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Newsletter

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Next Sunday's Readings

- Amos 6:1. 4-7
- Ps 145:6-10. R.v2
- Timothy 6:11-16
- Luke 16:19-31

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No Servant Can Serve Two Masters

Day in and day out, we use the things at our disposal to accomplish what we need to get done. We may use various tools, our time, our skills, and our energy to earn the income to meet the basic physical needs of ourselves and our families. It seems logical and good common sense to use what is at our disposal to achieve the greater good. We use and sacrifice lesser goods in order to reach the greater. But do we recognise the ultimate spiritual goal or eternal life in the kingdom of God? The acquiring of any earthly good pales into insignificance in comparison to the eternal life to which we are called. In today's gospel, Jesus



teaches through a strange parable. The main character is a devious manager who manipulates the master's accounts in order that those who benefit from the manager's misconduct may care for him when he is dismissed. The master, who knows of the misconduct, praises the manager for taking the initiative to use what was at his disposal to secure his future. Jesus uses this parable to motivate his followers to

use their worldly goods in order that they possess the ultimate good: eternal life in God's kingdom. He points out that worldly people do this to achieve worldly goals. We are to use our God-given goods and talents for the care of the poor, the needy, the sick, and the vulnerable in the service to God's kingdom. As disciples of Christ we need to be as creative in our pursuit of the kingdom of God as the steward was in making a place for himself.

The challenge of today's parable is quite clear to us. We must value a place in God's kingdom above everything else. With this value set, we must be willing to use and sacrifice everything in order to achieve it.

THE PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Parish Priest: Canon John Clark MA

Parish Clergy: Fr Joseph Donkor MA and Deacon Julian Burling

Also Resident: Fr Francis Jayapathy SJ

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

Youth Minister: Eleanor Bowman

Adult Faith Formation Officer: Kelly Hockey

SIGNED & SPOKEN MASS

A signed & spoken Mass will be celebrated today 22 September at 4pm in the Sacred Heart Chapel in the church. All with hearing difficulties welcome!

BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE

A day in which married couples can explore their relationship more deeply and gain valuable insights into their communication and the call of the Church to the married: Saturday 28 September at St Columba's Church Hall, CR2 8DW, from 9.45am-4.30pm (£10/couple - suggested donation, bring a packed lunch), for booking please contact Carole Batty (07983 524727 or mflkent@rcaos.org.uk).

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

A healing weekend for men and women who are separated, divorced or widowed will be held from October 18-20 at the Domus Mariae Centre, Chigwell, Essex. For more information phone 01322 838415 or email johnbrother-ton@hotmail.co.uk

JESUIT MISSIONS

The latest edition of 'On the Edge', JM's regular bulletin, is available at the back of the church informing about *Instruments of Creation*, a concert on Friday 11 October at 7.30pm at the Sacred Heart Church when Jesuit schools Donhead Preparatory, St John's Beaumont and Wimbledon College join the Dionysus Ensemble to perform their own compositions to highlight the current climate crisis. Register your free ticket by searching Jesuit Missions on Eventbrite.

Parish News

AT HOME

There will be an *At Home* on Monday 23 September from 7.30-9pm.

SCHOOL SLIPS

School admission forms will be collected this weekend.

FIRE HAZARDS

For safety reasons and to prevent fire hazards please ONLY use the candle stands for your votive candles and DO NOT place candles anywhere else in the church!

FR JOSEPH DONKOR

Just a short notice to let you know that Fr Joseph Donkor will be on leave for a month.

Announcements

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA

You are invited to join in the celebration of Holy Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption and St Gregory, Warwick Street, London W1B 5LZ at 7pm on Thursday 26 September, or at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, Westminster Bridge Rd, London SE1 7HY on Tuesday 1 October at 12.30pm. It is an opportunity to pray for all those who work at sea and hear more about the work of the Apostleship of the Sea/Stella Maris. For more information please contact roland@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk telephone 07887 893763 or visit <https://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk/stella-maris-masses-2019>

NEWMAN CIRCLE

You are welcome to the Parish Lounge at 7 pm on Wednesday 16 October for the next Newman Circle talk on 'Ministry of Women in the Anglo-Saxon World through the Life and times of Hilda of Whitby (c. 614-680)' by Dr Anne Inman, author and lecturer in Theology at various Universities in the UK.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS

We are gifted in the parish by so many parishioners with talents ranging from playing musical instruments, professional singing through to all aspects of arts and crafts. It has been suggested that we should provide a show case in the parish to exhibit the

works of our many talented parishioners. To that end we hope to put on an *Arts and Crafts Exhibition* on Sunday 17 November in the Lower Hall. It will be open after each of the Sunday Masses for the people of the parish to view the paintings and crafts and to buy any items marked for sale. It should be an exhibit of the talents of members of the parish. If you are interested in booking a space at the exhibition leave your details at the office. We do need help in organising the day so if anyone would like to help, please leave your name and contact details at the Parish Office.

Parish Organisations

YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group for those in y10+ will meet again this Sunday. They meet in the Youth Room from 6-7.45pm and all are welcome. Please contact Eleanor eleanor.bowman@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk for more details.

YOUNG ADULTS

Our next young adults meeting will take place on Saturday 28 September. We will be going for an autumnal walk to Richmond through

Wimbledon Common & Richmond Park, leaving from Sacred Heart Church at 2pm. To register, please email eleanor.bowman@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

The Friendship Group invites you to join us on our palm-fringed tropical island for Desert Island Discs on Friday 4 October at 2.30pm in the Lounge. All castaways welcome!

TRAIDCRAFT

Fairly traded goods will be on sale this Sunday morning. Groceries, household products and cards will be on sale, plus a few bargains. Please help those who are trying to help their communities and families through their work by buying from us.

Social, Cultural & Notices

EDGE HILL PLAYERS PANTO 2020

Now that it has stopped 'Raining', the Edge Hill Players are turning their attention to the 2020 panto, *Snow White and the Magnificent Seven!* Auditions for children in year 6 and below will take place on Tuesday 25 September from 4.30 - 6.30pm in the hall. We will read through the story, learn about the characters and sing some songs and try out some dance moves. For those in year 7 and above as well as adults, there will be an audition on Tuesday 1 October in the Upper Hall from 7.30 - 9.30pm (those in yrs 7 & 8

can leave at 8.30pm if they wish). All are warmly welcome!

POEMS FROM DREAM AND NIGHTMARE

Simon Potter's latest: *Dark Lines - poems from dream and nightmare*. 50% of sales will go to Sacred Heart Church Appeal available now from Amazon, £10 paperback, £4.99 Kindle - see www.simonpotterauthor.com).

Simon's novel *Shooting Europe* generated £1,000 for the appeal so far, also from Amazon.

URSULINE PREP

Ursuline Preparatory School is a Roman Catholic Independent School for girls aged

4-11 and a Co-educational Nursery located in The Downs, Wimbledon. The school's next Open Day is Thursday 10 October 9.30-11.30am. Register online www.ursulineprep.org/opacity or call Mrs J. Smith (020 89470859 /2).

WEST BARNES SINGERS

You are invited to a Singing Workshop led by Colette Boushell on Saturday 12 October, 10.15am-1.15pm at New Malden Methodist Church, 49 High Street, KT3 4BY. Singers of all abilities are welcome to learn how to make the most of their voice. Cost £15.

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.

SH CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Sacred Heart is a thriving and welcoming two-form entry Catholic Primary and is hosting open mornings at 9.30am on Wednesday 16 Oct, Tuesday 12 Nov, Tuesday 3 Dec and Wednesday 8 Jan for parents of prospective nursery and reception pupils for September 2020. They would be delighted to invite you to see their school, please book via the office on 020 8942 0215 or email school@sacredheart.merton.sch.uk

LHBMS TEAM

Welcome you to come to a 1-day retreat of quiet reflection on Saturday 28 September from 11am - 4.30pm at the Catholic Church of our Lady of Assumption & St Gregory, Piccadilly, W1F 9JR; Holy Rosary, Latin Mass in the Extraordinary Form (Fr Mark Elliott Smith), Lunch Break (Please bring your own lunch, tea & coffee available), talk based on Scripture, Catholic Christian Meditation, Blessed Adoration, Individual Healing Prayers. Retreat ends at 4pm. Enquiries: Eileen & David Brum 020 8542 2476 www.lovehealsbodymindandspirit.org

Exploring our Faith

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Sacred Heart Charismatic Prayer Group will be meeting in the Youth Room for an evening of prayer, praise and worship on the 23rd of September at 7.30pm. A talk on 'Isaiah 6:8 the Call' will be given by Carmine Bass. Refreshments will be provided. All are welcome. All enquiries contact: Audra (07958 782 779 or audra.wamsteker@gmail.com)

A DAY WITH MARY

You are invited to *A Day with Mary* on Saturday 28 September at the English Martyrs, Strood, Kent ME2 4JA starting at 9.15am with a Fatima DVD presentation in the church hall; Entry Procession of Our Lady, Angelus, Crowning, sung Litany, Mass in honour of Our Lady; Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Tom Lynch, Sermon on Our Lady

by Fr Linus Clovis; finish at 5.30pm. For more info please visit www adaywithmary.org.

DIVINE MERCY DAY OF PRAYER

You are invited to a Divine Mercy Day of Prayer invoking the intercession of Our Lady of Walsingham at Westminster Cathedral led by Bishop John Keenan, Fr Dominic Allain, Fr Derek Hyett and others on Saturday 28 September from 9.30am-4.30pm. For more information and full programme please contact Antonia (antonia@walsingham.org.uk)

WALSINGHAM ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE

You are invited to the Walsingham Annual Pilgrimage for the Sanctity of Life on Sunday 6 October, led by Bishop Mark O'Toole, Fr

Jeremy Davies, Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, commencing at 12 noon in the Chapel of Reconciliation; departure 7.30am at Westminster Cathedral. All are warmly invited to unite in this day of prayer. For further details please visit www.prolifepilgrimage.org; tickets are £20 from Domenica Rasulo on 07913 434357.

MOUNT STREET JESUIT CENTRE

Always wanted to know more about scripture, but didn't know where to start? 'Scripture from Scratch - The Old Testament', 2 four-days courses on Tuesdays 1-22 October 11am-1pm or Wednesdays 2 - 23 October 7-8.30pm facilitated by Brian Purfield; for booking and more info please visit www.mountstreet.info or call 020 7529 4844.

CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

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

* SH School Mass Centre

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 21 6.30pm Mavis Meyer & Maisie Griffiths RIP
Mon 23 7.30am Wendy D'Costa Ints.
10.00am Kenneth Eager RIP
6.30pm Pauline & Andrew Ninnis Wedd. Anniv.
Tue 24 7.30am Medjugorje Witnesses Ints.
10.00am Thanksgiving to St Jude
6.30pm Liam Harnett RIP
Wed 25 7.30am Queen of Peace
10.00am Terence McManus RIP
6.30pm Gratitude for Medjugorje
Thu 26 7.30am Diocesan Pilgrimages to Medjugorje
10.00am Paddy & Josephine Coney Ints.
6.30pm Catenian Association for vocations
Fri 27 7.30am Medjugorje Prayer Group
10.00am Alfred Jessiman RIP
6.30pm Fr Gwinell Ints.
Sat 28 7.30am Medjugorje Time of Grace Charism
10.00am Private Intention

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Lucy Dantas

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Assunta Serino, Kenneth Eager, Martin Middlehurst, Anthony Bellamy, Ellen Harrison, Ben Lorenzo, Teodora Owczarek, Noel Napaul, Marian-Tadeusz Owoc

The sick: Lucy Melkees, David Carrier, Desmond Worth, Colin Sims, John Kennedy, Mary Ann Williams, Maria Keaveney-Jessiman, Annette Wheatley, Paul Jong, Richard Conceicao, Sheila Soodin, Maureen Searle, Kieran Walsh, Paul Saunders, Carol Donnelly, Mary Purcell Cosgrave, Damji Vadhia, Margaret Birch, Manjula Topno, Alina Hancock, Simon Hull, Lalita Nagar, Cath O'Neill, Andrew Tan, Tom Searle, John Burke-Gaffney, Donald Derx, Margaret Lumley, Electa Almeida, Brian Sewell

Please note that for data protection reasons, individuals must 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 sick list.



COLLECTIONS

Collection at Mass last Sunday came to £1,531 in loose plate giving and £585 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £2,116. This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.

The second collection in support of *Home Mission* raised £950. Thank you for your generosity!

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Monday 23 September St Pio of Petrelcina, Priest

Tuesday 24 September Our Lady of Walsingham, Memorial

Thursday 26 September Ss Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs

Friday 27 September St Vincent de Paul, 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 Iste Confessor (K,S), Giovanni P. Palestrina

Beati quorum via, Charles V. Stanford

Oculi omnium, Charles Wood

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 or contact Anne Waldron (Chair) at anne@annewaldron.com or 07886 034 323

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.

[St George's Hospital Chaplaincy: Fr Mark Higgins (020 8725 3069)]