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## Newsletter

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**Twenty-Third Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

**Weekday Readings for  
23rd week in Ordinary Time  
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**Vol III. psalter week 3**

### Next Sunday's Readings

- Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7
- Ps 102:1-4,9-12 R.v8
- Romans 14:7-9
- Matthew 18:21-35

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## First Communions

The first session of this year's First Communion Programme will take place next Sunday the 17th September at 11am in the Donhead School. The children will be allocated to their groups and meet with their catechists for the coming year and the parents will have an opportunity to learn more about the programme and the personnel running it this year.



latecomers to the programme. Anyone applying now for the programme will be put on the waiting list for next year.

Applications for the 1st Communion programme have now closed and it is not possible to include

There is always a sense of excitement as we begin the classes for another year. Our children are beginning a journey of discovery. They will meet the person of Jesus and experience his love

ministered to us through the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist. In their journey, they do not walk alone. Supported first by their parents and then by their catechists and other participants in the programme and then, not least, by the other members of the parish, they will deepen their faith. They will receive the great gift of Jesus presence in their lives through the sacraments. Do please remember the children and their parents during this most special time.

### 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: Sr Francis SSA, Sr Dorothy Perrott OSU, Cristina Connolly and Pat Ryan (Youth Minister)

## SECOND COLLECTION

The second collection today is in support of the CES, *Catholic Education Service*, which acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic Education. They have a strong and positive working relationship with the British and Welsh governments, sharing the aims of high academic standards for all, and increased parental choice.

Next Sunday, 17 September, is *Home Mission Sunday*; the collection that day provides the bishops of England and Wales with resources to support Home Mission, the spread of the gospel in our own country. The money collected enables a breadth of work to be done in support of parish evangelization. Thank you for your support.

### DRIVER NEEDED

The Lift to the 12.45 Sunday Mass Team needs a new driver to give a lift to an elderly person. Once a month you would be required to pick the person up from home, take them to Mass and return to home. More info from Jenny on 07906 856 183 or email [cairns.jenny@gmail.com](mailto:cairns.jenny@gmail.com)

### AoS

*Apostleship of the Sea*: Please come and join in the celebration of Holy Mass for the at St George's Cathedral, London SE1 7HY, on Tuesday 19 Sept at 12.30pm. Mass will be presided by Archbishop Peter Smith. It is an opportunity to pray for all those who work at sea and hear more about the work of the *Apostleship of the Sea* in the diocese. More info please contact [roland@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](mailto:roland@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk) or 07887 893763.

## Parish News

### AT HOME

There will be an 'At Home' on Monday 11 September from 7.30-9.30pm in the Presbytery.

### SCHOOL SLIPS

School slips will be collected this weekend.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Can you spare a few hours to help out on Thursday afternoons in the Parish Re-

ception? Please contact Thelma D'Costa in the Parish Office, if you can help.

### YOUTH MASS

Our next Youth Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 24 September at 5pm. All ages are welcome.

### ARTHUR WHITE

Our caretaker, Arthur White, is leaving us at the end of September. Anyone

wishing to contribute towards a farewell gift for Arthur, please hand to Thelma D'Costa in the Parish Office. Thank you.

### ADOREMUS INFORMATION

An information flyer about the Eucharistic Pilgrimage & Congress (Liverpool, 7-9 September 2018) is available at the back of the church.

## Announcements

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We are delighted to welcome the children back to the Liturgy Programme when we resume today; please note the date of the sessions

September: 10th and 24th

October: 8th

November: 5th and 26th

December: 3rd, 10th, 17th

2018 January: 7th and 21st

February: 4th and 25th

March: 4th and 18th

April: 22nd

May: 6th and 20th

June: 10th and 24th

July: 8th

We have 2 groups, *Doves* (children from reception (children from year 2) and *Eagles*

(children for year 3 & above).

The *Doves* session takes place in the Lower Hall, children **MUST** be accompanied by a parent.

The *Eagles* session takes place in the Lounge, children will be accompanied by the liturgists, **parents**, please look out for them on their return to the church during the Offertory. We do our best to ensure that the children find their parents, we will be standing on the left hand side of the church in case parent cannot see their child.

Additional announcement will be made at the beginning of the Mass, thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Children's Liturgy is a wonderful, lively and child friendly way of discussing the gospel with our very important members of the congregation.

### YOUNG ADULT EVENING

We warmly invite all young adults in their 20s and 30s to our next monthly gathering on Friday 15 September. We will commence in the chapel inside Sacred Heart Church at 7.30pm. The evening will include Mass, dinner and discussion. Please RSVP to Pat Ryan ([youthminister@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](mailto:youthminister@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk)) for catering purposes. Recommended donation £5.

## Parish Organisations

### WIMBLEDON CANCER FRIENDSHIP GROUP

There will be an evening meeting on Thursday 14 September at 7.30pm when Kate Bexley from Merton Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (MIAPT) will speak about getting access to a range of services including counselling, cognitive behavioural therapy, group work amongst others. Wimbledon Guild, 30/32 Worple Road.

SW19 4EF; (contact 07948 767 936, [wcfg@live.co.uk](mailto:wcfg@live.co.uk)).

The World's Biggest Coffee Morning in support of Macmillan Cancer Care will take place on Friday 29 September between 10am – 12pm in the Lounge. The WCFG hosts this event every year and warmly invites all parishioners and friends to join them for coffee, cakes and a chance to chat while raising funds for this organisation.

Donations of cakes and raffle prizes very welcome.

### TRAIDCRAFT

The Traidcraft stall will be back outside the church this Sunday morning. By supporting Traidcraft, you are providing people living in some of the world's poorest communities with the knowledge and skills they need to improve their livelihoods and help educate their children.

## Social, Cultural & Notices

### CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Do come and have a chat with other parishioners over a delicious continental breakfast with croissants and bacon rolls next Sunday 17 September in the Lower Hall after the 8.15am Mass up to 12 noon. Funds raised will go to the Edge Hill Players' production of 'Oklahoma'.

### CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS

You are invited to 2 Catholic History walks: Tuesday 19 September at 2pm on 'Lift up your heads, O Gates!'. Explore the Historic City of London and splendid pre-Reformation Churches. Meet outside the Church of the Precious

Blood, The Borough; and on 'For King and Country' on *Catholics and politics: St Thomas More, Guy Fawkes, Pugin, Parliament and the Abbey*. Meet at 6.30pm on the steps of Westminster Cathedral; Cost £5, concessions available; walks may take up to 2 hrs. Visit [www.catholichistorywalks.com](http://www.catholichistorywalks.com) for more information.

### NEWMAN CIRCLE

The Wimbledon Newman Circle will meet again on Thursday 21 September at 7.30pm in the Lounge when Michael Walsh, acclaimed historian and theologian, will talk on 'Ructions in the Vatican: Pope Francis tries to reform the Curia'. All are welcome!

### URSULINE HIGH SCHOOL

Ursuline High School is currently looking for a Midday Supervisor (18hrs per week). Details & application forms are available from the website [www.ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk](http://www.ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk) or from Mrs Martin on 020 8879 4381. Closing date is Monday 11 September.

### CARDINAL VAUGHAN MEMORIAL SCHOOL

Open Days for admission in September 2018 will be held on Thursdays 14 (4.30pm & 6pm) and 21 (3.30pm) and Tuesday 26 September (4.30pm & 6pm). Please see [www.cvms.co.uk](http://www.cvms.co.uk) for details.

### 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.

### OOOOKLAHOMA!

Coming to our Parish Hall Edge Hill Players' new production will be *Oklahoma* on Friday 15 and Saturday 16 September at 7.30pm in the Upper Hall (tickets are available from the Presbytery or [www.edgehillplayers.com](http://www.edgehillplayers.com) or 07742 230493). Profits of this production will go to MIND-The Mental Health Charity.

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### BOB'S BIG BAND

*Oklahoma* demands a proper orchestra. Bob Rathbone has found the musicians - we have to find the money! How about sponsoring the band with a donation of upwards of £45 [your name in the programme, of course] or whatever you feel appropriate. If you wish to become a big-time sponsor of the arts we are happy to receive donations in multiples of £45! Maybe you have a favourite instrument or wish you could play one? Why not sponsor someone who really can and enjoy the result?

Please give this project your full consideration and contact [www.edgehillplayers.com](http://www.edgehillplayers.com) or phone 07715 164468 (cheques payable to Edge Hill Players). Page 3

## Exploring our Faith

### ANNUAL DAY FOR CATECHISTS

The annual diocesan day for catechists at St George's Cathedral will be on Saturday 23 September. This event brings together those involved in sacramental preparation and the Liturgy of the Word for children for study, prayer and commissioning. For more information please visit <https://www.ccftootingsec.org.uk/study-days/>

### HOW TO BE A DISCIPLE MAKING DISCIPLE

'How to be a disciple making disciple - Prayer, Faith, Loving Service and the Sacramental life' - you are invited to a talk on the 25th Anniversary of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* by Bishop Mark O'Toole on Monday 2 October at 6.30pm at St

Patrick's Church, 21A Soho Square, London, W1D 4NR. £5 on the door - book your place: [guildofourladyandstjoseph@gmail.com](mailto:guildofourladyandstjoseph@gmail.com)

### ECHO: THEOLOGY OF THE BODY RETREAT

ECHO is a retreat (20-27 October) for young adults between 16-30. God calls us to live in the fullness of life. But what does that look like in the 21st century? With so many questions on identity, dignity and faith swirling around us, it can be hard to find truth. Thankfully, St Pope John Paul II has left for us a beautiful series of teachings, commonly known as *Theology of the Body*, which reveals the truth of who we are and what we were created for. ECHO invites you to join in a journey to discover more of

who you were made to be. For more information and registration visit: <http://dowym.com/events/echo-theology-body-retreat/>

### RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

'Why become a Catholic?' Have you ever asked yourself this question? Then perhaps you'll find the answers through the RCIA. The sessions run on Mondays at 7.45-9pm in the Lounge. Please get in touch with Canon John, Sr. Dorothy or Peter Fenwick on [wimparish@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](mailto:wimparish@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk), [dorothyperrott@aol.com](mailto:dorothyperrott@aol.com) or call 020 8946 0305.

### CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

6.30pm (Sat) Canon V Elias     11.15am Fr M Barnes SJ  
 8.15am Fr A Nunes SJ            12.45pm Fr P Soukop SJ  
 8.30am\* Canon V Elias            5.00pm Fr P Gallagher SJ  
 9.45am Canon J Clark            8.00pm Fr T Nwokeji

\* SH School Mass Centre

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 9 6.30pm Regina Mirandah RIP  
 Mon 11 7.30am Thanksgiving  
           10.00am Peter Elwes RIP  
           6.30pm John Milward RIP  
 Tue 12 7.30am Peter Roberts RIP  
           10.00am Pierre Kisnorbo Ints.  
           6.30pm Tricia Dipre Ints.  
 Wed 13 7.30am Patrick Turner RIP  
           10.00am Funeral Mass for Constance Davey  
           6.30pm Ophilda de Souza RIP  
 Thu 14 7.30am Tony Carroll RIP  
           10.00am Donald Ryan RIP  
           6.30pm Luisa Derk RIP  
 Fri 15 7.30am Patsy McCrystal RIP  
           10.00am Funeral Mass for Maura McNight  
           6.30pm Mary Morton RIP  
 Sat 16 7.30am Percy James RIP  
           10.00am Una Stables RIP

### WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

**Those who have died recently:** Constance Davey, Eileen Margaret Phelan, Maura McKnight, Gabrielle Dorothy Wilkins

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Brian Creegan, Patrick Downey, Sean Patrick Finnerty, Mavis Ellen Moriarty

**The sick:** Sheila Johnstone, Judex Celine, Maureen Stromborg, John Burke-Gafney, John Douglas, Fr Michael O'Halloran SJ, Eva Lysuniak, Barbara Johnston, Linda Day, Grant Jepsom, Eddie Power, Tom Searle, Iris Desmier, Paul Shannon, Sandra Broadbent, Daphne Minas, Gabriel Godfrey, Sr Charmaine, Yvonna Patton, Tracy Byrne, Giena Worth, Ronnie Bradnick, Alexander Skachkov, Baby Bleu Denley Saunders, Patricia Meehan, Joan Paul, Frank Micetich, Roberto Luigi Farina, Sophia Ridley, Avril Brown, Cindy Bayat, Bernadette McMurray, Anne Medicraft, Carol Escalona, David Fyfe, Mary Wallace, Rita Westbrook, Angela de Leon, Alina Hancock, Teresa Scanlon, Sheila Chateau, Michael Hoskins, Electa Almeida, Caleb Edser, Julian Eddy, Troy Najair, Margaret Lumley and Andrew Tan  
 [Please advise the  Reception when names can be removed.]

### COLLECTIONS

Collection at Mass last Sunday came to £1,590 in loose plate giving and £438 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £2,028. This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.

If you change your address or if your tax status changes could you please notify the Parish Office.

### FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

**Tuesday 12 September** The Most Holy Name of Mary  
**Wednesday 13 September** St John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
**Thursday 14 September** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
**Friday 15 September** Our Lady of Sorrows, Memorial  
**Saturday 16 September** Ss Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop

### EXPOSITION

Sundays: 3.00 - 4.00pm  
 (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 Regina Pacis*, Flor Peeters  
*Ave Maria*, Gabriel Fauré

### PARISH SERVICES

Parish Office/Reception Hours: 9am - 5pm (Mon-Fri) 9.30am - 1pm (Sat) 9am - 1pm (Sun) [A range of religious and greeting cards are on sale at very competitive prices - please feel free to call to view.]

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)

Youth Minister: Pat Ryan [youthminister@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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.