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Newsletter

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Second Sunday

**Weekday Readings for
2nd week in Ordinary Time
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Vol. I psalter week 2

Next Sunday's Readings

- Nehemiah 8:2-6.8-10
- Ps. 18:8-10,15. R.v3
- I Corinthians 12:12-30
- Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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Intercession: A Gift, a Vocation and a Duty

Intercession in its religious sense is more like a prayer to God, a plea for one's needs or for the needs of others. It can be by putting in a few kind words for someone in need, or by doing some work, or by making some personal sacrifices, self-denial for the benefit of the individual or for another person, of a group of persons, a nation or even the world at large. Intercessors are compassionate. They are often attentive to the needs of the people. They notice situations that need to be presented to God and they do this straightaway.

From the second reading of this Sunday, St. Paul writes about 'a variety of gifts...' (1Cor. 12:4-11). Intercession is a gift that could be prayed for and generously given by God. It is also a vocation that we have as Christians and a



duty we owe ourselves. We ought to pray for ourselves and for one another, to pray for the Church, for society and for the world. In our Gospel this Sunday, Mary lives out this intercessory role. She puts in a few words on behalf of the couple at the wedding of Cana in Galilee (Jn 2:1-11). Intercession is not a twisting of the hand of God. It is not a way of drawing his attention. He knows our needs before we

ask. It is majorly a way of expressing our interest in receiving from God who is ever ready to listen to our prayers and ever willing to grant our petitions, according to his goodwill. Yes, because intercession also involves taking hold of God's will and knowing that in his will is our peace.

We are all reminded of this all-important gift, vocation and duty. We pray for Christian Unity, for Peace on Earth and especially for the World Youth Day that starts January 22nd in Panama. We continue to pray for the Church and society. We pray for the success of our parish pastoral plans and activities. A Church with many intercessors and enriched with an awareness of the intercessory role of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, knows the way to the very Sacred Heart of Jesus.

THE PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Parish Priest: Canon John Clark MA

Parish Clergy: Fr Thaddeus Nwokeji and Deacon Julian Burling

Also Resident: Georg Böckl-Bichler (Student)

Team Members: Sr Francis SSA, Sr Dorothy Perrott OSU and Cristina Connolly

Youth Minister: Eleanor Bowman

Adult Faith Formation Officer: Kelly Hockey

STORAGE BOXES IN THE LOWER HALL

Would the persons/groups who use this storage please remove all stored materials by Friday 8 February.

The floor tiles in the Lower Hall are to be replaced. The work will start on Monday 18 February and the storage boxes have to be removed/demolished before work starts. Would you please speak to caretaker George McLennan regarding your possible need for alternative storage when the work is complete?

THANK YOU

Thelma D'Costa and her family would like to express their deep gratitude for all your prayers for their mother Bertha and for your loving support over the last months. They heartily thank the priests and everybody who were part of the funeral service.

PUB TRIP

There will be a pub trip to *The Swan* on Ridgway open to everybody on Sun 27 Jan with Kelly and Georg and a guest visitor, Will Hince, founder of the charity '*Beyond the Wild*' - a charity aiming to connect outdoor skills with spiritual survival. Meeting point: back of the church after the 8pm Mass.

VACANCY

Holy Cross Prep. School in Kingston require a Bursar (permanent, FT) to join their team from June 2019. The closing date for the application is midday on Thu 7 Feb. Interviews will be held on Tue 12 Feb. Please visit the website (www.holycrossprep.co.uk) > *School Information* > *Vacancies*) to find an application form, along with a Bursar information pack.

Parish News

AT HOME

Please note that there will be an *At Home* on Monday 21 January from 7.30-9pm.

SCHOOL SLIPS

School slips will be collected this weekend.

CHURCH UNITY OCTAVE

From 18 until 25 January the Church observes eight days of

Prayer for Christian Unity. An ecumenical service will be celebrated at Raynes Park Methodist Church, Worple Road, SW20 8RA at 6.30pm today, Sunday 20 January.

PARISH HEART PROJECT

7pm on Wed 30 Jan in the Parish Lounge: Sean Ryan, National Caritas Community

Sponsorship Co-ordinator, will explain the process of sponsoring a refugee family and he will launch the *Parish Heart Project*.

CONTL. BREAKFAST

Do come & have a chat with other parishioners over a delicious breakfast in the Lower Hall this Sunday, 20 January, after the 8.15am Mass until noon.

Announcements

YOUTH GROUP

The SH Youth Group for those in y9+ will be meeting again this Sunday 20 January. We meet from 6-7.45pm in the Youth Room after the 5pm Mass and all are welcome. Please contact Eleanor (eleanor.bowman@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk) for more details.

CONFIRMATION 2019

Please note important dates for this year's confirmation programme: on Sunday 10 Feb at 6.15pm there will be an information session for parents in the Upper Hall.

Sessions for our confirmation candidates: Sundays 3, 10 & 17 March at 3.30pm in the Upper Hall

Saturday 23 March (times to be announced) Reconciliation Prayer Experience, whole families invited, Lower Hall

Sunday 31 March at 3.30pm and Sundays 28 April & 12 May at 5pm, Sunday 9 June at 3.30pm in the Upper Hall; Rehearsal on Thursday 4 July at 7.15pm in the church; Confirmation Masses will be celebrated on Saturday 6 July at 10am and Sunday 7 July at 5pm.

Registration is for confirmation still open, please register your interest on the sign-up sheet: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TRDN9SX>

We are still delighted to welcome anyone who might be able to volunteer to support our confirmation programme.

NEWMAN CIRCLE

The next meeting of the Newman Circle will be on Thursday 24 January at 7.30pm in the Lounge when Fr Anthony Chantry will give a talk about his fascinating

work and that of *Missio*, the organisation of which he is the head. All are welcome.

FLAME 2019

The UK's biggest Catholic Youth Event is happening on Saturday 2 March at Wembley Arena. SH Youth Ministry will be taking a group of young people in y9-y13. The theme of this year's event is '*Significance*' and the sessions will be centered on being created in the image and likeness of God. The speakers include Jean Vanier who founded *L'Arche* community and there will be incredible music led by Tim Hughes. This is an all-day event, (tickets £15). Please contact Eleanor (eleanor.bowman@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk) for more details & registration.

Parish Organisations

YOUNG ADULTS

The next Young Adults social will be on the Friday 25 January, where we will join the 6.30pm Mass and then have food and a talk by Georg, our Seminarian, at the Young Adults community house.

Please contact Eleanor for more info (eleanor.bowman@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk)

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Friday 1 February in the Lounge at 2.30pm: BINGO! (Reportedly HM the Queen's favourite game!), prizes, tea, cakes, fun. All welcome!

Social, Cultural & Notices



Tickets for the Edge Hill Players' pantomime *Cinderella* - a cast of 80 - are available to purchase on www.edgehillplayers.com or call 07742 230 493 to book. Performances will be on Saturdays 26 January at 2.30 & 7pm and on 2 February at 2.30 & 7pm.

NEW BOOK - OLD CHURCH

The Church Restoration Fund will receive 50% of the price of all sales of Simon Potter's new novel of love and revenge in Los Angeles and London 'Shooting Europe'. (Amazon; paperback £12.99, Kindle £7.99, or by post - see Edgeways). www.simonpotterauthor.com

VACANCY

The governors of Our Lady of Victories RC Primary School (Putney) are seeking

to appoint a new Headteacher from September 2019. For details please contact the school office on 020 8788 7957 or clerk@ourladyofvictories.wands.worth.sch.uk. Closing date for applications: 25 January.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please put down the concert dates in your diaries:

* *Stars of Sacred Heart Wimbledon* and award winning London Accordion on Saturday 18 May 2019 at 3pm. Save the date for a fundraising concert spectacular!!
* The Sacred Heart Choir and Orchestra will perform Bach's *B Minor Mass* on Saturday 22 June in the church.

WEST BARNES SINGERS

You are invited to come to an open Mozart-Requiem workshop with musical director Colette Boushell on Sat 2 Feb from 10.15am-

1.15pm at New Malden Methodist Church, 49 High Street, KT3 4BY; the workshop will provide a blend of chorus rehearsal, vocal training ending with informal sing-through. Singers taking part in the workshop are welcome to join further rehearsals on Wednesdays and to sing in the concert on Sat 6 April; for more info please contact Penelope Prendergast on 020 8648 3987.

ST FRANCIS XAVIER 6th FORM COLLEGE

Open Day on Saturday 2 February from 10am to 2.30pm, a great opportunity for prospective students looking to continue their studies into the 6th Form in September 2019 to come and visit the College, to meet staff & students and hear the Principal speak. For more information please visit www.sfx.ac.uk.

TAIZÉ REFLECTION WEEK

A week of reflection reserved for 18-35 year-olds will be held in Taizé from 25 Aug - 1 Sept. Students, young professionals, people involved in voluntary work and job-seekers are all welcome. The aim of the week is to allow young adults of the same age-range to meet and discuss their future seen in the light of faith. For more info and to book your place please visit http://www.taize.fr/en_article24938.html or call Kelly at the Parish Office.

DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE

The Divine Mercy Apostolate of Marian Fathers is organising a Divine Mercy Retreat on Saturday 26 January from 11am - 4.30pm at St George's Cathedral, London SE1 6HR. For more info please call 020 8998 0925, email: info@divine-mercy.org.uk or visit www.divinemercuryapostolate.co.uk

www.cephas.org.uk or contact: Sr Valery Walker OP valerywalker@yahoo.co.uk

Exploring our Faith

ST THOMAS AQUINAS STUDY WEEKEND

8-10 February at St Dominic's Convent, 21 Station Rd, Stone ST15 8EN, UK: This is the first weekend of the 2019 Programme led by the Dominican Youth Movement (<https://www.english.op.org/about-us/the-dominican-family/dominican-youth-movement.htm>) held at St Dominic's Convent, Stone, on 'The Incarnation. What is it? Why is it?' with Fr Dominic Ryan OP. For more information please visit

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.

WINTER ESCAPE QUIZ EVENING & SUPPER

At the Parish Hall of Christ The King, Wimbledon Park, 7 pm, Friday 8 Feb, a *Winter Escape Quiz Evening & Supper*, to raise funds for Merton Home Tutoring Service - a local charity providing free English language lessons for adults who cannot get to college classes. Complimentary glass of Prosecco, 3-course intl. meal, quiz & winners' prize, live music, raffle. Tickets £25 from Elizabeth Kennedy 0791 3810 664 mht-sevents@hotmail.com

LOVE HEALS BODY MIND AND SPIRIT MINISTRY

welcome you to come to a one-day Retreat of quiet reflection on Sat 26 Jan 11am - 5pm at the Catholic Church of our Lady of Assumption & St Gregory, Piccadilly, W1F 9JR: Rosary, Latin Mass, Lunch (please bring your own lunch - tea & coffee available), Scripture Talk, Christian Meditation, Blessed Adoration, Healing Prayers, Praise & Worship. For more info please visit www.lovehealsbodymindspirit.com or lovehealsbodymindspirit@gmail.com 020 8542 2476.

CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

6.30pm (Sat) Fr T Nwokeji 11.15am Canon J Clark
 8.15am Fr M Barnes SJ 12.45pm Fr M Barnes SJ
 8.30am* Fr T Nwokeji 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 19 6.30pm Catherine Caldwell & Family Ints.
 Mon 21 7.30am Alfred Jessiman RIP
 10.00am Janko Zarkovic RIP
 6.30pm Mary Cronin RIP
 Tue 22 7.30am Cecilia Rossi RIP
 10.00am Michael Rapazzini RIP
 11.30am Funeral Mass for Christine Walker
 6.30pm Carl & Kathleen Jackson RIP
 Wed 23 7.30am Teresa-Marie Ekessi
 10.00am Beryl Shannon 90th Birthday
 6.30pm Sr Maz Ints.
 Thu 24 7.30am Marie-Teresa Ekassi Ints.
 10.00am Alfred Jessiman RIP
 6.30pm Sr Helena Ints.
 Fri 25 7.30am Mary, Marlene O'Neill RIP
 10.00am Thanksgiving for the Parish
 6.30pm Queen of Peace
 Sat 26 7.30am Bertha D'Costa RIP
 10.00am Mark Fudakowski RIP

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Mary Rudland, Peter Abberton, Anne Hampshire, Christine Walker

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Michael Cooke, Mark Fudakowski, Sarah Price, Gisela Gregory, Olive Pizey, Veronica Gleeson, Emma Williams, Ewa Hryniewicz, Gilda Alarcon, Nicholas Howard

The sick: Barbara Johnson, Sheena Wilson, Kieran Walsh, David Carrier, Paul Saunders, Carol Donnelly, Marian Spencer, Rita Westbrook, Mary Purcell Cosgrave, Trinity Kerin, Roberto Farina, Damji Vadhia, Brian & Margaret Birch, Manjula Topno, Alina Hancock, Simon Hull, Doug Cusack, Lalita Nagar, Cath O'Neill, Andrew Tan, 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 £1,840 in loose plate giving and £457 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £2,297. This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Sunday 20 January Prayer for Peace on Earth

Monday 21 January St Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

Thursday 22 January St Vincent, Deacon and Martyr

Thursday 24 January St Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Friday 25 January The Conversion of St Paul, Apostle
The Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity ends

Saturday 19 January Ss Timothy & Titus, Bishops

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

In memoriam Anne Coombs
(1932-2018)

Mass of St Ignatius, Fernand Laloux

Tantum ergo, Fernand Laloux

O salutaris hostia, Fernand Laloux

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.