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Next Sunday's Readings

- Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14. 16-19
- Ps 33:2-3.17-19.23. R.v7
- 2 Timothy 4:6-8. 16 –18
- Luke 18:9-14

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The Power of Persistent Prayer

We welcome to the parish this weekend Fr Dennis Bukenya. Fr Dennis will be with us for around 18 months. He is a member of the Spiritan Fathers and has been working in parishes in this diocese up till now. We have given him some time to settle in but we hope he will introduce himself to us through next week's newsletter. In the meantime we welcome Fr Joe back from his visit home. Well rested I am sure he is fit to pick up where he left off. With Fr Joe's return we are now up to full compliment for the parish. I am very grateful for the help I have received from other priests to meet the needs of the parish.



LUKE 18:1-8

The readings today point to our need of persistent prayer in our relationship with God. The first reading, taken from the Book of Exodus relates the story of Moses and the defeat of the Amalekites. As long as Moses held his arms high his forces were victorious. When his arms drooped through tiredness it was the Amalekites who gained the advantage. Needless to

say victory was won when his companions held his arms high until the battle was over. Jesus in the parable of the unjust judge has the same lesson for us. As with so much about prayer Jesus shows us the way but it is then up to us to put his teachings into practice. What he says to us today is to keep knocking and the door will be opened.

THE PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Parish Priest: Canon John Clark MA

Parish Clergy: Fr Joseph Donkor MA, Fr Dennis Bukenya CSSp and Deacon Julian Burling

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

Youth Minister: Eleanor Bowman

Adult Faith Formation Officer: Kelly Hockey

WORLD MISSION DAY

Today, 20 October, is *World Mission Day*, a Day of Prayer for the evangelisation of the world. Pope Francis has declared that October 2019 will be an extraordinary month of prayer and action to strengthen and grow God's mission through the Church. This month aims to encourage Catholics into a deeper relationship with Jesus through prayer; to look to, and learn from, the actions and sacrifices of our saints, martyrs and living missionaries; and to rediscover and renew our understanding of overseas mission (*missio ad gentes*). For more information, please visit missio.org.uk/emm

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING SESSIONS

for all parish volunteers who work with children will be held on Tuesday 5 November (7.30-9pm) and Saturday 16 November (11am -12.30pm). An invitation letter is being sent to those concerned. Please reply by 28 October. All volunteers in parish groups working with children are expected to attend one of these sessions. If you think you are eligible and you have not received an invitation, please contact sacredheartsafeguarding@gmail.com.

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 meditation on the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

Parish News

AT HOME

Please note that there will be **no At Home** on Monday 21 October.

SIGNED & SPOKEN MASS

A signed & spoken Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 27 October at 4pm in the Sacred Heart Chapel in the

church. All with hearing difficulties are welcome!

SCHOOL SLIPS

School admission forms will be collected again after the half term break.

Announcements

ARCHBISHOP MICHAEL BOWEN †

It is with deep regret that we hear from the Archdiocese of Southwark the announcement of the death of Archbishop Michael Bowen, who passed away in the early hours of Thursday 17 October 2019. May he rest in peace.

MASS FOR ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

St George's Cathedral Mass for St John Henry Newman will be celebrated by Archbishop John Wilson on Sunday 27 October at 11.30am. All are welcome. In addition, a relic of John Henry Newman is available for people to see and venerate until Sunday 27 October.

LECTURE BY FR M BARNES SJ

Fr Michael Barnes SJ will be giving a lecture on the life and writing of Fr Thomas Stephens SJ, the first English Jesuit in India, the 400th anniversary of whose birth is celebrated this month. Wednesday 23 October at 7.30pm in the Upper Hall. All are welcome!

Parish Organisations

BREAVEMENT SUPPORT

On Saturday 26 October from 10.30-11.30am in the Parish Lounge. The bereavement Team invites everyone experiencing loss in their lives, no matter how long ago, to drop in for a coffee and a chat. Grief is a particularly isolating experience especially now the days are darker and shorter. It can affect all aspects of your life, physically, emotionally and socially. For more information please call 020 8946 5198 or visit the website.

YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group will meet again on Sunday 3 November after the half term break.

YOUNG ADULTS

On Friday 25 October the Young Adults will be having a Board Games evening at the young adults house from

7.30pm. Please do bring your favourite board game along! For details of the address, please email Eleanor (eleanor.bowman@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk).

PARISH SOCIAL CLUB

The Parish Social Club will be having an AGM on Friday 25 October at 7.30pm in the Parish Lounge. Refreshments provided. All are welcome.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Friday 1 November at 2.30pm in the Lounge, film: *The African Queen* (1951) starring Humphrey Bogart (who won his only Oscar for this film), Katharine Hepburn & Robert Morley. Ice Creams, Tea and Cakes. All 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, 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.

Please note that all clothing must be clean, washed and in fair condition. **No** children's clothes please and do not use Manna bins to dump unwanted things. Thank you!

Social, Cultural & Notices

ORGAN RECITAL

Organ Recital by David Gammie: Saturday 26 October at 7.45pm. A special celebration of the richness and diversity of European music, showing off all the power, splendour and delicacy of our wonderful organ. Admission free.

CALLING ALL SINGERS

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. They return for an evening of traditional carols this time in aid of those who may be alone and isolated around Christmas. Nothing spreads Christmas cheer like singing,

so whether you are familiar faces or first-timers, with friends or on your own, Katy and her friends would love to create a choir of 100+ male/female voices; the next rehearsal is on Friday 8 November from 7.30-8.30pm (and then 6 December) at Holy Cross Church Hall, Adele Road/Douglas Avenue, Motspur Park KT3 6HT, if you would like to join the Christmas Celebration please contact Katy at katylees@virginmedia.com for more details. All profits will go to Merton Faith in Action - Homelessness Project, Action for Children and the Royal Society of Musicians.

FOR YOUR DIARIES

Saturday 30 November: Edge Hill Players & Sacred Heart Chorus Race Night.
Saturday 13 June 2020: Sacred Heart Chorus Concert including Mendelssohn-Bartholdy's *Lauda Sion*.

JJR TOLKIEN

The Centre for Catholic Formation in Tooting Bec is hosting two talks on JRR Tolkien on Monday 4 November entitled 'Who is the Creator in Tolkien's World' and on Monday 11 November on 'What is evil according to Tolkien?' with Sebastian Morello, at 7pm for a 7.30pm start, CCF, 21 Tooting Bec Rd, SW17 8BS; (www.ccfootingbec.org.uk)

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.

VACANCY

Ursuline High School: Estates and Asset Manager (FT) required from November or as soon thereafter, 35 hrs per week (52 weeks p.a.). Position is subject to enhanced DBS disclosure. Details and application forms via website (www.ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk) or from Mrs Martin by email (rachel@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk) or phone (020 3908 3181).

Exploring our Faith

DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE

Marian Fathers are organising a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock, Ireland, from 15-19 November; cost £520 pp (return flights from LGW, hand luggage, 4 nights accommodation, half board, daily Mass, Hour of Mercy, Devotional Programme); for more details and booking please call 020 8998 0925 or email info@divinemercy.org.uk

HEALING MASS

The Sons of Divine Providence are organising a Healing Mass on Sat 26 Oct at 2pm in the Chapel of Our Lady of Westminster, Hampton Wick KT1 4HB; Mass, Adoration, Prayers, Intercessions, Benediction, Anointing of the Sick. For further details please contact Fr John Perrotta on 07921 125 283.

A DAY WITH MARY

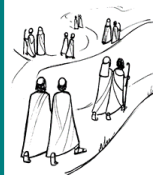
You are invited to *A Day with Mary* on Saturday 9 November at Westminster Cathedral, SW1 1QW starting at 9.45am (-5.30pm) with Entry Procession of Our Lady of Fatima, Angelus, Crowning, sung Litany, Mass in honour of Our Lady; Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Rajiv Michael, Sermon on Our Lady by Fr Jeremy Davies.

There will be a *A Day With Mary* Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from Sunday 22 - Tuesday 31 March 2020, 4 nights in Nazareth and 4 nights in Old Jerusalem; £1,390 p.p. (incl return flight London-Tel Aviv, transfers, taxes, entry fees, professional guide, daily Mass and Rosary, Catholic priest chaplain); for full information and booking form: adwmary.uk@gmail.com or call 020 8641 6418.

CENTERING PRAYER

Centering Prayer is a way of praying from the stillness of the heart without words. To find out more and to experience this method of prayer first hand, come to an Introductory Workshop at St. Mark's Church, SW19 7ND on Saturday 16 November from 11.30am - 4.30pm. Tea/coffee & biscuits provided; bring a packed lunch and a cushion if liked; suggested donation £10. Fliers are available at the back of our church. For more info or to let us know you intend coming, please email Clare Morgan on claremorgan179@gmail.com. If participants request it, there will be 6 optional one-hour follow-up sessions (www.contemplativeoutreach.org.uk)

A SHARED JOURNEY OF FAITH



If you are interested in exploring the Christian faith within the Catholic Church you are welcome to journey with us through weekly meetings held on Mondays in the Parish Lounge. For more information please take a leaflet from the back of the church entitled R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults into the Catholic Church).



CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

6.30pm (Sat) Fr D Bukenya 11.15am Canon C Acton
8.15am Fr D Bukenya 12.45pm Fr J Luzindana
8.30am* Canon J Clark 5.00pm Fr M Barnes SJ
9.45am Fr M Barnes SJ 8.00pm Fr D Bukenya

* SH School Mass Centre

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 19 6.30pm Mark Lewis RIP
Mon 21 7.30am Michael Maynard RIP
10.00am Anthony Zammit RIP
6.30pm Anastasia McGurk RIP
Tue 22 7.30am Private Intention
10.00am Marie Barretto RIP
6.30pm Anne Remedios Ints.
Wed 23 7.30am Private Intention
10.00am Germain Stephane Ayeme Che Ints.
6.30pm Mary Kearns RIP
Thu 24 7.30am Thanksgiving St Jude
10.00am Athanase Lucien Etepie Che Ints.
6.30pm Dubois Family Ints.
Fri 25 7.30am Daria Coutinho Ints.
10.00am Alfred Jessiman RIP
6.30pm Queen of Peace Ints.
Sat 26 7.30am Private Intention
10.00am Anthony Zammit RIP

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: John Magee, Bryan Pearn, Anne Cardew, Fr James Hodgkinson SJ

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Harry Carney, Angela Hall, Mary Kearns, Vincent Danil, Ian Sambitan

The sick: Tilly Walters, Ian Parr, Lucy Melkees, David Carrier, 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 £1,794 in loose plate giving and £373 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £2,167. This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.

The second collection in support of PACT raised £760. Thank you for your generosity.

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Sunday 20 October World Mission Day
Tuesday 22 October St John Paul II, Pope
Wednesday 23 October St John of Capistrano, Priest
Thursday 24 October St Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop
Friday 25 October The Forty Martyrs canonised
Saturday 26 October Ss Chad & Cedd, 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

Missa brevis in C, Antonio Lotti

Ave maris stella, Edvard Grieg

Ave verum, Camille Saint-Saëns

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: ppc@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk 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)]