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Newsletter

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**Twenty-Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

**Weekday Readings for
25th week in Ordinary Time
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Next Sunday's Readings

- Ezekiel 18:25-28
- Ps 24:4-9. R. v6
- Philippians 2:1-11
- Matthew 21:28-32

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Missionary Appeal

The generosity of God our Father is at the heart of the gospel message today. It is appropriate that it comes on the weekend of our annual appeal for the missions. We welcome Fr. Kevin Ryan, a priest of the St. Francis Xavier Mission Society, who will preach at all Masses with the exception of the 8.30am Mass at the Sacred Heart School. Each year, the parish generously supports the work of those who spend their lives sustaining and supporting the work of spreading the gospel. Not only have we seen the amazing growth of the Church in the



developing countries but we in turn have benefited from the numbers of clergy and lay folk who have come to share the joys of the gospel here in the churches in Europe.

The second collection today will be for the work of the Missionary Societies. Please note that the special collection for Fr. Peter Gallagher SJ and Fr. Michael O'Halloran SJ which was scheduled

for today will be held next weekend 30th/1st October. Contributions to their farewell gift can also be left at the parish office.

Finally we say goodbye this week to Arthur White who has been our site manager for the past couple of years. Arthur has always been most co-operative and helpful to those who have rented or used the halls over the last two years and has cared for the fabric of the buildings. We wish him well in his new appointment.

Fr. John

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

There will be a mission appeal for Xaverian Fathers at all Masses this weekend.

Please note that the special collection for Fr Michael O'Halloran SJ and Fr Peter Gallagher SJ which has originally been scheduled for this weekend will be held next weekend 30 Sept/1 Oct. Anyone who wishes to contribute towards a farewell gift will have the opportunity to do so.

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.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

On Saturday 30 September 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 visit the website.

TRAIDCRAFT

The Traidcraft stall will be outside the church today. In addition to our usual items there will be lots of lovely bamboo socks, and embroidered cushion covers. Traidcraft works with people in some of the world's poorest communities to help them with the knowledge and skills they need to improve their livelihoods and educate their children.

Parish News

AT HOME

Please note that there will be no 'At Home' on Monday 25 September.

YOUTH MASS

We will be celebrating a Youth Mass today, 24 September at 5pm. All ages are welcome.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Can you spare a few hours to help out on Thursday afternoons in the Parish Reception? Please contact Thelma D'Costa in the Parish Office if you can help.

SCHOOL SLIPS

School slips will be collected

this weekend.

ARTHUR WHITE

From Monday 25 September there will be a card left at the Presbytery Reception for anyone who wishes to sign a farewell message for our caretaker Arthur White.

Announcements

SIGNED AND SPOKEN MASS

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

MERTON DEANERY TALK

'The Elephant in the Room - Is it time to rethink Confirmation?' Our Youth Minister Pat Ryan is teaming up with Rob Mobile from St Teresa's, Morden, to lead the next Merton Deanery Formation session on Tuesday 3 October from 7-9.30pm in the SH Lounge. This is for all catechists and anyone interested and will explore some diffi-

cult questions about how we as a church prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

All young adults in their 20s and 30s are invited along to a retreat weekend (20-22 October) with the FCJ (Faithful Companions of Jesus) Sisters in East London. The retreat will be focused on prayer and discernment. Please contact Pat Ryan (youthminister@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk) for more details.

CALLING PARENTS OF 1st HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN

All parents of children preparing for 1st Holy Communion and catechists are invited

to a talk on 'Empowering - passing on the gift' by David Payne, an inspiring speaker of CaFE, on Saturday 7 October from 10am-12.30pm at St John Fisher, SW20 9DB.

CARE TAKER

Our very active parish is looking for an experienced caretaker. The successful candidate will be expected to work flexibly for 35 hrs/week, which will include some evenings and weekend work. For further details and an application form (CVs not accepted) please contact Thelma D'Costa, Executive Assistant wimparish@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk or telephone 020 8946 0305. Closing date for applications is 13 October 2017

Parish Organisations

WIMBLEDON CANCER FRIENDSHIP GROUP

This month's drop-in will be on Thu 28 Sept 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 Rd (side door on the right-hand side of the build-

ing), SW19 4EF; (contact 07948 767 936, wcfg@live.co.uk).

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

sation. Donations of cakes and raffle prizes very 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

GENERATIONS

TOGETHER IT CLINICS

This term's popular *Generations Together IT Clinics* will take place on Fridays 29/9, 6/10, 13/10, 3/11, 10/11, 17/11 & 24/11 - 12.35pm at the UHS. Knowledgeable girls provide excellent computer and mobile phone tuition. All grades welcome. No charge. Contact Sheila Gent 020 8390 0119 to book a place.

FURNITURE NEEDED

Christian Care who run the only free furniture project in Merton have several families in need of furniture at the moment and their stocks are low.

The furniture they require is:

- Double beds & mattresses
- Chests of drawers

- Small wardrobes
- Bedside cabinets
- Sofas - preferably 2 seaters
- Dining tables for 2 - 4 pers.
- Coffee tables
- Rugs
- Pots and pans
- Kitchen implements
- Sets of cutleries
- Ironing boards

Any offers can be made to us by phone or email: Christian Care Association Office (020 3302 0181/07932 628 840, christiancaremerton@gmail.com; office open Tue - Thu 9.30am - 2pm).

PANTO TIME

Its Panto Time (Oh yes it is!). Following on from the success of *Oklahoma!*, the Edge Hill Players will be performing our new panto *Babes*

in the Wood on Saturdays 27 January & 3 February 2018. We will need lots of people to get involved, whether treading the boards or helping backstage. An informal meeting to discuss the production will be held in the Upper Hall on Tue 3 Oct from 7.30-9.30pm. All are very welcome to attend. For more info please visit our website www.edgehillplayers.com.

APARTMENT NEEDED

A family of three (2 adults & a 9 yrs. old girl) is looking for a two-bedroom flat to rent in the Wimbledon area, preferably close to Wimbledon Chase Primary School and the SH Church. Please contact Aga on 07976 045636.

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 Open Mornings (for current Year 6 students, by appointment only) from Mon 25 - Fri 29 September 9-11.30am or 11-12.30am. Entrance: The Downs, SW19 8HA, www.ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

Wimbledon College is holding an Open Evening for prospective pupils for admission in September 2018 on Thu 28 Sept 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).

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

Holy Cross School: Year 7 Open Evening on Monday 2 October, 5.30-8pm; Sixth Form Open Evening on Wed 11 October at 7pm. (www.holycross.kingston.sch.uk).

Exploring our Faith

A DAY WITH MARY

Do come for a day of instruction and intercession on Sat 7 Oct 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

SAMUEL GROUPS

Samuel groups are for single adults (18-35) who are open to listening to the Word of God and putting it into practice in their lives. Participants commit to attending monthly group meetings from Advent to Pentecost and to monthly

meetings with a spiritual guide outside of group meetings. As well as a time of *Lectio Divina*, meetings include speakers on key topics such as silence, decision making and ways of praying. If you are interested in finding out more or in participating in such a group, please contact; Sister Gretta McCormick. Tel: 020 8543 0594 or 07519 037826

LOVE HEALS BODY MIND AND SPIRIT TEAM

Welcomes you to come on a one-day Retreat of quiet Reflection [programme: Rosary, Traditional Latin Mass, Lunch Break (please bring your own lunch, refreshments available), Talk Based on Scripture, Catholic Christian Meditation, Blessed Adoration, Individual Healing Prayers] on Saturday 30

September from 11am - 5pm at the Catholic Church of our Lady of Assumption & St Gregory, W1F 9JR. Enquiries: Eileen & David Brum 020 8542 2476, body_mind_spirit_meditation@hotmail.com

ROSARY CRUSADE OF REPARATION

On Saturday 14 October, the *Rosary Crusade* led by Rt. Revd. John Keenan, Bishop of Paisley, will once again take to the streets of London in honour of Our Lady in the month of the Holy Rosary. Assemble by 1.45pm outside Westminster Cathedral, end about 5.15pm; donations required, for more info contact Francis Carey (01494 729223), Mathias Menezes (020 8764 02620) or email rosarycrusade@duc-in-altum.co.uk

CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

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

* SH School Mass Centre

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 23 6.30pm Remo & Marina Dipre Ints.
Mon 25 7.30am Our Lady Queen of Peace
10.00am Thanksgiving f Governors of SH School
6.30pm Peter Elwes RIP
Tue 26 7.30am Margaret Canty RIP
10.00am Susan Gallagher RIP
6.30pm Eileen & Ken Glew RIP
Wed 27 7.30am Michael Tidy RIP
10.00am Remo & Marina Dipre Ints.
6.30pm Ben Lorenzo RIP
Thu 28 7.30am George Horton RIP
10.00am Marion's Ints.
6.30pm Paola Clemente RIP
Fri 29 7.30am Brian & Margaret Birch Ints.
10.00am Peter Salmon RIP
6.30pm Mr & Mrs Stacewicz RIP
Sat 30 7.30am Margaret Stenson RIP
10.00am Dced Members of the Fernandes Family

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Joan Sheila Chateau, Maureen Stromborg, Roy Haslehurst, Nicole W Browne

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Martin Middlehurst, Raymond O'Neil, Veronica Cleary, Paul Oliver, Alexandra De Souza, Ellen Harrison, Ben Lorenzo, Noel Roger Napaul, Yvonne Stephens-Monnier, Giuseppe Savastio, Maria Conception Vaamon de Carranza, Marian Tadeusz Owoc

The sick: Fr Phelim McGowan SJ, Donal Hogan, Sheila Johnstone, Judex Celine, 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

COLLECTIONS

Collection at Mass last Sunday came to £2,045 in loose plate giving and £564 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £2,609. This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.

The second collection in support of Home Mission last Sunday raised £1,088. Thank you for your generosity.

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 26 September Ss Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

Wednesday 27 September St Vincent de Paul, Priest

Thursday 28 September St Wenceslaus, Martyr

Friday 29 September Ss Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Archangels

Saturday 23 September St Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

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

Mass of St Michael, Henry Wardale

Jesu, dulcis memoria, Richard Shepard

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

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.