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## Newsletter

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**Twenty-Fourth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

**Weekday Readings for  
24th week in Ordinary Time  
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**Vol III. psalter week 4**

### Next Sunday's Readings

- Isaiah 55:6-9
- Ps 144:2-3,8-9,17-18. R.v18
- Philippians 1:20-24,27
- Matthew 20:1-16

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## The Unmerciful Servant



There are times in all our lives when we are faced with hurt and disappointment, when we have failed in a relationship and have been offended. We all know how hard it can be to forgive those who have hurt us, how difficult it is to forget. Jesus challenges us today in our readings. If God is prepared to forgive us, if he is prepared to rebuild a relationship with us, no matter how much we may have offended him, are we prepared to forgive in return? The gospel faces us with a challenge. Here is a servant deeply in debt to his master who is

forgiven all his debt. He would have known what it was for all the pressure to be taken from him. He was free of debt and the threat of severe punishment until he would have paid the debt. Our expectation would be that he would in turn forgive any who were in debt to him. What we learn is that he did the complete opposite to what was expected. He

had the fellow servant and his family thrown into prison until he could repay in full the debt that he owed. Such injustice did not go unnoticed by his fellow servants and they were not averse to making sure that the master heard about what the servant had done. Not surprising he dealt severely with the servant who had owed him so much and who was owed so little. It is not difficult for us to put ourselves in his place in the story. We are challenged to see how just we are, how fair we are in our relationships.

### THE PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Parish Priest: Canon John Clark MA  
 Parish Clergy: Fr Thaddeus Nwokeji and Deacon Julian Burling  
 Also Resident: Canon Elias Vojtech, Giovanni Prandini (Student)  
 Team Members: Sr Francis SSA, Sr Dorothy Perrott OSU, Cristina Connolly and Pat Ryan (Youth Minister)

## SECOND COLLECTION

Today, is *Home Mission Sunday*; the second collection 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.

Next Sunday, 24 September, we will be holding a special collection for Fr Michael O'Halloran SJ and Fr Peter Gallagher SJ. Anyone who wishes to contribute towards a farewell gift will have the opportunity to do so.

### MORNING PRAYER

We continue the celebration of Morning Prayer from the Divine Office each Wednesday morning in the Sacred Heart Chapel at 9.40am before the 10am Mass.

### MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP

The prayer group meets every Tuesday at 10.30am for approx. 1 hour. A simple set of formal prayers is used. This is a great opportunity to pray in a committed way for children. Contact Polly Harrison for more information (07815 855 469).

### MEMORY LANE CLUB

Every Wednesday morning from 10.30am onwards to 12.30pm in the Parish Lounge. Open to everyone who suffers from memory loss/dementia and their carers. Refreshments, chat, bingo, snooker, music as well as various games and activities available - all in an informal, friendly and fun atmosphere. Email: [edgehillmemorylane-club@gmail.com](mailto:edgehillmemorylane-club@gmail.com)

## Parish News

### AT HOME

There will be an 'At Home' on Monday 18 September from 6-8pm in the Presbytery. Please note that there will be no 'At Home' on Monday 25 September.

### GIOVANNI PRANDINI

We welcome Giovanni Prandini, a 4th Year student at St John's Seminary in

Womersley, who will be joining us for the next year. He will introduce himself at all Masses today and is looking forward to meeting the parishioners from this parish.

### YOUTH MASS

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

### SCHOOL SLIPS

School slips will be collected this weekend.

### SCHOOL FORMS

Canon John will be available to sign your children's school forms this Wednesday 20 September from 6pm onwards in the Upper Hall. No appointment necessary.

## Announcements

### SIGNED AND SPOKEN MASS

A signed and spoken Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 24 September at 4pm. Please note that this Mass will be celebrated in the Sacred Heart Chapel in the church. All with hearing difficulties welcome!

### 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 oppor-

tunity 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.

### OLD £1 COIN

The old £1 coin is going out of circulation by Sunday 15 October. Therefore, the last day the church can accept the old £1 coin will be on Sunday 8 October. So spend, bank or donate your round £1 coins before they are no longer legal tender.

### VATICAN DECREE ON HOLYDAYS

With effect from the First Sunday of Advent 2017, two holydays of obligation are being reinstated. This decision was made by the Bishops of England and Wales, and has been confirmed by the Holy See: **The Epiphany of the Lord** - 6 January (transferred to the adjacent Sunday when it falls on Saturday or Monday) and **The Ascension of the Lord** - Thursday after Sixth Sunday of Easter.

## Parish Organisations

### WIMBLEDON CANCER FRIENDSHIP GROUP

This month's drop-in will be on Thursday 28 September from 3.15-4.30pm. Anyone affected by any cancer is most welcome and will have the opportunity to talk to our volunteers and other people also affected by cancer, either personally or as a carer, friend or relative. Wimbledon Guild, 30/32 Worple Road (side door on the right-hand side of the building), 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.

### ART GROUP

The Art Group meets every 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month from 2.15-4.15pm in the Lower Hall. Some materials available or bring your own ideas. All welcome.

### FRIENDSHIP GROUP

On Friday 6 October the Friendship Group will be showing the Ealing Comedy 'Lady Killers' at 2.15pm for 2.30 prompt start in the Lounge. Ice creams in the interval, tea as usual. All welcome, bring a friend.

## Social, Cultural & Notices

### CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Do come and have a chat with other parishioners over a delicious continental breakfast with croissants and bacon rolls today, 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!

### EXHIBITION ISLAM 2017

The Wimbledon Mosque will open its doors for 'Exhibition Islam 2017' starting Saturday 7 October. Exhibition Islam is a charitable organisation that specialises in promoting a greater understanding of Islam in the international arena. This community event offers the opportunity to celebrate our similarities in faith and humanity and also recognise and appreciate our differences.

## Exploring our Faith

### CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The SH Charismatic Prayer Group will be meeting in the Lounge on Monday 18 September at 7.30-9pm for prayer, praise and worship. David Brum from the Love Heals Body Mind & Spirit Ministry will be giving a short talk. All are welcome! (contact 07958 782779 Audra).

### 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.ccfloatingbec.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)

### A DAY WITH MARY

Do come for a day of instruction and intercession on Saturday 7 October from 9.45am - 5.30pm at Westminster Cathedral, London SW1P 1QW. Entry

Procession of Our Lady of Fatima, Angelus, Crowning, Sung Litany, Mass; celebrant and preacher Canon Christopher Tuckwell; Exposition and Procession; sermon on Our Lady by Fr Tom Lynch. For more info visit [www adaywithmary.org](http://www adaywithmary.org)

### 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.

### 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.

### OPEN DAYS, MORNINGS, EVENINGS

Ursuline High School welcomes parents, carers and students seeking Year 7 entry in 2018 to this 'Outstanding' Roman Catholic Girls' School to an Open Evening on Wednesday 20 September from 6.30-8.30pm. Open Mornings (for current Year 6 students, by appointment only) from Monday 25 - Friday 29 September 9-11.30am or 11-12.30am. Entrance: The Downs, SW19 8HA, [www.ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk](http://www.ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk)

Wimbledon College is holding an Open Evening for prospective pupils for admission in September 2018 on Thursday 28 September from 5.30-8.30pm. Please note that there is no parking on site. Deadline for applications for entry in September 2018 is 31 October ([www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk](http://www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk)).

St. Philomena's Catholic High School for Girls (Carshalton SM5 3PS) is holding Open Mornings for prospective Year 7 entrants September 2018 from Monday 25 - Friday 29 September 9-10.45am, one session/day by appointment only (020 86422025/266 [www.stphils.org.uk](http://www.stphils.org.uk))

### CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

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

\* SH School Mass Centre

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 16 6.30pm Caje D'Souza RIP  
 Mon 17 7.30am Brian Bladen Howell RIP  
           10.00am Zita Braganza RIP  
           6.30pm Remo & Marina Dipre RIP  
 Tue 19 7.30am Seamus Kelly Ints.  
           10.00am Funeral Mass for Eileen M Phelan  
           6.30pm David Powley RIP  
 Wed 20 7.30am Teodora Owczarek RIP  
           10.00am Dced members of Abberton Family RIP  
           11.30am Funeral of John McLester  
           6.30pm Powley Family Ints.  
 Thu 21 7.30am May Mulqueeney RIP  
           10.00am Charles Forrester RIP  
           6.30pm Mrs Walsh RIP  
 Fri 22 7.30am Dced members of Milward Family RIP  
           10.00am Charles Forrester RIP  
           1.00pm Funeral Mass for Jean Claude Marcel  
           6.30pm Thanksgiving Governors SH School Ints.  
 Sat 23 7.30am David & Lorenza Boyce RIP  
           10.00am Pieadade Fernandes RIP

### WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

**Those who have died recently:** Eileen Margaret Phelan, Gabrielle Dorothy Wilkins, Joan Sheila Chateau, Jean Claude Marcel, John McLester

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Caroline Worrell, David Stuart Ryan, Rosemary Zarri, Donald Millar Keith, Fr Bernard Taylor SJ, Doris Refaat

**The sick:** Donal Hogan, Sheila Johnstone, Judex Celine, Maureen Stromborg, John Burke-Gafney, John Douglas, Fr Michael O'Halloran SJ, Barbara Johnston, Linda Day, 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, 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 £1,828 in loose plate giving and £605 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £2,433. This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.

The second collection in support of the *Catholic Education Service* raised £905. Thank you for your generosity.

### FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

**Sunday 17 September** Home Mission Sunday  
**Tuesday 19 September** St Januarius, Bishop and Martyr  
**Wednesday 20 September** St Andrew Kim Tae-gōn, Priest and Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs  
**Thursday 21 September** St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist  
**Saturday 23 September** St Pio Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Priest, Memorial

### 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 orbis factor*, Plainsong

*Ave Maria*, Igor Stravinsky

*Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts*, Henry Purcell

### 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.