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Newsletter

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

**Weekday Readings for
4th week in Ordinary Time
before Lent (A)
Vol I. psalter week 4**

Next Sunday's Readings

- Isaiah 58:7-10
- Ps. 111:4-9. R.v4
- Corinthians 2:1-5
- Matthew 5:13-16

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The Beatitudes

One of my favourite places to visit in the Holy Land is the mount of the Beatitudes. The church was built in 1938 by Barluzzi and overlooks the Sea of Galilee. In the church there are eight windows that give a panoramic view of the lake and its surrounding hills. Even with the crowds that visit the site there are islands of peace that allows time to think on the teachings of Jesus. One of the advantages of a visit to the Galilee is that you are able to witness scenes around the lake that would have been familiar even in Jesus time. This is different from a visit to Jerusalem which is essentially a medieval city, that would only have had echoes of the Jerusalem of Jesus' time.



Jesus was a man of the lake. He had made his home in Capernaum, and most of his teaching were in the fields and hills around the lake. It was there that Jesus preached his sermon on the Mount. The Beatitudes sum up our way of Christian living. The words resonate through the teachings of Jesus. Blessed says Jesus are the poor, those who mourn, the meek, those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, the merciful, the pure, the peacemaker, those persecuted and reviled. They will all be rewarded by God, all called to holiness. They will share the kingdom of God and will be called righteous for they will

see God, obtaining His mercy and comfort. Those words of comfort and blessing apply equally to us in our day to day life as we try to live out our Christian calling. Those words of blessing are addressed as much to us as to the crowds that sat and listened to the words of Jesus being addressed to them. Jesus addresses us challenging us to see his presence in the many aspects of our lives, most especially in areas where we stand in contradiction to the pressures and values of our world. When we stand for Christ and for his way then we are assured of the presence of God in our life, receiving his blessing and encouragement. There is so much in the Beatitudes that deserves our time and our thought.

THE PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Parish Priest: Canon John Clark MA

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)

SICK LIST UPDATE

We would like to update the Sick List in the weekly newsletter. Therefore, please advise the Reception when names can be removed or let us know the names of your loved ones and friends to be included and prayed for. Please remember to ask the sick person's permission. From beginning of February we will only include the names notified to the Parish Office (020 8946 0305).

FAITH IN ACTION APPEAL

Faith in Action Merton thanks parishioners for their most generous response to last week's appeal. A total of £3,844 was raised including £258 back from the Government as a result of the donations enclosed in 83 Gift Aid envelopes. We apologise for the shortage of FIA leaflets at the 5pm & 8pm Masses. Further information about the work of FIA and how to set up a monthly £5 donation to its Square Meal appeal (£5 pays for 2 hot meals a month) can be found at www.mertonfaithinaction.org. Donations can also be made via www.justgiving.com/faithinaction

GENERATIONS TOGETHER IT CLINICS

This term's popular *Generations Together IT Clinics* will be on Fridays 3rd, 10th, 24th February and 3rd & 10th March - 12.35 p.m. at the UHS.

Knowledgeable girls provide excellent mobile phone & computer tuition, including how to connect with family abroad, catch up with TV online! All grades are welcome; no charge. Contact Sheila Gent 020 8390 0119 to book a place.

Parish News

AT HOME

There will be an 'At Home' on Monday 30th January, from 6-8pm.

SCHOOL SLIPS

School slips will be collected this weekend.

PPC AT HOME

The PPC is holding a *PPC - At Home* this Sunday, 29th January, after the 9.45am Mass in the Lounge. If you wish to talk to 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.

PARISH WEBSITE & DATABASE

We have sent emails to a large number of parish organisations inviting them to a meeting on either 8th or 13th February, both at 7.30pm in the Parish Lounge, to consult on the future development of the parish website and as an

opportunity to link it to the parish database. For some organisations, our contact information is out of date, and in other cases we may not know about you! If you run an organisation linked to parish activities and have not received an invitation, please contact us by emailing sacredheartwebanddatabase@gmail.com confirming which date you will be attending.

Announcements

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Please join the Charismatic prayer Group on Monday 30th January from 7.30-9.30pm in the church for singing and worship. Fr Ted will be giving a talk on 'Mother Mary, the Holy Spirit and the Prophecy of the coming of Christ'. Contact Maria (07889 854 803) or Audra (07958 782 779) for more information.

NO EXPOSITION

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

SPECIAL MASS

On Thursday, 2nd February, is 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.

FIRST FRIDAY VIGIL OF PRAYER

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for vocations to the priesthood and religious life and for World Peace will be on Friday 3rd February

starting after the 6.30pm Mass continuing to midnight. Silent prayer to 8.30pm followed by meditations and prayers. Please come if only for a short visit.

TEAMS OF OUR LADY

Members of *Teams of Our Lady* will be talking at Masses on the weekend of 11th/12th February. *Teams* is a movement founded to help married couples grow spiritually, using house groups that meet once a month. To find out more about *Teams* please visit www.teamsgb.org.uk.

Parish Organisations

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!

WIMBLEDON CANCER FRIENDSHIP GROUP

There will be an evening meeting on Thursday 9th February from 7.30-9pm when Emma Bolman from *Marie Curie* will be giving a talk about palliative care, the support line and bereave-

ment - to name a few services that *Marie Curie* provides. She will also be giving a guideline to fundraising. Please call 07948 767 936 or email wcfg@live.co.uk for more information. 30/32 Worple Road, SW19 4EF.

Social, Cultural & Notices

MISH MASH PANTO Performances of our parish panto started this weekend! There will be two more on Saturday 4th February at 2.30pm and 7pm in the Upper Hall, Edge Hill; (tickets: £12/£6, on www.edgehillplayers.com or call 07742 230493), all proceeds go to the Royal Marsden Hospital.

BRAHMS REQUIEM The Sacred Heart Chorus would like to invite good choral singers to join them in a performance of the Brahms Requiem on Saturday 17th June in the church. There will be eight Monday evening rehearsals from 7.30-9.30pm, starting on the 27th March. A workshop for the Brahms Requiem will be held on Saturday 18th March. If you would like to sing or take part in the workshop, please register via www.sacredheartmusic.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.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR EVELYN GALLAGHER

A Memorial Mass for Evelyn Gallagher will be celebrated on Tuesday 31st January at 10am in the church, refreshments will be served in the Lower Hall after Mass until noon. Evelyn was a parishioner of the Sacred Heart for 44 years.

RICHARD CHALLONER SCHOOL

The Richard Challoner School, New Malden, is seeking to appoint a Lettings Officer and a Premises Manager. For full details please visit www.richardchalloner.com or contact Mrs Harvey (bursar@challoner.kingston.sch.uk). Closing date 20th February noon.

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.

A GIFT FOR WIFE AND HUSBAND

Here is an invitation for husband and wife to give each other a gift by spending 4th March exploring their relationship more deeply in the light of Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation, *The Joy of Love*. This will be a marriage-enrichment day entitled *A Lifetime of Loving* during which couples can gain valuable insights into their communication and the call of the church to the married. Please note that there is no group sharing during the day, no marriage counselling or guidance; the day lasts from 9.45am - 4.30pm at St Teresa's Church, Ashford, Kent; suggested donation £25/couple. For more details please call 07983 524727 or email mflkent@gmail.com

READERS & CATECHISTS

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

Exploring our Faith

EVANGELISATION MEETING

Saturday 4th February from 10.30-11.30am in the Lounge: Come, so that we can share the Good News! If you know that Jesus loves you - don't keep it to yourself, come and share an hour with like-minded people the joy of being a Catholic today, so that we can help others who have not found this great boost to everyday life. Six of us had a very rewarding day at St Patrick's, Soho Square, last week. Come & bring a friend for a coffee and friendship. Everyone is welcome. For more details contact Sadie Smith (020 8946 5198, sadiesmith3@talktalk.net).

LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY

The Kairos Spirituality Centre is offering quiet days

where you can explore different aspects of prayer and your relationship with God. Next Prayer Day will be on Saturday 11th February 10.30am-3.30pm with Sr Annie Lunney SMG. There is no cost for the day, donations gratefully received, booking is essential: 020 8788 4188.

DIVINE MERCY RETREAT

On Saturday 11th February from 11am - 4pm there will be a Divine Mercy Retreat held by Marian Fathers at St George's Cathedral, London SE1 6HR. All welcome - bring your family & friends to the Merciful Jesus. For further information please call 020 8998 0925 or email info@divinemercy.org.uk

MEDJUGORJE RETREAT

17th-19th February at Emmaus Retreat Centre, West Wickham BR4 9HH, £140; enquiries: Paul Spencer (0116 212 8175)

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.

CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 28 6.30pm Ned & Margaret Loftus RIP
Mon 30 7.30am Bishop Howard Tripp Ordination Anniv
10.00am Luisa Derx RIP
11.30am Funeral for Michael Cooke
6.30pm Mary & Patrick Collins Ints.
Tue 31 7.30am Mary Cohen Ints.
10.00am Evelyn Gallagher RIP
6.30pm David Brum Ints.
Wed 1 7.30am Paddy Costello Ints.
10.00am Colette & Gerry Carty Ints.
6.30pm Phillipa Mahon RIP
Thu 2 7.30am Constance Davey Ints.
10.00am Richard McGrath RIP
7.30pm Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
Fri 3 7.30am Martin Costello RIP
10.00am Peter & Pamela Hannigan Wed. Anniv
6.30pm Joyce Easton & Edna Hayward RIP
Sat 4 7.30am Ranjit Croos Fernando RIP
10.00am Thanksgiving for Blessings Ints.

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Brenda Thompson, Michael Cooke, Mark Fudakowski

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Barbara Webb, Margaret Moran, Nora Wood, Angela Roots, Alan Spiller, Ewa Hryniewicz

The sick: Paul Shannon, Brian Bladen-Hovell, David Dale, Howard Philpott, 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 [Please advise the Reception when names can be removed.]



COLLECTIONS

Collections at Mass last Sunday came to £1,987 in loose plate giving and £563 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £2,550. This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 31st January St John Bosco, Priest, Memorial
Thursday 2nd February The Presentation of the Lord, Candlemas
Friday 3rd February St Lawrence of Canterbury, Bishop

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 in simplicitate, Jean Langlais

Cantique de Jean Racine, Gabriel

Fauré

Ave Maria, Gabriel Fauré

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: sacredheartwimbletonppc@gmail.com

Youth Minister: Pat Ryan youthminister@sacredheartwimbleton.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.