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Newsletter

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Fourth Sunday

Weekday Readings for
4th week in Ordinary Time
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Vol. I psalter week 4

Next Sunday's Readings

- Isaiah 6:1-8
- Ps. 137:1-5,7-8.R.v1
- I Corinthians 15:1-11
- Luke 5:1-11

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No Prophet is ever accepted in his own country

The readings today speak of the expectations that are at the heart of the Christian message.



Mount Precipice, Nazareth

Jeremiah, in the first reading has the expectation of being called to be a prophet of the Lord. *'Before I formed you in the womb; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations', 'I am with you to deliver you - it is the Lord who speaks.'* Conflict will

be part of the life of the faithful prophet. We see this in the expectation of the crowd in the gospel reading. Returning to his home town, Jesus associates himself to the prophesy of Isaiah. There is a conflict of expectations between the expectations of

the crowd and that of Jesus himself. A prophet, we are told, is never accepted in his home town. Jesus has no expectation of being received with sympathy yet the violence with which he was received must have surprised him. What they lacked was the love that Paul talks of in the second reading. Love was the call for all who follow 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?

ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

Friday 8 February is the Feast Day of St Josephine Bakhita - the patron saint of victims of modern slavery and human trafficking. On this day Catholics are encouraged to pray for all those affected by the crimes of modern slavery and human trafficking that they might find the support and care they need to start a new life, and for the people who volunteer and work to eradicate this crime.

JESUIT MISSIONS

JM like to invite you to a talk by Fr Xavier Jeyaraj SJ on '*Is leadership too important to be left to leaders?*' at Donhead Primary School, Edge Hill, Wed 27 Feb at 7.30pm. A talk about how we can respond to the challenges of social justice, Care of Creation and leadership from an Ignatian perspective. Free event, all welcome.

JM STAMP CUTTING

Please keep your used stamps! You can post them to Jesuit Missions, 11 Edge Hill, SW19 4LR or pop them through their letterbox after Mass. Next stamp cutting meeting will be on Thursday 7 February at 9.30am.

Parish News

AT HOME

There will be an *At Home* on Monday 4 February from 7.30 -9pm.

SCHOOL SLIPS

School slips will be collected this weekend.

ICY WEATHER

VOLUNTEERS

We would need a team of able-bodied volunteers who are willing to be called out at weekends to clear and grit paths to the church in the

event of snow or ice. Please forward contact details through <https://sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/>, 'Contact Us', giving subject as '*icy weather volunteer*'. Thank you for your help!

Announcements

YOUTH GROUP

The SH Youth Group for those in y9+ will be meeting again today 3 February from 6-7.45pm in the Youth Room after the 5pm Mass. All are welcome. Please contact Eleanor for more details.

FAMILY CRAFT MORNING

Next Sunday 10 February, after the 9.45am Mass, there will be an Arts & Crafts morning for families in the Lower Hall. For more info please contact Eleanor (eleanor.bowman@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk).

CONFIRMATION 2019

Please note important dates for this year's confirmation programme: next Sunday, 10 February, 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 for confirmation is still open, please register your interest on the sign-up sheet: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TRDN9SX> We are happy to hear from anyone who might be able to volunteer to support our confirmation programme.

LECTIO DIVINA

A small group of people meet every Friday morning

from 10.45-11.45am in the Youth Room to consider the readings for the forthcoming Sunday Mass, pray silently and share her/his thoughts. All welcome!

FLAME 2019

The UK's biggest Catholic Youth Event (y9-y13) is happening on Saturday 2 March at Wembley Arena. 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 (founder of L'Arche community), there will be incredible music led by Tim Hughes. This is an all-day event, (£15/ ticket). Contact Eleanor (eleanor.bowman@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk) for details & registration before February 24th.

Parish Organisations

SOCIAL CLUB

The Social Club is having a *Senior Citizens Party* on Fri 15 Feb from 7.30pm in the Lounge. There will be music, food and a raffle. Free entry. All are welcome!

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. Contact: edgehillmemorylaneclub@gmail.com or Jenny (07906 856 183), Charlotte (07714 702 735).

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

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

Holy Cross Prep. School in Kingston require a Bursar

(permanent, FT) to join their team from June 2019. Closing date Thu 7 Feb. Interviews will be held on Tue 12 Feb. Please visit the website (www.holycross_prep.co.uk > School Information > Vacancies) to find an application form.

CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS

You are invited to 2 walks, one on Friday 15 February at 2pm: The City of London, the ancient history of the

Square Mile through to the Reformation and beyond Meet at St Mary Moorfield, EC2M 7LS; on Sunday 17 February at 3.30pm: discover the river-side town of Richmond and its Catholic history, meet at St Elizabeth's Church The Vineyard, TW10 6AQ. Please wear suitable footwear, walks may take up to 2 hrs, costs £5; www.catholichistorywalks.com

Exploring our Faith

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

SH Charismatic Prayer Group will be meeting in the Youth Room for an evening of prayer, praise and worship on Monday 4 February at 7.30pm. There will a short talk by Bremi, a former Hindu, who will share her testimony on why she became a Catholic and her personal encounter with Jesus. All are welcome. Any enquiries contact Audra (07958 782 779 or audra.wamsteker@gmail.com).

A RETREAT FOR YOUNG CATHOLICS

Young Catholics (+18) are invited to a retreat at Downside Abbey on 'Life in Christ and the Meaning of Modernity - Is the Christian life possible today?' from Friday 15 - Sunday 17 February led by Sebastian Morello (formator and lecturer at the Centre for Catholic Formation, London and Dom Anselm Brumwell, Sub-Prior, Director of Vocations, Choir Master & Teacher of Religious Studies at

Downside Abbey. Residential cost (from £50 in Monastery Guest Wing), non-residential cost £40 - all meals included; contact rinabird@outlook.com for a detailed programme and to book, www.downsideabbey.co.uk

A DAY WITH MARY

You are invited to a *Day with Mary* on Saturday 16 February at our Lady Help of Christians, Mottingham Road, SE9 4ST with Entry Procession of Our Lady, Angelus, Crowning, Sung Litany, Mass, celebrant and preacher Fr Michael Creech CSsR; finish at 5.30pm. For more info please visit www adaywithmary.org

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Holy Land Pilgrimage for Young Catholics (18-35ish) from 24 July - 2 August arranged by Downside Abbey and Clifton Diocese Vocations Ministry: visit many Holy Christian sites, together with archaeological and cultural places of interest, in Israel and the Palestinian territories. There will be

opportunities for walking, swimming, camel riding, rafting on the Jordan River and even sleeping out in the desert to experience life as a Bedouin! Contact Rina at rinabird@outlook.com for full itinerary, pricing and booking form.

SAPIENS PROGRAMME

The *Sapiens Programme - Ethics: living the Examined Life* is an initiative of Brothers of St John to help search for wisdom and live more fully human lives. The programme is a 5-week course (you are welcome to one, some or all of the sessions) with input, discussion times, interaction & optional further reading; and continues on Thursday 7 February with 'Progress Not Perfection: The journey ahead' at 7.30pm (meal), talk at 8pm (St Mary Moorfield R.C. Church, 4-5 Eldon Street, EC2M 7LS). For more info & to register interest contact Catherine Wallis-Hughes at stantony_syuthproject@gmail.com. Suggested donation/evening: £10 (incl. hot meal).

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.

LOVE HEALS BODY MIND AND SPIRIT

The LHBMS ministry welcome you to come to a half-day retreat of quiet reflection on Sat 16 February from 10.30am - 1pm (right after the 10am Mass) in the Lounge at Sacred Heart, Edge Hill starting with tea & coffee, quiet reflection, Christian Meditation, healing prayers, praise & worship. For more info please visit www.lovehealsbodymindspirit.com or lovehealsbodymindspirit@gmail.com 020 8542 2476.

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_article_24938.html or call Kelly at the Parish Office.

CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

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

* SH School Mass Centre

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 2 6.30pm Theresa Roche Ints.
Mon 4 7.30am Charles & Celine McDaid
10.00am Mass to the BVM & SMJ
6.30pm Ranjit Croos Fernando RIP
Tue 5 7.30am St Jude Thanksgiving
10.00am Opkar Singh Brar RIP
6.30pm Nick Burnell RIP
Wed 6 7.30am Alfred Jessiman RIP
10.00am Jessie Kennedy RIP
6.30pm Steven Street RIP
Thu 7 7.30am Elizabeth McGreevy RIP
10.00am Mr Nickey Somers RIP
1.20pm Funeral for Andrew Robert Lawrence
6.30pm Rita de Lambert RIP
Fri 8 7.30am Molly Farrell RIP
10.00am Funeral for Peter Abberton
6.30pm Sae-Chang Key (Paul
Sat 9 7.30am Tony Kane RIP
10.00am Birgit Ratteray RIP

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Dorothy Windeler, Tadeusz Kosmider, Andrew Robert Lawrence, Richard Hurst, Barbara Johnston, Mary Rudland, Peter Abberton

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Ranjit Croos-Fernando, Jennie Hawthorne, Saverio Calise, Rubertina De Souza, Carine French

The sick: Maureen Searle, 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 £1,760 in loose plate giving and £384 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £2,144. This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 5 February St Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

Wednesday 6 February Ss Paul Miki, Priest & Companions, Martyrs

Friday 8 February St Jerome Emiliani;

St Josephine Bakhita, Virgin; Day for Victims of Trafficking

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 (K, S, A), Hans L. Hassler

Though I speak with the tongues of men,
Edward Bairstow

Ubi Caritas, Maurice Duruflé

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: 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.