a single unit*

*because all these parts, though many, make up one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink. The Church, like the good Mother and excellent Teacher, encourages us therefore to place more emphasis on the things that unite us rather than on those that divide us.*

To be able to accomplish this, we are told that while we *eat the fat and drink the sweet wine*, we ought to send a portion to the one who has nothing prepared ready. We have the duty of bringing the good news to the poor, freeing the captives, helping the blind to receive new sight and setting the downtrodden free. As members of God's family, may our every word and action re-echo: *'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen'*.

#### PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF MERCY

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing,  
so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord,  
and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm,  
may bring good news to the poor,  
proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed,  
and restore sight to the blind. Amen

#### THE PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Parish Priest: Canon John Clark

Parish Clergy: Fr Thaddeus Nwokeji and Deacon Julian Burling

Team Members: Fr Michael O'Halloran SJ, Sr Francis SSA, Sr Dorothy Perrott OSU, Cristina Connolly.

## SECOND COLLECTION

This Sunday is Racial Justice Sunday; the second collection will be for the Catholic Church's work to promote racial justice in our schools, parishes & wider society.

## FEAST OF ST ANGELA MERICI

On Wednesday 27th January we celebrate the Feast of St Angela Merici, founder of the Order of the Ursulines. The Ursuline school in the Sacred Heart Parish was founded 124 years ago. We wish the Ursuline Sisters and the many parishioners who attend/attended the school a very happy feast day!

## ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE

On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm Archbishop Peter Smith will ordain six Jesuit students to the diaconate in the Sacred Heart church. Their names are Wouter Blesgraaf, from the Netherlands; Naveen Buchupalli from India; Robert Deinhammer from Austria; Markus Dreher from Germany; Kundong Kim from Korea; and Anup Minj from Nepal. All are currently studying theology at Heythrop in London, and will return home to their own Provinces this summer for their priestly ordinations. You are all very welcome to attend the Mass. Meanwhile, please keep these men in your prayers. The Jesuits are very grateful to Canon John and the parish for making the church available for this great occasion.

## CAKE SALE

The Holy Cross School's Sixth Form students are holding a cake sale outside the church on Sunday 31st January after the 9.45am Mass to raise funds for a Thailand trip they are taking part in later in 2016.

## Parish News

### FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

We are looking for two new members of the Finance Committee with experience in a) building works and b) health and safety matters with particular reference to plant and buildings. The new members would support and

advise the Parish Priest and Site Manager in these important areas of parish management. The committee meets formally about six times a year. If you are interested in helping please send your details to the committee chair, Chris Woodward at [christopherwoodward107@gmail.com](mailto:christopherwoodward107@gmail.com).

### AT HOME

The next 'At Home' will be on **Tuesday** 26th January from 6-8pm.

### SCHOOL SLIPS

School slips will be collected this weekend.

## Announcements

### JOIN THE PPC!

The PPC are seeking 3 new members for 2016. Any regular worshipper aged 18 or over is welcome, no matter what your background or experience. We would like a strength of the PPC to be its diversity. Being a PPC member is also a great way to get to know and support your parish and to live out your faith. Nomination forms, including a description of the role, are available at the back of the church and on the website. Additional information is also available on the website within the PPC handbook. The closing date for nominations is Mon 1st Feb.

### ECUMENICAL WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

To mark the week of Prayer for Christian Unity an ecumenical service, 'Salt of the Earth', with speaker Nick Shenow from the *Tear Trust* will be celebrated this Sunday 24th at 6.30pm in our church, followed by refreshments.

### SIGNED AND SPOKEN MASS

This Sunday, 24th January, a signed and spoken Mass will be celebrated at 4pm in the chapel of Wimbledon College. All with hearing difficulties are welcome!

### CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Our group meets weekly in Wimbledon on Wednesdays at 2.15pm, 41 Murray Road SW19. For more info please contact Pauline Barry on 020 87156095, [barrypauline11@gmail.com](mailto:barrypauline11@gmail.com)

### SPECIAL MASS

On Tuesday, 2nd February, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, which occurs 40 days after the birth of Jesus, we will be celebrating a special Mass for all those families who have experienced the loss of a child. Mass will start at 7.30pm and there will be no 6.30pm Mass.

## Parish Organisations

### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

On Saturday 30th January from 10.30 - 11.30 am, in the Parish Lounge. Grief is a particularly isolating experience that can affect all aspects of your life, physically, emotionally and socially. The Bereavement Team invite everyone experiencing loss in their lives, no matter how long ago, to drop-in for a coffee and a chat. We offer

you a warm welcome. For more information, call 020 8946 5198 or see the website.

### WIMBLEDON CANCER FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Anyone affected by any cancer is welcome to drop in for tea and a chat in the lounge of the Wimbledon Guild, 30 Worple Rd, SW19 4EF on Thursday 28th January from 3.15-4.30pm.

Please contact 07948 767936 or email [wcfg@live.co.uk](mailto:wcfg@live.co.uk) for more details.

### FRIENDSHIP GROUP

On Friday 5th February, 2.30pm, Parish Lounge. We are privileged to have well-known speaker, Quentin de la Bédoyère, who will talk on Financial Fracas/Digital Doom and the joys of old age. All welcome. Tea & cakes.

## Social, Cultural

**GENERATIONS TOGETHER IT CLINICS**  
Excellent one-to-one computer and mobile phone tuition from friendly and knowledgeable girls is available this term - Fridays, 29/1, 5/2, 12/2 - 12.35pm at the Ursuline High School - no charge. Contact Sheila Gent 020 8390 0119 asap to book a place.

**SACRED HEART CHORUS**  
Verdi Requiem workshop at the church on Sat 6th Feb

from 10am - 4pm, cost £10, for further details contact Sheena Macdonald on 07879 653580 or visit the website [sacredheartmusic.co.uk](http://sacredheartmusic.co.uk) and look under concerts, Verdi Requiem.

**COME AND SING VIVALDI**  
Come and sing Vivaldi's Gloria on Saturday 30th January from 2.30-5pm at St John the Baptist, Spencer Hill, SW19 4NZ, with conductor Neil Ferris, tickets £10. To register email [music@stjohnswimbleton.co.uk](mailto:music@stjohnswimbleton.co.uk)

**LUNCHTIME RECITALS**  
At St John's Wimbledon, next recital is on Friday 29th January at 1pm with Krasimira Jeliazkova (violin) and Elizabeth Mucha (piano), performing Elgar, Messiaen and Wieniawski. Coffee & homemade cakes from 12.30pm, recitals last 45 mins, retiring collection. St John the Baptist, SW19 4NZ, [www.stjohnswimbleton.co.uk](http://www.stjohnswimbleton.co.uk)

## Exploring our Faith

**THE LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR**  
The seminar is a series of talks and discussions which take place over a period of 7 weeks. In the 5th week of the seminar, there is an opportunity for people to be prayed with, to be baptized in the Holy Spirit. The 4 weeks before that time are devoted to an explanation of the basic Christian message of salvation and what it means to be baptized in the Spirit. During the final 2 weeks, the teaching is oriented towards further growth in the life of the spirit. Sacred Heart Church, Wednesdays 7.30-9pm, Upper Hall (3rd, 17th, 24th February, 16th March), Lower Hall (10th February, 2nd & 9th March)

**SACRED HEART PARISH PILGRIMAGE**  
As part of the parish programme for the Year of Mercy, a pilgrimage led by Canon John to the Holy Land is planned. Tue 1st - Tue 8th November 2016. 4 nights

Jerusalem, 1 night Bethlehem, 2 nights Galilee. BA flights from London Heathrow. £1,144 per person based on 2 people sharing & group size of 30. Price includes services of English speaking guide, half board, entrance fees & tips. Limited single room availability - £300 supplement. For further information and booking form please email [pilgrimage@sacredheartwimbleton.org.uk](mailto:pilgrimage@sacredheartwimbleton.org.uk) or call Gill Didino at Tangney Tours on 01732 88 66 66.

**DIVINE MERCY RETREAT**  
Divine Mercy Apostolate run by Marian Fathers is organizing a retreat on Sat 30th January 10am-4pm at St George's Cathedral, Southwark SE1 7HY. For more information call 020 8998 0925 or visit [www.divinemercyapostolate.co.uk](http://www.divinemercyapostolate.co.uk)

**LOVE HEALS BODY MIND AND SPIRIT**  
The 'Love Heals Body Mind and Spirit' team welcome you to a one day retreat of quiet reflection on Sat 30th January

11am - 5pm at the Catholic Church of Assumption & St Gregory, Warwick Street, Piccadilly, W1F 9JR. Please bring your own lunch (tea & coffee available), for more info please contact Eileen & David Brum on 020 8542 2476 or [body\\_mind\\_spirit-meditation@hotmail.com](mailto:body_mind_spirit-meditation@hotmail.com)

**PRAYER & STUDY DAY**  
You are invited to a Prayer & Study Day on Saturday 30th January, 10.30am-4pm at the Centre for Catholic Formation, 21 Tooting Bec Rd, SW17 8BS. Cost £5 including lunch, please register at the CCF ([office@ccftootingbec.org.uk](mailto:office@ccftootingbec.org.uk) or 020 8672 7684).

**EVANGELISATION MEETING**  
An Evangelisation Meeting will be held on Saturday 6th February in the Lower Parish Hall from 10.30am - 12.30pm. Everyone welcome. For more details, contact Sadie Smith on 020 8946 5198 or email [sadiesmith3@talktalk.net](mailto:sadiesmith3@talktalk.net)

## 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.

**POPE FRANCIS' LAUDATO SI**  
An Evening Talk on Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si* will be held on Thu 11th Feb at St Teresa's, Morden, SM4 6BZ, from 7.30 - 9pm, led by Henry Longbottom SJ, who was an environmental lawyer before joining the Jesuits. From environmental advocacy for marginalised communities, to greening our own faith communities, the event will be an opportunity to explore practical ways we can respond to the encyclical's call for ecological conversion.

**ST JOHN FISHER RC PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
Deputy Headteacher needed to start September 2016 at St John Fisher Primary. Please contact Margaret Aldred at the school on 020 8540 2637 or email her to [admin.officer@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk](mailto:admin.officer@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk)

**SEVEN DAY RETREAT IN PORTUGAL**

The 'Love Heals Body Mind and Spirit' Ministry invites you to a Seven Day Retreat at Castle De Vide Retreat House, Portugal, from 9th - 15th June, the cost of £585 includes return flights from Heathrow, coach transfers, full board six nights, excursions, talks. Please secure your place by booking now via email to [body\\_mind\\_spirit-mediation@hotmail.com](mailto:body_mind_spirit-mediation@hotmail.com); more info from David or Eileen on 020 8542 2476.

### CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

6.30pm (Sat) Canon J Clark	11.15am Fr T Nwokeji
8.15am Fr P Gallagher SJ	12.45pm Fr M O'Halloran SJ
8.30am Fr T Nwokeji	5.00pm Canon J Clark
9.45am Canon J Clark	8.00pm Fr N King SJ

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 23	6.30pm	Alcantro Rodrigues RIP
Mon 25	7.30am	Our Lady Queen of Peace Ints,
	10.00am	Church Cleaners and loved ones Ints.
	6.30pm	Maria & Sony Harty Ints.
Tue 26	7.30am	Paddy Cunningham RIP
	10.00am	Alfred Jessiman RIP
	6.30pm	Maureen Nolan RIP
Wed 27	7.30am	David & Lorenta Boyce RIP
	10.00am	Baby Anne & Mother Adele Ints.
	6.30pm	Des & Joan Matthews RIP
Thu 28	7.30am	Carol Franks RIP
	10.00am	Alfred Jessiman RIP
	6.30pm	Harry Ratcliffe RIP
Fri 29	7.30am	Volodymyr Krvavych RIP
	10.00am	Monica Rielly RIP
	6.30pm	Florence Nwokeji RIP
Sat 30	7.30am	Florence Nwokeji RIP
	10.00am	Peter Connellan Funeral

### WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

**Those who have died recently:** Peter Connellan, Roque Cardoso

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Philomena Butterfield, Leila Buckley, Jerzy Owoc, Emma Florence Williams, Maureen Buyatt, John Portelly, Barbara Webb, Sean Murphy, Kazimiera Owoc

**The sick:** Breda Whelan, Lorraine Grozdanovic, Alexander Skachkov, Roberto Luigi Farina, Dan O'Brien, Allan Spiller, Sophia Ridley, Mark Fudakowski, Avril Brown, Jane Leahy, Cindy Bayat, Bernadette McMurray, Anne Medicraft, Pat Pike, Carol Escalona, David Fyfe, Mary Wallace, Joy Thimont, Con Harrington, Rita Westbrook, Angela de Leon, Teresa Scanlon, Olinda D'Souza, Sheila Chateau, Alan Paul, Alina Hancock, Michael Hoskins, Electa Almeida, Sr Tien Nguyen, Caleb Edser, Eduard Kirchner, Julian Eddy, Troy Najair, Iona Sutherland, Margaret Lumley and Andrew Tan *[Please advise the Reception when names can be removed.]*



### COLLECTIONS

Collections at Mass last Sunday came to £1,644.55 in loose plate giving and £524.15 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £2,168.70. This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.

The second collection for *Pax Christi* raised £888.57. Thank you for your generosity.

### FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

**Sunday 24th** St Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

**Monday 25th January** The octave of prayer for Christian Unity ends

**Tuesday 26th January** Ss Timothy & Titus, Bishops

**Wednesday 27th January** St Angela Merici

**Thursday 28th January** St Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

### EXPOSITION

Sundays: 3.30 - 4.30pm  
(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 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 octavi toni*, Orlande de Lassus

*Veni sponsa Christi*, Vittoria

*Jesu dulcis memoria*, Vittoria

### PARISH SERVICES

Parish Office/Reception Hours: 9am - 5pm (Mon-Fri) 9.30am - 1pm (Sat) 9am - 1pm (Sun)

Executive Assistant & Hall bookings: Thelma D'Costa (Mon - Fri 9.30am - 5pm) Site Manager: Arthur White (Mon - Fri 12noon - 6pm; Sat 9am-1pm)

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