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Newsletter

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

**Weekday Readings for
7th week in Ordinary Time
before Lent (A)
Vol I. psalter week 3**

Next Sunday's Readings

- Isaiah 49:14-15
- Ps 61:2-3,6-9. R.v6
- Corinthians 4:1-5
- Matthew 6:24-34

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Preparing for Lent

In two weeks' time we begin the holy season of Lent. Originally a time of prayer and fasting for those adults preparing to be baptised at Easter it was developed by the Church as a time when all Christians deepen their relationship with God through the three great tools of prayer fasting and good works. In preparing for Lent we won't go far wrong if we take each of these tools and apply them to our daily lives. How during this Lent can we deepen our prayer life? There are three ways we can move forward here. Lets start with our private prayer. Could we give ten or twenty minutes a day extra time for private prayer and devotions. A simple prayer book is a great resource for this. Second, what about



public prayer and devotions, attending a weekday Mass, or the Stations of the Cross or adoration, or the weekly Lenten service. Finally by attending one of the many Lenten talks or events around the area. Fasting, the second tool is easy enough to identify, it just needs a conscious effort to cut out the chocolate, or the drink or the smokes, or sugar. But don't forget anything we save by cutting something from our diet should go to a good cause. That leads to the third tool, good works. This covers a myriad of activities from saving your

small change during Lent to contribute to a charitable cause to giving some of your time to a person or organisation in need, to having that clear out at home for the charity shop down the road, to visiting an elderly person who may be housebound, or with few to visit. There are lots of different ways we can do something for Lent. What is important is that we spend a little time before Lent starts to decide what we want to do - and don't leave it to Ash Wednesday! Lent is a time of great blessing, it is to be savoured. Hopefully when you celebrate the feast of the resurrection at Easter you will be able to say that through your own Lenten exercises you have also shared in the resurrection.

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

Next Sunday's, 26th February, second collection will be in support of 'Poor Parishes', formerly the 'Needs of the Diocese'. This collection enables the Archbishop to make grants to some smaller parishes of the Diocese.

ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE

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

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Join in this year's Women's World Day of Prayer - 'Am I being Unfair to You? Praying for the Philippines'. Services on Friday 3rd March at 10.30am at St John the Baptist, Spencer Hill SW19 4NZ and at 8pm at Wimbledon Congregational Church, SW19 3QH; refreshments served after each service.

EXTRAORDINARY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & CATECHISTS

Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers and Catechists are called to serve by Fr John Farrell OP on Saturday 4th March from 11am-1pm at St Teresa's Church, Morden, SM4 6BZ, everyone welcome!

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

A delicious continental breakfast will be served this Sunday 19th February in the Lower Hall after the 8.15am Mass up to 12noon. All welcome!

Parish News

AT HOME

There will be an 'At Home' on Monday 20th February, from 6-8pm.

SCHOOL SLIPS

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

CONFIRMATION RETREAT DAY

Please note that confirmation retreat day is on Saturday

25th February, the church grounds will be used from 11am-6pm. Let us keep all confirmation candidates in our prayer.

SIGNED & SPOKEN MASS

A signed and spoken Mass will be celebrated next Sunday, 26th February, at 4pm in the Chapel of

Wimbledon College. All with hearing difficulties welcome!

EVANGELISATION MEETING CANCELLED

The Evangelisation Meeting scheduled on Saturday 4th March has been cancelled. The next meeting will take place on Saturday 1st April.

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
Following last week's presentations at all Masses, there will be a "Follow up

Meeting" this Monday 20th February in the Lower Hall at 8pm. Please contact David and Breeda Walsh, david34edr@virginmedia.com or 020 8393 9106, if you wish to come.

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, registra-

tion forms are at the back of the church. Contact Pat Ryan for more details: youthminister@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

On Saturday, 25th February 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 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 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.

The Sacred Heart Chorus invites good choral singers to join them in a performance of the Brahms Requiem on Saturday 17th June in the church. Rehearsals start on Monday 27th March 7.30-9.30pm (then April 3rd & 24th, May 8th, 15th & 22nd, June 5th & 12th and on Saturday 17th June from 2pm). A Brahms-Requiem workshop 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.

SOCIAL EVENING FOR FAMILIES

The next social evening for Mums, Dads and little ones of all ages is on Saturday 4th March from 5-7.30pm 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.

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.

STORY OF OUR LADY OF KAZAN

You are invited to a talk (part of a new series of talks on art, artists and faith) on *'The Amazing Lady of Kazan'* led by Mark Nash, on Tuesday 28th February at the Centre of Catholic Formation, Tooting SW17 8BS. Doors open at 7pm, drinks & snacks provided. Donations welcome. For more info see www.ccftootingbec.org.uk

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.

LENT 2017 BOOKLET

The *'My Day by Day - Lent 2017'* booklet is now available at the Presbytery Reception, also there are items/cards for Mother's Day, First Holy Communion and Confirmation available.

CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

The Vocation of healthcare: making people whole. The Catholic Medical Association Kent Branch is holding meetings in Canterbury and Chislehurst in March. Please visit their website www.catholicmedicalassociation.org.uk; Chislehurst Friday 10th March at 7.30pm at St Mary the Virgin, BR7 5PL and Canterbury on Friday 17th March at 7.30pm at St Thomas of Canterbury, CT1 2HJ. Both meetings start with Mass at 7.30pm. Refreshments & snacks provided.

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 fairtrade.merton@hotmail.co.uk

Exploring our Faith

MOUNT STREET JESUIT CENTRE

Mount Street Jesuit Centre is offering a one day workshop on *'A Biblical Journey through the Mass'* facilitated by Brian Purfield on Saturday 25th February from 11am-4pm. In this workshop you can explore the biblical roots of the words and gestures we experience in the liturgy and reflect on their profound significance. Please book in advance via www.pathwaystogod.org or call 020 7495 1673; cost: suggested donation £25, 114 Mount Street, London W1K 3AH.

A DAY WITH MARY

Do come for a day of instruction, devotion and intercession on Saturday

25th February from 10am-5.30pm at Arundel Cathedral, Sussex, BN18 9AY. Entry Procession of Our Lady, Angelus, Crowning, Sung Litany Mass in honour of Our Lady; celebrant and preacher Canon Tim Madeley, sermon on Our Lady by Fr John Seddon OSB. Please visit www adaywithmary.org for more information.

LOVE HEALS BODY MIND & SPIRIT

Welcome you to come on a one day retreat of quiet reflection on Saturday 25th February from 11am - 5pm at the Catholic Church of our Lady of Assumption & St Gregory, Warwick Street, Piccadilly, W1F 9JR.

7 Day retreat in Portugal: Mem Soares Castelo De Vide Retreat House, Portugal from Thursday 27th June - Wednesday 5th July, the cost will be £595 including return scheduled flights (TAP LHR-Lisbon), coach transfers, full board (6 nights), excursions to Fatima and to nearby historical sites, visit to Lisbon, St Anthony's birthplace and Lisbon Cathedral; attending Celebrant Priest: Fr Ted Nwokeji. Enquiries: lovehealsbodymindandspirit@gmail.com or call David & Eileen on 020 8542 2476.

CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

6.30pm (Sat) Canon V Elias 11.15am Canon V Elias
 8.15am Fr T Nwokeji 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 P Gallagher SJ

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 18 6.30pm Leonard Allen RIP
 Mon 20 7.30am Mary Holmes RIP
 10.00am Kit O'Brien RIP
 6.30pm Louisa Derx RIP
 Tue 21 7.30am William Drinnan RIP
 10.00am Fionnuala Loomes RIP
 6.30pm Peter Cheuk RIP
 Wed 22 7.30am Elizabeth Quinn RIP
 10.00am Noel D'Costa RIP
 6.30pm Morgan Finnegan RIP
 Thu 23 7.30am David & Lorenza Boyce RIP
 10.00am Edna Fernandes RIP
 6.30pm Tom Finnegan RIP
 Fri 24 7.30am Kit O'Brien RIP
 10.00am Dan O'Brien Ints.
 6.30pm Dessie Hagarty RIP
 Sat 25 7.30am Our Lady Queen of Peace
 10.00am Alice Kehoe RIP

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Hugh Johnston, William (Bill) MacGregor, Howard Philpott, Daisy Nimmo, Eileen Dare, Mary Amoroso-Centeno

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: John Marshall, June Stroud, Caitlyn Blount, Agnes Almeida, Liam Myles, Eilish Healy, Betty Heard, William Maher, Frank Mondelli

The sick: Tom Searle, Iris Desmier, Paul Shannon, Brian Bladen-Hovell, David Dale, Felicia Rathbone, Sandra Broadbent, Daphne Minas, Gabriel Godfrey, Cathy McElroy, 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 £1,108 in loose plate giving and £639 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £1,747. This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.

The second collection for *Racial Justice Sunday* raised £1,274. Thank you for your support!

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 21st February St Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Wednesday 22nd February The Chair of St Peter the Apostle

Saturday 25th February St Ethelbert, King

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 de Angelis, Plainsong

Ave Maria, Jacques Arcadelt

O Salutaris Hostia, G.P. 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: 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.