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Newsletter

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Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time

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Next Sunday's Readings

- Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4
- Ps 94: 1-2.6-9. R.v9
- Timothy 1:6-8. 13-14
- Luke 17:5-10

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A Word of Thanks

A WORD OF THANKS

FR FRANCIS

We say a heartfelt thank you and good-bye to Fr Francis who has been with us during the last few months. We have been very grateful for his help in the life of the parish over this time. We will be joined by Fr Dennis on the 14th of October. He is a priest of the Spiritan Order. We welcome him to the Parish.

FR TED

Fr Ted would like to express his gratitude to *'the beloved people of God of the parish and let them know that I am genuinely happy and deeply grateful for all the support, the sacrifice, the love, the solidarity and the many cards and gifts'* he received on the occasion of his induction into his new parish in Margate last Friday. He was very touched by the number of friends from Wimbledon who made the effort to join him for what was a truly memorable celebration.

We wish Fr Ted every blessing in his new appointment and assure him of our continued prayers and support for him in the years ahead. Canon John

SIGNING OF SCHOOL FORMS

Canon John will be available to sign application forms for secondary school applications on Tuesday 1 October from 6-8pm in the Lower Hall. If you have a form for signing please do come along that evening. No appointment necessary. Canon John will not be available to sign forms after next week.

Family Fast Day prayer

St Francis of Assisi,
Your whole life sang in harmony
with God and others.

With you, we praise God
for Brother Sun,
full of beauty and splendour,
warming the earth,
summoning shoots
from darkness into daylight.

We praise God for Sister Water,
so useful and humble,
precious and pure,
greening arid ground,
growing life in desert places.

Pray for us, Francis, that like you,
we may care for all that exists,
until Brother Sun and Sister Water
produce a harvest shared by all
in love and solidarity,
justice and peace. Amen.

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

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

This coming Friday 4 October is *Family Fast Day*. Your fasting, prayer and generosity are an act of love for our global family: no one should be beyond reach of the love and support they need to thrive. This year CAFOD reminds you that every day children would trek miles for water risking their education - and safety. Donations from parishioners across England & Wales helped install a solar powered water pump in a village in rural Uganda. On *Family Fast Day* you are invited to eat a simple meal for lunch or dinner and give the money you save to CAFOD. Please collect an envelope at the back of the church. Envelopes will be collected again next weekend (cafod.org.uk/harvest).

OCTOBER ROSARY

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. We are encouraged in various ways to join in the praying of the rosary, privately or at public recitation in groups or as a family. In the parish the Rosary is said every evening at 6pm in the Lady Chapel and on Saturdays from 6pm in the church. It is a great devotion to our Blessed Lady and a mediation on the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

JESUIT MISSIONS

You are invited to a concert on Fri 11 Oct 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

MISSIO

This weekend, Fr Anthony Chantry MHM from *Missio* will be introducing *Missio's Red Box Appeal* and will talk after all Masses about the work of Mill Hill Missionaries and how they bring the message of God's love to

those living in poverty and turmoil overseas.

AT HOME

There will be an *At Home* on Monday 30 September from 7.30-9pm.

SCHOOL SLIPS

School admission forms will be collected this weekend.

BL JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

In preparation for the canonisation of Cardinal John Henry Newman we will start to pray the Novena on Friday 4 October after all Masses.

Announcements

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

If you are interested in attending this year's First Holy Communion programme there are still spaces available for those able to attend between 1.45-3pm on Sundays. For those who have not signed up online please now register your interest on **paper before 30 September**. Please see the information sheet at the back of the church for instructions.

PET BLESSING

There will be a pet blessing in the church garden on Sunday 6 October at 11am with a short catechesis session on St Francis of Assisi, followed by prayers to St Francis. If your pet does not want to travel you can bring a photograph.

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 4 October starting after 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.

NEWMAN CIRCLE

You are welcome to the Parish Lounge at 7 pm on Wednesday 16 October for the next Newman Circle talk on *'The Ministry of Women in the Early Church'* by Dr Anne Inman, author and lecturer in Theology at various Universities in the UK, her latest book is *Ministry of Women in the Anglo-Saxon World through*

the life and times of Hilda of Whitby (c. 614-680).

CALLING ALL ARTISTS

It has been suggested that we should provide a show case in the parish to exhibit the arts & crafts works of our many talented parishioners. We hope to put on an *Arts and Crafts Exhibition* on Sunday 17 November in the Lower Hall, open after all Sunday Masses for parishioners to view the paintings and crafts and to buy any items marked for sale. 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

FAMILY CRAFT MORNING

On Sunday 13, after the 9.45am Mass, there will be a family arts & crafts morning with an Amazon theme in the Lower Hall. For more info please contact our Youth Minister Eleanor (eleonor.bowman@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk)

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

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

ENVIRONMENT GROUP

Have you got any nice clothes you don't wear any more? Alexie & the Environ-

ment group invite you to a clothes swishing event in the Lower Hall on Friday 18 Oct, 7.30-9.30pm. This is to fundraise for the church appeal. Entry price £5 (a welcome drink incl.). You & your friends are welcome to bring any number of quality items to swap (for the rules please email amathurston@hotmail.com).

Social, Cultural & Notices

EDGE HILL PLAYERS PANTO 2020

The Edge Hill Players are turning their attention to the 2020 panto, *Snow White and the Magnificent Seven!* Auditions for those in year 7 and above as well as adults, will be 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!

OPEN DAYS

Ursuline Preparatory School is a Rom. Cath. Independent School for girls aged 4-11 and a Co-ed Nursery located in 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 8947 0859/2). Ursuline High School's and Wimbledon College's Sixth Form Open Evening will be

held on Thursday 10 October from 5-8pm at UHS Site, Sports Hall (SW20 8HA), for more info visit www.ursuline-sixthform.com or www.wimbletoncollege.org.uk

Sacred Heart Cath. Primary School is hosting open mornings at 9.30am on Wed 16 Oct, Tue 12 Nov, Tue 3 Dec and Wed 8 Jan for parents of prospective nursery and reception pupils for September 2020. Please book via the office on 020 8942 0215 or email school@sacredheart.merton.sch.uk

Holy Cross School Year 7 is hosting an Open Evening - Monday 30 September 5.30-8pm (for entry in September 2020) www.holycross.kingston.sch.uk

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. Cost £15.

CALLING ALL SINGERS

Following on from the success of their first concert this summer, Katy Lees, Giles Kennedy and Katy's Songbirds invite you to join their Christmas Celebration on Thursday 19 December at 7.30pm in our church (the summer music feast raised more than £5,000 for charity for which they are hugely grateful). They return for an evening of traditional carols this time in aid of those who may be alone and isolated around Christmas. Rehearsals start on Friday 18 October, if you would like to join the Christmas Celebration please contact Katy at katy@virginmedia.com for more details.

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.

VACANCIES

Jesuit Missions is recruiting for 3 new positions to help them respond to the climate emergency and continue to deliver their life-changing work around the world. This investment will help their work in reducing the impact of global warming on marginalised people and inspire more people to join them working for a more just world. They are looking for an Assistant International Programmes Officer, a Campaigns and Communications Officer and a Direct Marketing Manager. If you'd like to be part of their inspiring work, please visit www.jesuitmissions.org.uk/vacancies for more info.

St. Teresa's Home for the Elderly is looking for a FT & PT Care Assistant role. Experience & qualifications preferable, for full details please contact the office on 020 8879 7366/3, or info@stteresashome.co.uk

CHANTS AND SONGS

You are cordially invited to a concert of the Monastic Choir from St Elisabeth Convent in Minsk, Belarus, on Friday 4 October at 7.10pm in our church; admission fee is your voluntary donation; special fair from St Elisabeth Convent Workshops after the concert. Page 3

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 Monday 30 September at 7.30pm. A talk on 'Praise, Prayer, Gratitude' will be given by Jayco Wamsteker. Refreshments will be provided. All are welcome. All enquiries contact: Audra (07958 782 779 or audra.wamsteker@gmail.com)

ANNUAL DAY OF RENEWAL

All parishioners are invited to the annual Day of Renewal at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, on Saturday 5

October from 10am-4pm. Mass, set of inspiring speakers, praise, worship, healing service & confession; all welcome, free, bring your packed lunch.

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 fur-

ther 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

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

* SH School Mass Centre

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

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| Sat 28 | 6.30pm | Theresa Henry RIP |
| Mon 30 | 7.30am | Medjugorje Vocations Worldwide |
| | 10.00am | Funeral Mass for Lucy Dantas |
| | 6.30pm | Horace D'Cruz RIP |
| Tue 1 | 7.30am | Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary |
| | 10.00am | John David Breen RIP |
| | 6.30pm | Patrick Queenan RIP |
| Wed 2 | 7.30am | Papal Envoy in Medjugorje Ints. |
| | 10.00am | Private Intention |
| | 6.30pm | Ray Smith RIP |
| Thu 3 | 7.30am | Private Intention |
| | 10.00am | Patricia McCurtian Ints. |
| | 6.30pm | David & Lorenza Boyce RIP |
| Fri 4 | 7.30am | Angela Riely RIP |
| | 10.00am | Ona Riely RIP |
| | 6.30pm | Edward & Bridget Burke RIP |
| Sat 5 | 7.30am | Alfred Jessiman RIP |
| | 10.00am | Jean Marie Hook RIP |

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Lucy Dantas, Desmond Worth

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Yvonne Stephens-Monnier, Giuseppe Savastio, Maria Conception Vaamon de Carranza, Horace D'Cruz, John Breen, Peter Burns, Gabriele Meehan, Paul Bull, Arthur Butterfield, Josephine McCourt

The sick: Ian Parr, Lucy Melkees, David Carrier, Colin Sims, Anne Cardew, 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 £1,566 in loose plate giving and £422 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £1,988. 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.

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Monday 30 September St Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Tuesday 1 October St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

Wednesday 2 October The Guardian Angels

Friday 4 October St Francis of Assisi, Religious

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 concertata, Teodoro Cascati

Factum est silentium, Richard Dering

Lord for Thy tender mercy's sake, Richard Farrant

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)]