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Newsletter

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

**Weekday Readings for
6th week in Ordinary Time
before Lent (A)
Vol I. psalter week 2**

Next Sunday's Readings

- Leviticus 19:1-2. 17-18
- Ps. 102:1-4.8.10.12-13.R.v8
- Corinthians 3:16-23
- Matthew 5:38-48

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Racial and Social Justice Sunday

The controversy surrounding President Trump's ban on travellers from seven predominantly Muslim nations has highlighted yet again issues of racial and religious justice. This is not unique to the USA. Whenever or wherever communities or cultures live together there is the potential for mis-understanding, for fear and even for conflict. We are told that one of the deciding factors of the last referendum was immigration. Whether it was fear of foreigners or fear for jobs or access to public services it was a reflection on the attitudes that exist within parts of the country.

Today is *Justice and Peace Sunday* when we are challenged to look at our

Prayer for Racial Justice

Father, you created each one of us in your own image. Yet yours is a world made glorious by its rich diversity. This we sometimes misunderstand, sometimes fear. Give us the patience to build on what unites us, to celebrate our differences and to learn from them. Grant us the wisdom to recognise your Church, beyond the walls of a building, reaching out across all communities, countries and cultures.

Give us the courage to offer refuge to those in need, to challenge prejudice and seek justice for all. Help us see that you created us in your image. Neighbour or stranger, always our brother and sister.

own attitudes to race and social justice issues. At the heart of this is the social teaching of the Catholic Church. Here the Church has much to offer to our world. It gives us a perspective which is

rooted in the developed relationship between God and mankind and God and his creation. The starting point for us is that we are all God's children made in the image and likeness of God. In that is our equality before God, in that is our just claim to be treated as equal in the sight of God and of mankind. Anything which diminishes our value or dignity as sons and daughters of God diminishes all. There should be an inherent desire to treat all as we would wish to be treated ourselves. As Christians we should be committed to work for Justice and to oppose prejudice in whatever way it manifests itself in our community or society, our structures and organisations, our workplaces and institutions.

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)

SECOND COLLECTION

Today, Sunday 12th February, is *Racial Justice Sunday*. The second collection will be in support of the work of the Catholic Church to promote racial justice in our schools, parishes and in wider society.

We have introduced 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.

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Do come and have a chat with other parishioners over a delicious continental breakfast next Sunday 19th February in the Lower Hall after the 8.15am Mass up to 12noon.

ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE

On Saturday 25th February at 12noon, auxiliary bishop Nicholas Hudson will ordain eight Jesuit Scholastics to the diaconate at St Ignatius Church, Stamford Hill. Four of them belong to the Sacred Heart Parish: Mikael Schink, Nilan Fernando, Sandeep Lakra and Thomas Idergard. You are all very welcome to attend the Mass. Meanwhile, please keep these men in your prayers!

Parish News

AT HOME

There will be an 'At Home' on Monday 13th February, from 7.30-9.30pm.

SCHOOL SLIPS

School slips will **not** be collected this weekend.

PARISH WEBSITE & DATABASE

We have sent emails to a large number of parish organisations inviting them to join us on Mon 13th Feb at 7.30pm in the Lounge, to consult on the future development of the parish website and as an oppor-

tunity to link it to the parish database. For some groups, our contact information is out of date. If you run an organisation linked to parish activities and have not received an invitation, please contact us (sacredheartwebanddatabase@gmail.com) confirming your attendance.

Announcements

RECEIVING OF HOLY COMMUNION

Now that the side benches have been realigned, we are introducing a circular pattern for receiving of Holy Communion. Those in the main body of the church should use the centre aisle to come to the altar in two lines, even if there is only one minister distributing Holy Communion, and return by the side aisles. Those in the side benches should use the side aisles to come to the altar and then return using the aisles by the walls.

TEAMS OF OUR LADY

Members of *Teams of Our Lady* will be talking at Masses this 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.

FLAME 2017

UK's biggest Catholic Youth Event is happening on Saturday 11th March at Wembley Arena. Sacred Heart Youth Ministry will be taking a group of 14-21 year olds. The focus will be on refugees and human rights, with speakers including Sarah Teather (Director of Jesuit Refugee Service UK) and Cardinal Charles Bo from Burma. There will be incredible music led by Matt Redman; costs £20, registration forms are at the back of

the church. Contact Pat Ryan (youthminister@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk) for more details.

YOUNG ADULT EVENING

We warmly invite all young adults in their 20s and 30s on Friday 17th February at 7.15pm to the first monthly gathering: this will include Mass, dinner and discussion, Thomas Idergard SJ will be leading the input on '*A Journey from Swedish Politics to Jesuit Life - a Story of Discerning God's Will*'. (Sacred Heart Common Lounge, Presbytery). Please rsvp to Pat Ryan (youthminister@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk) for catering purposes. Recommended donation is £5.

Parish Organisations

WIMBLEDON CANCER FRIENDSHIP GROUP

The next monthly drop-in will be on Thursday 23rd February from 3.15-4.30pm. The group's small, friendly team of volunteers take turns in running the meetings, and all have personal, direct or indirect experience of cancer. Drop-in meetings can offer friendly encouragement, factual infor-

mation, and put you in touch with other local cancer or carer organisations. Please call 07948 767 936 or email wcfg@live.co.uk for more information. 30/32 Worple Road, SW19 4EF.

PARISH SOCIAL CLUB

The Parish Social Club will be holding a Senior Citizen Party on Friday 24th February at 7.30pm in the Lounge. There will be a buffet and first drink

is free. Please respond by the 22nd to Sr Patricia on 07973 950 755. Limited transport available.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Friday 3rd March, 2.30pm, Parish Lounge: '*Childhood Reminiscences of Wimbledon*'. Come & hear a fascinating account of life in pre-war Wimbledon by Jim Tait. Tea, cake & chat. All welcome.

Social, Cultural & Notices

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 (April 3rd & 24th, May 8th, 15th & 22nd, June 5th & 12th and on Saturday 17th June from 2pm). 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

GENERATIONS TOGETHER IT CLINICS

This term's popular *Generations Together IT Clinics* continue on Fridays 24th February and 3rd & 10th March - 12.35pm 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 on 020 8390 0119 to book a place.

SOCIAL EVENING FOR FAMILIES

The next family social evening is on Saturday 4th March from 5-7.30pm. This is for Mums, Dads and little ones, of all ages. Children are able to play in the Lower Hall whilst the adults and younger children can chat and relax in the Parish Lounge. The bar will be open, please bring a plate of food to share. For further details please call Rachel Malam 07534 893 737 or Clare Whatling 07900 580 627.

MESSIAH

Händel's *Messiah* on Saturday 18th March, 7pm at St John the Baptist Church, Spencer Hill, SW19 4NZ, performed by professional chamber

choir Sonoro and Wimbledon Community Chorus, conducted by Neil Ferris. Tickets are £10, £15, £18, £26 (premium) and under-16s £5 available on 0333 666 3366 or at www.sonoro.com.

NOTRE DAME SCHOOL

Teacher of Theology: Notre Dame Senior School, Cobham, is seeking a teacher of Theology (FT) from Sept 2017. An additional humanities subject would be advantageous. For details please visit <http://www.notredame.co.uk/vacancies>

COLOMA CONVENT GIRLS' SCHOOL

Vacancy: Exam Invigilators (PT - periodically throughout the year), for application form & job description please visit www.colomacroydon.sch.uk or contact Sallie Trembath on 020 8654 6228 (ext. 222); closing date 26th February.

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.

MERTON HOMELESS PROJECT

Faith in Action - helping with homelessness is organising a fundraising Curry Evening on Tuesday 7th March at 7.30pm at the Khanage Indian Restaurant, SW19 1RH; come & enjoy a fun evening of good food and learn more about *Faith in Action*; cost £25 pp, please bring cash on the night, to book a place email mertondropin@gmail.com.

CALLING ALL SOCIAL MEDIA EXPERTS

The *Fairtrade* Merton Group are looking for a volunteer to help to improve their social media presence on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter & online. If you have roughly an hour/week to be our 'media guru' & promote *Fairtrade* and the activities of the *Fairtrade* Merton group (for either a few months or ongoing) please contact Catherine Edser at fairtrademerton@hotmail.co.uk

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The British Red Cross charity shop in Wimbledon urgently needs volunteers, please come to the store and pick up an application form or call 020 8947 4574, British Red Cross, 11 High Street, Wimbledon Village, SW19 5DX.

Exploring our Faith

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The Charismatic Prayer Group will be meeting on Monday 13th February inside the church from 7.30 - 9.30pm for praise and worship. Emmanuel Bondoh will be holding a bible study on "*The vine and the branches, John chap. 15,1-17.*" Please bring your bibles (or £5 to £10 to purchase a bible provided by the Divine Mercy Retreat Centre). All are welcome. Contact - Maria: 07889 854 803 or Audra 079587 82779 for more information.

FATIMA SYMPOSIUM

Visit of the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue (NPVS) of our Lady of Fatima, and the relics of Blessed Jacinta and Francisco will take place on Sat 18th Feb at Westminster Cathedral Hall starting at 4pm, closing prayer at 7.45pm. On Sun 19th Feb the NPVS will be present in Westminster Cathedral until 2.30pm.

MOUNT STREET JESUIT CENTRE

Mount Street Jesuit Centre is offering a one day workshop on *The Teachings of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin - scientist,*

priest and mystic, facilitated by Michael Smith SJ on Sat 18th Feb from 11am-4pm. Please book in advance via www.pathwaystogod.org or call 020 7495 1673. 114 Mount Street, London W1K 3AH.

DIVINE MERCY RETREAT

Divine Mercy Apostolate run by Marian Fathers is organising a Divine Mercy Retreat on Sat 18th February from 11am - 4pm at St Francis de Sales RC Church, 729 High Road, Tottenham, London N17 8AG. For more info call 020 8998 0925 and email info@divinemercy.org

CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 11 6.30pm Gloria Rabelo RIP
Mon 13 7.30am Mary Insall Ints.
10.00am Agnieszka Ptaszynska RIP
6.30pm Charlie & Celine McDaid Ints.
Tue 14 7.30am Ghada Tappuni Thanksgiving
10.00am David Read RIP
6.30pm Eddie Bailham RIP
Wed 15 7.30am Mary Insall Ints.
10.00am Kit O'Brien RIP
6.30pm Pamela Grostate RIP
Thu 16 7.30am Ann McIntyre RIP
10.00am Kit O'Brien RIP
11.30am Funeral Mass for John Eldon
6.30pm Mr&Mrs Scott RIP
Fri 17 7.30am Paul Francis D'Mellos Ints.
10.00am Pascal Ghazaleh RIP
6.30pm John Atkins RIP
Sat 18 7.30am Kit O'Brien RIP
10.00am Betty Heard RIP

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: John Eldon, Howard Philpott, Daisy Nimmo, Eileen Deare

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Angela Kelly, Margaret Ahearne, Donald Stables, Margaret Thompson, Robert Andrews

The sick: Tom Searle, Iris Desmier, Paul Shannon, Brian Bladen-Hovell, David Dale, 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 £2,033 in loose plate giving and £672 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £2,705. This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 14th February Ss Cyril, Monk & Methodius, Bishop, Patrons of Europe

Friday 17th February Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

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 brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo

(K,G,S), Joseph Haydn

Jubilate Deo, Joseph Haydn

Agnus Dei, Missa brevis Sancti Joannis

de Deo, Joseph Haydn

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.