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Newsletter

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**Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe**

**Weekday Readings for
34th week in Ordinary Time
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Next Sunday's Readings

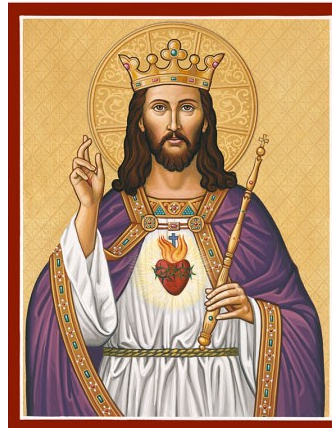
- Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1.3-8
- Ps 79:2-3. 15-16.18-19. R.v4
- I Corinthians 1:3-9
- Matthew 13:33-37

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Christ the Universal King - Our God Reigns!

Our God reigns - supremely and solely! He reigns in hearts because he loves. He reigns in minds because he cares. He is the Good Shepherd who sacrifices his life for his sheep. Those sheep we are. He wants to reign in our lives, because in him we live and move and have our being (Act 17:28). He is before all things and in him all things hold together (Col. 1:17). He leads by example. He shows and then teaches. He is the Way to be followed.



Our God reigns! The scripture says of him: *'You are worthy to take the scroll and to break*

its seals, because you were sacrificed and with your blood you bought people for God, of every race, language, people and nation and made them a line of kings and priests for God to rule the world. (Rev. 5:13). Therefore God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names, so that every tongue should acknowledge

Jesus Christ as Lord to the glory of God the Father. (Phil 2:9,10).

Our God reigns! He teaches us that our way up is down; that the road to greatness is through selfless service, loving to serve and serving in love. This weekend, the Lord reminds us that being with Him in heaven is not as difficult. The requirements are within the reach of everyone for He says to us, whatsoever you do to the least of my brethren, that you do unto me... come and inherit the Kingdom prepared for you since the beginning of the world.

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 and Cristina Connolly

SECOND COLLECTION

This Sunday, 26 November - National Youth Sunday, the second collection will be for the *Catholic Youth Services* which supports youth work in the diocese and beyond, especially the Southwark Catholic Youth Service.

FAITH IN ACTION

Faith in Action is a drop-in centre for the homeless in Merton and is supported by the parish. Volunteers are sought to help in the running of the centre and FIA is also looking for new trustees of this very worthwhile charity. Please visit <http://www.mertonfaithinaction.org/volunteer> if you are interested in helping. To read a copy of their recent newsletter, please visit the parish website <https://sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/>, click on 'Welfare'.

SIGNED & SPOKEN MASS

A signed and spoken Mass will be celebrated today, 26 Nov at 4pm in the Sacred Heart Chapel in the church. All with hearing difficulties welcome!

THE LISTENING HEART

The Listening Heart, a book of prayers, some of which are beautifully illustrated, is now available at the Presbytery Reception. It would make a lovely present for Christmas.

URSULINE PREP SCHOOL

The Ursuline Preparatory School has currently 2 vacancies (PT After-School Care Assistant and a PT School Chaplain). Please visit the website www.ursulineprep.org or email recruitment@ursulineprep.org for further information and to download an application form.

Parish News

AT HOME

There will be no 'At Home' until mid December.

HEALING SERVICE

A Mass for the Elderly with Anointing of the Sick and those who are frail or infirm will be celebrated on Saturday 2 December at 10am.

FIRST FRIDAY VIGIL OF PRAYER

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for vocations to the priesthood and religious life and for World Peace will be on Friday 1 December following the 6.30pm Mass continuing to midnight. Silent

prayer to 8.30pm followed by meditations and prayers. Please come if only for a short visit.

SCHOOL SLIPS

School slips will be collected this weekend.

Announcements

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The SH Charismatic Prayer Group will be meeting in the church on Monday 27 November for Prayer, Praise and Worship, from 7.30 - 9pm. There will be a testimony given by Lesley Smith, a member of the *Cor et Lumen Christi* community on his personal journey with Christ. All are welcome! (Audra 07958 782779).

CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS

There is a need for volunteer catechists to help with the preparation classes for next year's confirmation programme which begins in January. Should you be willing to assist, please kindly

send an email to edgesw19@gmail.com (Fr Ted and the Confirmation Team).

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it, now your voice needs to be made heard to tell them not to turn on their promise to Catholics: visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/> to write

to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.

SACRED HEART YOUNG ADULTS HOUSE

We are starting a Catholic community house for young adults in Wimbledon, based in Edge Hill and supported by the parish and the Jesuit community. We have space for 16 young adults (between 22 - 35 yrs), who are enthusiastic about the idea of living together in a way that reflects our shared Catholic faith and of being of service to the parish. For more information or to arrange a viewing, please contact edwarddequay@hotmail.com

Parish Organisations

WCFG

The Wimbledon Cancer Friendship Group offers friendship, information and a listening ear to anyone affected by any cancer.

The festive period is around the corner and to celebrate you are invited to a Christmas Party in the dining room of the Wimbledon Guild on Thursday 14 December, 7.30-9pm. Food and drinks will be provided, so please let them know if you can attend. 30/32

Worple Road (side door on right-hand side of the building), SW19 4EF; 07948 767 936, wcfg@live.co.uk Please note that there will be no December drop-in due to the holidays.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

The next meeting will be held on Friday 1 December from 2.30 - 4pm in the Parish Lounge. Come along and sing festive songs with 'Songs on Wheels'. Enjoy sherry and nibbles, followed by tea and

cakes. All welcome, bring a friend.

TRADCRAFT

Traidcraft will be outside the church this Sunday. We have Advent calendars and Christmas cards in addition to the usual items. Please offer to help sell goods with us in the New Year- we need more helpers! Contact Celia or Maggie on celiacviic@btinternet.com or magic.kane@timeandleisure.co.uk

Social, Cultural & Notices

CHRISTMAS COMES TO RAYNES PARK

On Friday 1 Dec from 3.30 - 7pm Raynes Park will once again come alive with the Christmas spirit & entertainment for the whole family taking place in the Waitrose car park. This year, Merton Council have selected Raynes Park for the official Christmas lights switch-on and the Mayor of Merton, Councilor Marsie Skeet, will speak at 5pm; Katy Lees will lead the SH Choir, a live nativity will be performed (real animals), children can pay a visit to Santa's Grotto to receive a gift from Father Christmas himself.

WEST BARNES SINGERS

The West Barnes Singers' (joined by the choristers of St Mary's) Christmas concert (Händel's Coronation Anthems, Festive Carols) will be on Sat 2 Dec at 7.30pm at St Saviour's Church, SW20 9DG. Tickets (available from choir members or at the door) are £10, children free.

'T'WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

MyRaynesPark will once again be presenting an 'open mic' evening of stories, poems and other readings relating to Christmas on Mon 4 Dec from 7.15-9pm at the Raynes

Park Library. If you want to read your own compositions or a favourite piece from the treasury of Christmas literature, email reading@myraynespark.co.uk to be sure of a performance space, or simply come along and enjoy the evening.

THE DREAM OF GERONTIUS

The Sacred Heart Chorus would like to invite singers to join them for a performance of this work on 9 June 2018. If you are interested, please register via <http://www.sacredheartmusic.co.uk/concerts/the-dream-of-gerontius-chorus-call/>

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.

BABES IN THE WOOD

The Edge Hill Players are busy rehearsing for our next pantomime *Babes In The Wood* and tickets are now available at www.edgehillplayers.com Performances will take place on Saturdays 27 January 2018 at 2.30 & 7pm and 3 February at 2.30 & 7pm. Book your tickets now for a special early bird price (£12 for adults, £6 for children or £30 for a family of four). For further ticket information please contact edgehillplayers@gmail.com or 07742 230493.

Exploring our Faith

LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY

You are invited to a talk of a series of Evenings of Faith led by Fr Luiz Ruscillo on 'Life in the Spirit: A call to continual conversion' on Tuesday 5 December at 7pm at the Challoner Room, 24 Golden Square, W1F 9JR; pizza & wine/juice served. For more info visit www.faith.org.uk/events/evenings-of-faith

GUILD OF OUR LADY AND ST JOSEPH

You are invited to a lecture on 'The New Evangelisation and the Old Mass' by Fr Uwe Michael Lang C.O. on Wednesday 29 November at St Wilfrid's Hall, Brompton Rd, SW7 2RP. Doors open at 6.30pm, lecture at 7pm, Low Mass in the EF at 8pm, refreshments to follow, cost £5 at the door. Registration guildofourladyandstjoseph@gmail.com

A DAY WITH MARY

Do come for a day of instruction, devotion and intercession on Saturday 16 December at Sacred Heart from 10.45am - 5.45pm. Entry Procession of Our Lady, Angelus, Crowning, Sung Litany, Mass in honour of Our Lady; celebrant and preacher Canon John Clark, sermons on Our Lady by Canon Elias Vojtech and Fr Thaddeus Nwokeji. Please visit www adaywithmary.org

CHRISTIAN CARE

CC have a number of families in need of furniture at the moment and their stocks are very low, they would require:
Double beds & mattresses
Single beds & mattresses
1 King size mattress (fire label required, stain free)
Chest of drawers
Small wardrobes
Bedside cabinets
Sofas
Dining tables for 2 or 4 pers
Coffee tables
Pots and pans
Kitchen implements
Sets of cutlery
Ironing boards
Any offers can be made by contacting 020 3302 0181 or christiancaremerton@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2017

Canon John, Fr Thaddeus and Canon Elias cordially invite you to make Christmas a very special Parish Day. Come and have LUNCH on the 25th December at 1pm and spend the day with the Clergy and other parishioners, rather than being on your own.
You will receive a warm welcome and have lots of fun.

If you would like to attend or are able to volunteer to help, please pick up and fill in a

CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2017 form,

available at the back of the church, to help Eric de Regnacourt & friends to plan the day.
Please return the slip to the Presbytery. We will contact you with further details.

CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

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

* SH School Mass Centre

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 25 6.30pm James Westbrook RIP
 Mon 27 7.30am Joan Morgan RIP
 10.00am Michael Fernandes RIP
 6.30pm Andrew Holloway RIP
 Tue 28 7.30am Michael Stewart RIP
 10.00am Holy Souls in Purgatory
 6.30pm John Pullan RIP
 Wed 29 7.30am Msgr Matt Coakley RIP
 10.00am Joan Prynne RIP
 6.30pm Charles Grostate RIP
 Thu 30 7.30am Gabriele Meehan RIP
 10.00am Jadison Trinidad RIP
 6.30pm Lucia Claydon RIP
 Fri 1 7.30am Patricia Meehan RIP
 10.00am Isa & Alberto Baldini RIP
 6.30pm Janina & Edward Michalowski RIP
 Sat 2 7.30am Kathleen Bolhman RIP
 10.00am Camilo Pereira RIP

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Mary Henderson
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Ella Stephen, Lawrence Pereira
The sick: Bertha D'Costa, Carol Donnelly, Richard Hurst, Horace D'Cruz, Paul Helm, Brian Sewell, Cath O'Neill, Lalita Nagar, Sheila Johnstone, Judex Celine, John Burke-Gafney, John Douglas, Fr Michael O'Halloran SJ, Linda Day, Fr Phelim McGowan SJ, 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, 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 £1,692 in loose plate giving and £80 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £1,772. 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

Thursday 30 November St Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland
Friday 1 December Ss Edmund Campion, Ralph Sherwin and Alexander Brian, Martyrs

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 Sancti Joannis de Deo, Joseph Haydn
O Rex Gloriarum, Andrea Gabrieli

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: sacredheartwimbledonppc@gmail.com

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.