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Newsletter

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**Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time (A)**

**Weekday Readings for
3rd week in Ordinary Time
before Lent (A)
Vol I. psalter week 3**

Next Sunday's Readings

- Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13
- Ps. 145:7-10 R. Mt 5:3
- Corinthians 1:26-31
- Matthew 5:1-12

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I Will Make You Fishers of Men

I learnt very young that being a fisherman was not all it was cut out to be. Standing in the freezing cold by the Medway in the centre of Maidstone on a winter's afternoon, with only hot watery tomato soup from the vending machine in the nearby bus station to keep us warm, we tried to catch our fish. The fish were far more sensible than us. They had found shelter from our fishing lines. The sum total of fish caught that day - zero.



Jesus in the gospel today moves to the lakeside town of Capernaum to begin his ministry. As he walks along the lakeside, he meets those who were to be his first apostles, Peter Andrew, James and John, all

successful fishermen, were called by Jesus to now follow him and become fishers of men. The Apostles already knew how difficult it was to be fishermen on the lake. We know that John and James, the sons of Zebedee were successful fishermen owning their own boat. The inference in the gospel today is that Peter and Andrew were in the same boat. They knew what it was to fish the Sea of Galilee with its unpredictable weather. High winds and sudden storms made it quite dangerous to fish the lake. How much more unpredictable will be their new task of being fishers of men.

Jesus calls the apostles and they leave their nets and follow him. They will be faithful to him throughout his ministry, all with the exception of Judas. Their faithfulness will be for the rest of their lives and all but John will give their lives for the sake of the gospel. As we recall the commissioning of the first apostles, we look to the present and to the future. The words of Jesus to 'Follow me' are addressed today to many within the community of faith. Men and women are called to serve in the priesthood or religious life and through their life of witness and prayer become effective fishers of men and women in their own age. Our prayer is that they have the courage to imitate the apostles and say yes.

THE PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Parish Priest: Canon John Clark

Parish Clergy: Fr Thaddeus Nwokeji and Deacon Julian Burling

Also Resident: Canon Elias Vojtech

Team Members: Fr Michael O'Halloran SJ, Sr Francis SSA, Sr Dorothy Perrott OSU, Cristina Connolly and Pat Ryan (Youth Minister)

SECOND COLLECTION

This Sunday, 22nd January, is *Homelessness Sunday*. There will be an appeal for our local inter-faith homelessness charity *Faith in Action* - Merton Homelessness Project which runs a Drop-in Centre for homeless people on Kingston Road, South Wimbledon. Thank you for supporting this good cause!

SIGNED & SPOKEN MASS

A signed and spoken Mass will be celebrated this Sunday, 22nd January, at 4pm in the Chapel of Wimbledon College. All with hearing difficulties welcome!

PARISH BUDGET 2017

A summary of the parish budget for 2017 is posted in the church entrance for information. A copy of the detailed budget can be obtained through the Presbytery.

FEAST OF ST ANGELA MERICI

On Friday, 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 125 years ago. We wish the Ursuline sisters and the many parishioners who attend/attended the school a very happy feast!

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

On Saturday, 28th January from 10.30 - 11.30am, 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 on the website.

Parish News

AT HOME

There will be an 'At Home' on Monday 23rd January, from 6-8pm.

SCHOOL SLIPS

School slips will be collected this weekend.

SECOND COLLECTION ARRANGMENTS

We are introducing a new system for taking the second collection at the end of Mass: when gift aid envelopes are available, they will be placed at the back of the church in a holder marked 'Second

Collection - Gift Aid Envelopes'. Please complete these ready to place in the collection at the end of Mass. The collection will take place during the announcements AFTER the final prayer. To speed up the collection, we will be using open baskets starting at about four positions along each aisle. Parishioners are asked to pass along the row and then to the pew behind. When baskets have reached the next collecting point they

will be picked up by the collectors.

PPC AT HOME

The PPC is holding an *At Home* on Sunday 29th January after the 9.45am Mass in the Lounge. If you wish to talk members of the PPC, raise questions or pass on messages, do come along.

YOUTH MASS

Our next Youth Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, 5th February, at 5pm. All ages are welcome.

Announcements

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Children's Liturgy Programme has now resumed and we look forward to seeing as many children as possible joining us. It is a lively and interesting programme. Those who attend really enjoy it; we make the gospel easier to understand for the younger members of the congregation. Sessions run every 2 weeks as follows:

January 22nd

February 5th and 26th

March 5th, 12th and 19th

April 23rd

May 7th and 21st

June 11th and 25th

July 9th

Please encourage your children to attend: Reception, Yrs 1 & 2 go to the Lower

Hall with their parents, Yrs 3 & 4 go to the Lounge with the catechists.

CHURCH UNITY OCTAVE

From 18th - 25th January the Church observes eight days' prayer for Christian Unity. An ecumenical service will be celebrated this Sunday 22nd January at 6.30pm at St Saviour's Church, Raynes Park, SW20 9DG.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

We would like to invite some new volunteers to join the Bereavement Team. If you feel that you could offer supporting friendship to someone who has lost a loved one we would like to hear from you. We will offer

training and support to suitable applicants. For an application form and further details please contact Sadie Smith on 020 8946 5198 or sadiesmith3@talktalk.net

NO EXPOSITION

Please note that there will be **no** exposition on Wednesday, 1st February, after the 10am Mass.

SPECIAL MASS

On Thursday, 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 that day.

Parish Organisations

WIMBLEDON CANCER FRIENDSHIP GROUP

There will be an afternoon drop-in on Thursday 26th January - between 3.15-4.30pm, please call 07948 767936 or email wcfg@live.co.uk

for more information. 30/32 Worple Road, SW19 4EF.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

The Friendship Group is holding a Valentine Themed Tea on Friday 3rd February

at 2.30pm in the Parish Lounge. Come and be entertained by 'Songs on Wheels' and enjoy a special Valentine Tea. All welcome!

Social, Cultural & Notices

MISH MASH PANTO The Mish Mash Panto does what it says - it is a mish-mash of every pantomime you have ever seen! Performances of our parish panto run on Saturdays 28th January & 4th February at 2.30pm and 7pm in the Upper Hall, Edge Hill; tickets: adults £12, children £6, online on www.edgehillplayers.com or by phone (07742 230493), tickets will also be on sale before and after all Sunday Masses. All proceeds go to the Royal Marsden Hospital.

SACRED HEART CHORUS

The SH Chorus would like to invite good choral singers to join them in a performance of the Brahms Requiem on Saturday 17th June at Sacred Heart Church. There will be eight Monday evening rehearsals from 7.30-9.30pm - dates to be confirmed. Sub-

scription fee per term is £30 (free for FT students), there will be a workshop for the Brahms Requiem on Saturday 18th March. If you would like to sing or take part in the workshop please register via www.sacredheartmusic.co.uk

WEST BARNES SINGERS

The West Barnes singers are holding an open workshop on Saturday 28th January from 10.30am-4.30pm at the Methodist Church, 49 High Street, New Malden KT3 8BY. They are working on Gounod's St Cecilia Mass & more, cost £15. For more information please visit www.westbarnesingers.co.uk

RIDE FOR PETER

Simon Connellan is organising a sponsored cycle ride in remembrance of his late father Peter Connellan in aid of the Little Sisters of the Poor.

Simon Connellan and Robin Bellamy plan to ride 210 miles from St Peter's Residence, Vauxhall to Cancale, St Malo in France between 26th and 28th May. If you would like to sponsor their ride please visit www.uk.virginmoneygiving.com and search for 'Simon Connellan' fundraising page.

NOTRE DAME CATH. PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Notre Dame Cath. Primary School, SE18 3SJ, is looking to appoint a Headteacher who is fully committed to the ethos of Catholic education for September 2017; Interested candidates are requested to contact Mandy Butler for an application pack (020 8854 0585 or website <http://www.notredame.greenwich.sch.uk/>); Closing date for applications is Friday 27th January 5pm.

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.

READERS & CATECHISTS

On Saturday 11th February we welcome Fr. Denis McBride to St Teresa's, Morden, 10am - 12.30pm. Fr Denis is a Redemptorist priest and scripture scholar who brings the Sunday readings to life. This is a Merton Deanery event, recommended for readers and catechists especially as it provides the opportunity to understand the Gospel stories we hear every week. It is also a faith formation exercise to give us confidence in what we believe and try to pass on.

Exploring our Faith

LOVE HEALS BODY MIND AND SPIRIT

The Love Heals Body Mind and Spirit Team welcome you to come to a one day retreat of quiet reflection on Saturday, 28th January from 11am-5pm at the Catholic Church of Our Lady of Assumption & St Gregory, Warwick Street, W1F 9JR. Enquiries: Eileen & David Brum on 020 8542 2476 or www.body_mind_spirit-meditation@hotmail.com

VOCATION WEEKEND FOR YOUNG WOMEN

27th-29th January, FCJ Community, New Cross, London: the weekend is organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). There will be input from the sisters on different aspects of vowed life, time for prayer, reflection and discussion with other young women who are also considering a vocation to religious life. It's an opportunity to live community life for a weekend and meet some sisters. For more info contact Sr Lynne FCJ at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit www.fcjsisters.org

MIND FULL OR MINDFULL?

Living with the Mind of Christ: A conversation with Rt.Rev. Lord Richard Harries, former Bishop of Oxford and Hon. Professor of Theology, Kings College, London and Dr Stefan Gillow Reynolds, author of 'Living with the Mind of Christ: Mindfulness in Christian Spirituality'. It will explore the current trend of mindfulness and its relationship to Christian Spirituality. St Osmund's Church Hall Castelnau, Barnes, SW13 9RT on Thursday 23rd February at 8pm.

RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE

The retreat programme starting this Sunday, 22nd January, is now full up but anyone is welcome to come to the group sessions in the evenings including the opening session this Sunday at 3pm held in the Upper Hall.

MOUNT STREET JESUIT CENTRE

The Mount Street Jesuit Centre is holding a one day workshop on 'Scriptural Images for Reflection and Prayer' facilitated by Magdalen Lawler SND on Saturday 28th January from 11am-4pm. Please book in advance via www.pathwaystogod.org or by calling 020 7495 1673. 114 Mount Street, London W1K 3AH.

CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 21 6.30am Stanley Lewis RIP
Mon 23 7.30am David & Lorenza Boyce RIP
10.00am Mary & John Quigley Ints.
6.30pm Thomas & Marie Behan RIP
Tue 24 7.30am Bennie Duffy RIP
10.00am Savio D'Souza RIP
6.30pm Maria Louise Simões RIP
Wed 25 7.30am Our Lady Queen of Peace
10.00am Norma Escolin RIP
6.30pm Matthew Harris Ints.
Thu 26 7.30am Bennie Duffy RIP
10.00am Brida & Rita Maher Ints.
6.30pm John Paul De Quay Ints.
Fri 27 7.30am Sr Charmaine Ints.
10.00am Funeral for Catherine 'Kit' O'Brien
6.30pm Des & Joan Matthews RIP
Sat 28 7.30am Sr Anne & Sr Gloria Ints.
10.00am Peter Connellan RIP

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Kit O'Brien, Hugo Ezcurra, Michael Cook, Mark Fudakowski, John Bridger, John Tender
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Gisela Gregory, Olive Harriet Pizey, Philomena Butterfield, Leila Buckley, Emma F Williams, Ewa Hryniewicz, John Portelly, Anna Ferullo, Christina Abberton, Jorge Montes, Veronica Gleeson, Jerzy and Kazimiera Owoc, Sean Murphy
The sick: Brian Bladen-Hovell, David Dale, Howard Philpott, Marcus Wrede, Elizabeth Quinn, Felicia Rathbone, Sandra Broadbent, Daphne Minas, Gabriel Godfrey, Cathy McElroy, Roberto Farina, Fr Brendan Callaghan SJ, Barry Sharrow, Sr Charmaine, Camille Endaya, Charlie Bradley, Yvonna Patton, Tracy Byrne, Angela Balogum, Giena Worth, Ronnie Bradnick, Alexander Skachkov, Baby Bleu Denley Saunders, Patricia Meehan, Joan Paul, Frank Micetich, Lorraine Grozdanovic, Roberto Luigi Farina, Sophia Ridley, Avril Brown, Cindy Bayat, Bernadette McMurray, Anne Medicraft, Carol Escalona, David Fyfe, Mary Wallace, Con Harrington, Rita Westbrook, Angela de Leon, Alina Hancock, Teresa Scanlon, Sheila Chateau, Michael Hoskins, Electa Almeida, Sr Tien Nguyen, Caleb Edser, Julian Eddy, Troy Najair, Margaret Lumley and Andrew Tan

COLLECTIONS

Collections at Mass last Sunday came to £1,849 in loose plate giving and £561 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £2,410. This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.

The second collection for *Pax Christi* raised £1,023. Thank you for your support!

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 24th January St Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, Memorial

Wednesday 25th January The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle

Thursday 26th January Ss Timothy and Titus, Bishops

Friday 27th January St Angela Merici, Virgin

Saturday 28th January St Thomas Aquinas, Memorial

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 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 sine nomine, Palestrina

Sicut cervus, Palestrina

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

Youth Minister: Pat Ryan youthminister@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk

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 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.