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Newsletter

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in Ordinary Time

Weekday readings for
23rd Week in Ordinary Time
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Next Sunday's Readings

- Isaiah 50:5-9
- Psalm 114:1-6, 8-9 R.v9
- Letter of St James 2:14-18
- Mark 8:27-35

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VENITE ADOREMUS DOMINUM!

The caption serves the purposes of a reminder, an invitation and an exhortation. It reminds us of the Eucharistic Congress organised by the Catholic Church in England and Wales, taking place in Liverpool this weekend. We are, as it were, invited to be part of this all-important event and celebration of our faith. There will be a procession in Liverpool at 1.30pm this Sunday. We can create some awareness in our homes. We can join the participants in spirit, by observing some moment of silence and prayer wherever we may be at that time. We can join the parish Holy Hour this Sunday afternoon at 3pm. The blessings of Eucharistic adoration are enormous. In that 'Little Host' is the solution to all the problems of the world, writes St. John Paul II.

Now, if all about this Eucharistic Congress is for the event of this weekend in Liverpool, then it is not enough. The essence is that, with and through this Eucharistic Congress, the Church in England & Wales shows and leads the way to this inexhaustible blessing and exhorts us all to return to the source and summit our Christian life and salvation – The Eucharist - the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – **Corpus Christi - ..My Body given up for you...My Blood... poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.** We are all encouraged to centre our life on the Eucharist. As Jim Forest has it in an interview published recently in *Catholic Herald*, 'Life for me is preparing for, participating in and thanks-giving for the Eucharist. It's a readiness to believe that the Body and Blood of Christ redeems you.'

Our parish of the Sacred Heart offers us opportunities for a 'short or long' visit to the Blessed Sacrament, to renew our devotion to the Eucharist and to drink from the 'rich fountain'. The Church is open daily from 7am -7pm. In addition to the daily Masses there is exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday 3pm -4pm. Wednesdays: after 7.30am and 10am Masses and 5.25pm-6.25pm; Fridays: 5.25pm-6.25pm. Then on First Fridays of the month: from after 6.30pm mass to Midnight. This invitation and the attendant promised blessing is for you!

Venite

Adoremus Dominum!

Fr Ted

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 and Cristina Connolly

Youth Minister: Eleanor Bowman Adult Faith Development Officer: Kelly Hockey

SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend (8/9 September) the second collection will be for the *Catholic Education Service* (CES).

BOOKS BEYOND WORDS

The parish is taking part in a pilot programme to set up a book club for adults with intellectual disabilities, so they can share their stories and experiences of life and faith, through books that use images, and which enable them to communicate and share. This will help the parish, in turn, to grow in awareness and friendship. We are looking for volunteers to run the Book Club and would particularly welcome:

- people from the parish young adults group, the youth groups or confirmation groups
- anyone who might have skills in differentiated communication skills

- anyone who was trained on the 'Counting EveryOne in' course run by the Southwark Diocese last year

- people who are interested in building communities and in creative communication.

Free training will be provided in Central London on 22 September and *Books Beyond Words* will provide all the books and supervisory support. If you would like to volunteer please send your full name and details to wimparish@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk or call the Parish Office on 020 8946 0305.

We will also be looking for 4-6 adults who would like to join this book club. If you would like to join, or know someone who would like to join, please send contact details to the Parish Office.

(<https://booksbeyondwords.co.uk/#/book-clubs/>)

Parish News

AT HOME

Please note that there will be no 'At Home' until further notice.

SCHOOL SLIPS

We will start collecting school slips again this weekend.

SIGNED & SPOKEN MASS

Signed and spoken Masses will be celebrated on Sunday 23 September in the Sacred Heart Chapel in the church. All with hearing difficulties welcome!

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Do come and have a chat with other parishioners over a delicious breakfast on Sunday 16 September after 8.15am Mass until 12 noon (Lower Hall).

Announcements

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2018-19

Registration for next year's programme of preparation is still open online; follow the link on the *Faith and Sacraments* section of the parish website. The parish is moving to a more family-based, parent-led process, there will be one more information meeting for parents this Sunday 9 September at 11.15am.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We would like to welcome back the children from their summer holidays to join us for our Children's Liturgy programme.

We are a lively and dedicated team who explain the word of God in a way the children can understand and enjoy; there are two groups, the *Doves* and the *Eagles*.

The *Doves* group is for children from Reception to Year 2 and they MUST be accompanied by a responsible adult. Their session is held in the Lower Hall.

The *Eagles* group is for children in Years 3 & 4 and they will leave the church with the catechists. Their session takes place in the Lounge and they will be brought back during the offertory. They will process up the aisle and can parents please ensure they look out for their child when they return.

The dates for the autumn term are as follows:

September 16th and 30th

October 7th and 14th

November 4th and 25th

December 9th and 16th

We are very much looking forward to seeing as many children as possible on Sunday 16 September.

NEWMAN CIRCLE

'Spoken and unspoken words - my mother and I', 'I was 54 years old when I first learned that my mother was Jewish...' With these words, parishioner Dominique Dubois opens his talk concerning his mother, a former Jewish refugee from Vienna, and her family, on Thursday 20 September at 7.30pm in the Parish Lounge. All are welcome to this fascinating talk!

SPECIAL MASS

Apostleship of the Sea invites you to a Mass in honour of their patron Stella Maris, Our Lady Star of the Sea. Archbishop Peter Smith will celebrate Mass on Friday 21 September at 12.30pm in St George's Cathedral, London, SE1 7HY, followed by a reception. All are invited. Please RSVP roland@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk.

Parish Organisations

TRAIDCRAFT

Traidcraft sales will begin again this Sunday: new greeting cards, pottery as well as the usual items. Please support Traidcraft's initiatives to help people in the Third World to get a fair price for their labors.

WCFG

Wimbledon cancer friendship group offers friendship, infor-

mation and a listening ear to anyone affected by any cancer: there will be an evening meeting on Thu 13 Sept. from 7.30-9pm when Antonia Chinwe-Okonta, Lead Clinical Nurse Specialist for Gynecology at St George's Hospital, will be speaking about the signs, symptoms and current treatments for gynecological cancers.

This month's drop in will be on Thu 27 Sept. from 3.15-4.30pm. (30/32 Worple Rd, SW19 4EF, wcfg@life.co.uk) Save the date for the world's Biggest Coffee Morning on Friday 28 September from 10am-12noon in the Parish Lounge. Donations of raffle prizes and cakes to sell would be very welcome!

Social, Cultural & Notices

ANYTHING GOES

The Edge Hill Players' next production will be Cole Porter's madcap maritime musical *Anything Goes*. The show sets sail this Thursday 13, Friday 14 and Saturday 15 September at 7.30pm and will take place in the Upper Hall. Tickets and further info are available at www.edgehillplayers.com edgehillplayers@gmail.com or 07742 230 493.

'THE FREEDOM TO WALK TO ROME'

Peter Clifton's book 'The Freedom to Walk to Rome' has just been published and is now available at the Presbytery Reception (£6 each). This legacy book describes Peter's sponsored walk from SW20 to Rome from mid-July to October 2001: on reaching 65 Peter set off on a life-long project crossing 1,000 beautiful miles from London to Rome...

PANEL DISCUSSION

The Catholic Union Charita-

ble Trust is holding a Panel Discussion on 'The Alfie Evans case and its Implications' on Tuesday 11 September at 6.30pm at Notre Dame University, London SW1Y 4HG with speakers Fr Robert Gay, OP (Prior, Blackfriars, Oxford), Dr. Peter Hindmarsh (Professor of Paediatric Endocrinology at UCLH and Gt Ormond St), David O'Mahony (Chairman CUGB), Michael Wee (Anscombe Bioethics Centre). Followed by a drinks reception, free to attend, please register on info@catholicunion.org.uk or call 020 8749 1321.

SPONSORED WALK

Christian Aid is organising a sponsored walk along the Richmond Riverside on Sat 29 September. By walking and raising funds, you will be helping to change the lives of communities living in poverty around the globe. Meeting point: St Matthias Church, Church Rd, Richmond TW10 6LL, registration starts at

9.30am, walk begins at 10.30am and ends at 3pm at St Anne's Church, Kew Green. Register: rrw18@eventbrite.co.uk (contact 020 7523 2044).

SEEKING PARISH REP

If you are interested in Christian ecumenism and learning about other faith groups in Merton, then please apply to be one of the Parish Reps. This will involve a few meetings per year with West Wimbledon Churches Together and the Merton Faith and Belief Forum, and then helping to deliver some projects. For more info please contact David Hurst (dthurst52@googlemail.com).

KITCHEN WORKER

Kitchen Worker needed at St Teresa's Home for The Elderly: 3-4 evenings/week 5pm - 8pm to serve prepared supper; please apply to Admin (info@stteresas.home.co.uk or 020 8879 7366 option 3.

New to the Parish?

Please introduce yourself to a member of the Parish Team after Mass and register online at <https://sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/> or by filling in a registration form, available at the back of the church.

CAR PARKING

The parking facilities on parish premises should only be used by 'authorised users'. 'Authorised users' are people visiting the church or parish premises.

As a concession, parents delivering and collecting children from school are also permitted to use the car park. But parents visiting the schools for longer periods (e.g. for assemblies or meetings) are not permitted to use the parish parking facilities. Teachers at the schools are not permitted to park.

Illegal use of the carpark results in authorised users being unable to park.

As part of his duties, the parish caretaker is attempting to enforce the parking policy and he will continue to do so. It is our intention to rigorously enforce this policy, we will resort to clamping if necessary.

REQUIRED URGENTLY

3 month's let of 2 bedroom furnished apartment, willing to accommodate small well trained dog, needed by Angela and Peter Maher; vicinity Wimbledon, New Malden. Please contact Angela on 020 8946 3984 or 07950 558 403. Page 3

Exploring our Faith



RCIA
Rite of
Christian
Initiation of
Adults

'Why become a Catholic?' Have you ever asked yourself this question? Perhaps you'll find the answers in the Rite of Christian Initiation. Weekly meetings are held on Mondays from 8-9pm. The sessions will resume on September 10th. If you are interested or have queries, do get in touch with Canon John or Sr. Dorothy on wimparish@sacredheartwim

wimbledon.org.uk, dorothyperrott@aol.com or call 020 8946 0305.

DIVINE MERCY RETREAT

You are invited to a one day retreat led by Marian Fathers on Saturday 22 September from 11am-4.30pm at the Sacred Heart Church. For more info please contact the Divine Mercy Apostolate at 020 8998 0925 or info@divinemercury.org.uk

WALSINGHAM ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE

The annual Walsingham

Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life led by Most Rev Kevin McDonald will take place on Sunday 7 October at 12noon in the Chapel of Reconciliation; confessions will be available before Mass from 11-11.45am; departure 7.30am (prompt) at Westminster Cathedral, Ambrosden Avenue; for more information visit www.prolifepilgrimage.org, tickets (£20) from Domenica Rasulo on 07913 434 357.

CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

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

* SH School Mass Centre

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 8 6.30pm Kate Ogonovsky RIP
 Mon 10 7.30am Holy Souls
 10.00am Patrick Evans RIP
 6.30pm Tom Malone RIP
 Tue 11 7.30am Alfred Jessiman RIP
 10.00am Paddy Loughran Ints.
 6.30pm James Curzon Ints.
 Wed 12 7.30am Bill O'Connor RIP
 10.00am Rosemary O'Connor
 6.30pm Bishop Francis Walmsley RIP
 Thu 13 7.30am Alfred Jessiman RIP
 10.00am Thelma D'Costa Ints.
 6.30pm Yvonne Patton RIP
 Fri 14 7.30am Iris Birtwhistle RIP
 10.00am Yvonne Patton RIP
 6.30pm Rapose Family Ints.
 Sat 15 7.30am Iris Birtwhistle RIP
 10.00am Yvonne Patton RIP

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Fr John Mulligan, Paul Helm
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Donald Miller Keith, Dorothy Czapla, Brian Creegan, Sean Patrick Finnerty
The sick: Paul Saunders, Marian Spencer, Mary Purcell Cosgrave, Trinity Kerin, Roberto Farina, Noel Smith, Damji Vadhia, Evelyn Hanna, Brian Birch, Simon Hull, Doug Cusack, Lalita Nagar, Cath O'Neill, Andrew Tan, Horace D'Cruz, Bertha D'Costa, Tom Searle, John Burke-Gaffney, Donald Derx, Margaret Lumley, Electa Almeida, Giena Worth, Brian Sewell

Please note that for data protection reasons, since the 25th of May people have to explicitly agree for their names to be mentioned in our newsletter. Please let the Parish Office know **in writing** if either your name or the names of your relatives and friends should appear in our NL sick list.



COLLECTIONS

Collection at Mass last Sunday came to £1,562. in loose plate giving and £495 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £2,057. This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.

The second collection in support of *Survive-Miva* raised £1,827. Thank you for your generosity!

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Sunday 9 September Concluding Day of *Adoremus* Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress

Wednesday 12 September The Most Holy Name of Mary

Thursday 13 September St Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Friday 14 September The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Saturday 15 September Our Lady of Sorrows, 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 secunda, Hans Leo Hassler

Sicut cervus, Giovanni P. Palestrina

Locus iste, Anton Bruckner

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) Caretaker: George McLennan

Parish Pastoral Council: sacredheartwimbletonppc@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.