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## Newsletter

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**Twenty-Eighth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

**Weekday Readings for  
28th week in Ordinary Time  
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**Vol III. psalter week 4**

### Next Sunday's Readings

- Isaiah 45:1.4-6
- Ps 95:1.3-5.7-10. R.v7
- Thessalonians 1:1-5
- Matthew 22:15-21

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## For many are called but few are chosen

I remember once sitting in a restaurant with a friend and being totally distracted by a couple at the next table. Both were on their mobile phones talking while not saying a word to each other. The fascinating thing was that this went on for most of the meal. I suppose we shouldn't be that surprised, as we see half the people walking down the street, talking away happily to themselves. You could in a real sense say that we live in an age when many are called! As to whether few are chosen - that is another business. The



readings today hang together around the motif of a banquet. In the first reading we have the image of heaven presented as a great meal, a celebration of our salvation and redemption. It is not surprising that this text is often used at funeral masses. The meal in Jesus' parable today is also based on an invitation, but one made to the Pharisees

and lawyers. It is they who reject the invitation to the meal, it is they who attack the messengers of God, it is they who are turned away from the kingdom. It is the marginalised, the least in the kingdom to whom the invitation is given, but even here not all who make it to the banquet are saved as we see in the treatment of the one without the festive garments. Many are called, as Jesus says, but few are chosen. It is a challenging position for all of us. We are the inheritors of the invitation we need to be prepared.

### 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)

## SH YOUTH GROUP

All SH teenagers (13-18yrs) are invited for the launch of the new **Sacred Heart Youth Group**. This will be a really fun night with food, games, music and a talk. It will be hosted in the Sacred Heart Lounge from 6-8pm today, 15 October.

## SECOND COLLECTION

Next Sunday, 22 October, is World Mission Day. There will be a second collection that goes in its entirety to *Missio*, the Church's official organ for the support of foreign missions, of churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where Church is new, young or poor. Thank you for your support.

## CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Do come and have a chat with other parishioners over a delicious continental breakfast with croissants and bacon rolls next Sunday 22 October in the Lower Hall after the 8.15am Mass up to 12 noon.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

## PLANNED GIVING

Many thanks to the parishioners who collected Planned Giving forms after the presentations on 7/8 October. Could you please complete them and return them to the Presbytery. If you were not at the Masses when the talk was given, please note that copies are available at the back of the church explaining why we need to increase our income together with gift aid and bankers order forms.

# Parish News

## AT HOME

There will be an 'At Home' this Monday 16 October from 7.30-9.30pm. Canon John is available to see anyone who calls in to the Presbytery. If you wish to talk about any matter, please do come along.

## SCHOOL SLIPS

School slips will be collected this weekend.

## FAREWELL

We would like to bid farewell to our Youth Minister Pat Ryan and invite you to come for tea & cake today 15 October from 10am - 1pm in the Lower Hall.

## SIGNED AND SPOKEN MASS

A signed and spoken Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 22 October at 4pm in the Sacred Heart Chapel in the church. All with hearing difficulties welcome.

# Announcements

## 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](mailto:youthminister@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk)) for more details.

## FORMATION FOR MINISTRY

The Merton Deanery invites you to a talk by Jenny Baker from CaFE on '*Liturgy for children - planting seeds for*

*life*' on Thursday 19 October at SS Peter & Paul, Mitcham CR4 4LD. For more info please contact [sadiesmith3@talktalk.net](mailto:sadiesmith3@talktalk.net)

## SERVERS

We are looking for volunteers ready to help with the serving at Mass especially at the 11.15am & 12.45pm Sunday Masses where there is a particular shortage of servers. Servers play a significant part in the liturgies assisting the priest in the celebration of the Mass. There is no restriction on age or gender and both young and the not so young would be more than welcome to train as our Sun-

day servers. If you are interested do give your name to one of the clergy or leave it in the Parish Office and you will be contacted. It is a very significant ministry within the parish so don't be reluctant. We are grateful to all our servers who add so much to our Sunday celebrations.

## HOLY ROSARY

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. You are very welcome to join us for daily rosary at 6pm (except Sunday) in the Lady Chapel (behind the altar to the left) even if only for a decade.

# Parish Organisations

## 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: [edgehillmemorylaneclub@gmail.com](mailto:edgehillmemorylaneclub@gmail.com)

## ART GROUP

Change of dates for October: meeting on Tuesdays 17 & 24 October at 2.15-4.15pm in the Lower Hall, drawing/painting from life using a model (some materials available or bring your own). All welcome.

## 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 info (07815 855 469).

## MANNA SOCIETY

The Manna Centre at Melior Street supports the many homeless in that area with the opportunity to get food, clothing and medical care. Any donations of dried or canned food, toiletries, men's clothing etc. can be left in the green bins inside the Lower Hall.

## Social, Cultural & Notices

### GENERATIONS TOGETHER IT CLINICS

*Generations Together IT Clinics* will continue on Fridays 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.

### BABES IN THE WOODS

Edge Hill Players are running panto workshops and auditions for the children today 15 and on 22 October. There will be 2 sessions on each day, probably in the Lounge (tbc), the first straight after the Family Mass (~11am) and the second at 2.30pm. So, this means 4 opportunities to find out about the story - *Babes in the Woods* - and try some singing, dancing and

acting with the producer/directors Wendy Tansey and Terry Marsh. These auditions are for children too young to be coming to the adult rehearsals for an hour on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm.

### WIDOWERS SUPPORT

On Friday 20 October at 7pm you are invited for a simple supper & drink in the Parish Lounge. Come and meet other men who like you have lost loved ones and who may not be coping as well as you are. Come to offer others some support and maybe some suggestions on how best to manage the loss and loneliness of life without your other half. Grief is a particularly isolating experience and the best support at this time comes from those who have experienced it. Just being with someone who understands can be a

great help. Perhaps some ideas for future activities could be shared. For further information, or to prompt some suggestions for the evening you can contact Sadie Smith on 020 8946 5198 [sadiesmith3@talktalk.net](mailto:sadiesmith3@talktalk.net) or a member of the Parish Bereavement Support Group. You will be most welcome no matter how long ago or how recently your loved one has died.

### CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS

You are invited to a Catholic History walk on 'The King's Good Servant' on Wednesday 25 October at 2pm. It is about the story of the heroic St Thomas More. Meet at the Church of Our Most Holy Redeemer, SW3 5HS. Cost £5, concessions available, walks may take up to 2 hrs.

### 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.

### DONHEAD SCHOOL

The trustees will be making appointments to the governing body at the end of this year with the intention of new governors taking up their roles in January 2018. The school would welcome hearing from anyone who is interested in serving as a governor. Those appointed will be practising Catholics, supportive of the Jesuit identity and mission of the school and able to make a significant contribution to the skills range of the governing body. Should you wish to be considered for appointment, please send a brief CV to the Clerk to the Governors at Donhead School from whom further details can be obtained. Applications should be submitted by November 1st.

### 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 ([wimparish@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](mailto:wimparish@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk), [dorothyperrott@aol.com](mailto:dorothyperrott@aol.com) or call 020 8946 0305).

## Exploring our Faith

### CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The SH Charismatic Prayer Group will be meeting in the church on Monday 16 October for Prayer, Praise and Worship from 7.30-9pm. Fr. Thaddeus Nwokeji will be giving a talk. All are welcome! Any enquiries contact: 07958 782 779 Audra.

### MOUNT STREET JESUIT CENTRE

Invites you to a one day workshop facilitated by Fr Roger Dawson SJ on 'Who Cares? Psychology for Helpers'. Sat 21 Oct from 11am-4pm. Please book in advance via [www.pathwaystogod.org](http://www.pathwaystogod.org) or 020 7495 1673; 114 Mount Street, London W1K 3AH.

### DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE

The Divine Mercy Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock, Ireland, will be from 16-20 November, organised by the Divine Mercy Apostolate of Marian Fathers. Costs; £410 pp (includes return flight from LGW, half board, 4 nights). For more info please contact [info@divinemercy.org.uk](mailto:info@divinemercy.org.uk) or call 020 8998 0925.

### NEW PEOPLE - NEW HEARTS

Come and join in a day of celebrating 50 years of Charismatic Renewal at St. George's Cathedral on Saturday 4 November from 9.45am-4.45pm. Praise and

Worship, Reconciliation, Testimony, Healing Service, Mass and talk by David Wells on 'New People - New Hearts, The action of the Holy Spirit in the life of a disciple today'. Further info from Southwark Diocesan Service Team (07976 245 685).

### POPE FRANCIS ON LOVE AND JOY

A meeting for the laity to explore and discuss the Pope's views on love in the family will be held on Saturday 4 November in New Malden. For more info please contact [philandmary@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:philandmary@blueyonder.co.uk) or call 020 8651 2477.

### CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

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

\* SH School Mass Centre

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 14 6.30pm Ferrao Family Ints.  
 Mon 16 7.30am Gregory Ints.  
           10.00am Muriel Acheson RIP  
           6.30pm Magdalena Oberding RIP  
 Tue 17 7.30am Sylvia Bleasdale RIP  
           10.00am John Herlihy RIP  
           6.30pm Gregory Ints.  
 Wed 18 7.30am Gayle Moretti RIP  
           10.00am Brian Bladen-Hovell RIP  
           6.30pm Gregory Ints.  
 Thu 19 7.30am Christine Alflatt Ints.  
           10.00am Maureen Obasi Ints.  
           6.30pm Mary & Michael Morton RIP  
 Fri 20 7.30am Roy Haslehurst RIP  
           10.00am Eileen Pink RIP  
           11.30am Funeral for Gabriele Meehan  
           6.30pm Mary B. Mageniss RIP  
 Sat 21 7.30am Rose Fernandes RIP  
           10.00am Alberto Baldini RIP

### WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

**Those who have died recently:** Gabriele Meehan, Maureen Wrangle, Nicole W Browne

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Karl-Heinz Kaegler, Steven Ipekjdian, Alice DeSouza, Veronica Cleary, Paulette Daoughty, Geraldine Chitty

**The sick:** Fiona O'Reilly, Cath O'Neill, Lalita Nagar, 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, 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 £2,260 in loose plate giving and £529 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £2,789. This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.

The second collection in support of CAFOD's *Harvest Appeal* raised £1,379, thank you for your generosity.

### FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

**Monday 16 October** St Hedwig, Religious  
**Tuesday 17 October** St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr  
**Wednesday 18 October** St Luke, Evangelist  
**Thursday 19 October** Ss John de Brébeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priests, Companions, Martyrs; St Paul of the Cross, Priest

### 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 brevis in C, Spaur-Messe, K258,*

W.A. Mozart

*Laudate Dominum, W.A. Mozart*

### 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)

Parish Pastoral Council: [sacredheartwimbletonppc@gmail.com](mailto:sacredheartwimbletonppc@gmail.com)

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