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Newsletter

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Next Sunday's Readings

- Book of Samuel 5:1-3
- Ps 121:1-5. R.cf.v.2
- Colossians 1:12-20
- Luke 23:35-43

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It is in God in whom we should place our trust

We only have for our Gospel text today Chapter Twenty One of Luke. In the chapter as a whole Jesus predicted three things: the destruction of the temple; the end of the world; and his second coming. Jesus warns his disciples that they can expect persecution at the hands of civil authorities and rejection by their friends and family. When they give testimony of their connection to Christ and to the values for which he stands, there will be no end to the misunderstanding and suffering they will experience. Yet in the powerlessness of it all, Jesus assures them that they will be secure. In fact Jesus advises them not to try to save themselves from it, but he promises to give them wisdom in speaking before their adversaries and that not a hair of their heads will be destroyed. Perhaps we could each think of one thing that we will do this week to glorify God with our lives-large or small- whether thinking of someone else before ourselves-it may mean making sacrifices, but our efforts can lead to a happier world where God is worshipped in all that we do. To follow Jesus isn't always easy. Our human nature always seeks to avoid suffering. At the same time, our spiritual nature tells us to sacrifice ourselves for others. Both natures are consistently in conflict with one another. The prophet, Malachi, points out the source of our hope that we live in a way that is shaped by the Word of God, God will honour us after death when the righteous rise again. This kind of trust, this kind of perseverance is the expression of the wisdom to which Christians have witnessed down through the ages. It is wisdom beyond human knowledge and understanding. It is wisdom rooted in the mystery of the cross. Jesus is the wise one in whom we place our trust. For us, Jesus is the path that will lead to the new life of resurrection, the path to eternal life.

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

SECOND COLLECTION

Next Sunday is Youth Sunday, the second collection taken that day will support the Youth Work in the Diocese and beyond, especially the Southwark Catholic Youth Service (SCYS).

TRAVELLING NATIVITY

This year we will be hosting a 'Travelling Nativity' throughout Advent with a different household from the parish having the nativity present in their home each evening and passing it onto the next household until Christmas Eve. This will start on the first Sunday of Advent 1 December. For info please visit the Youth Ministry page on the parish website or pick up an information sheet at the back of church. To sign up please contact Eleanor (eleanor.bowman@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk).

SIGNED & SPOKEN MASS

A signed & spoken Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 24 November at 4pm in the Sacred Heart Chapel in the church. All with hearing difficulties welcome!

REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for volunteers to help with the preparation, cooking and serving at the Parish Christmas lunch. If you are able to assist please contact the Parish Office. Thank you!!

8.30am SUNDAY MASS LIFT OFFERED

We are offering lifts to and from the 8.30am Sunday Mass at the SH Mass Centre. Do you know of any parishioner who requires a lift? If so please contact Teresa 07712 893 769 or teresaengley@btinternet.com or email the parish.

Parish News

AT HOME

There will be an *At Home* on Monday 18 November from 7.30-9pm.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas cards are now available for sale at the Presbytery Reception. The proceeds of the card sale go

to the Sacred Heart Church Appeal.

SCHOOL SLIPS

School admission forms will be collected this weekend.

Announcements

HOLY SOULS ENVELOPES

If you would like to have your deceased family members remembered in the Masses during November, write their names on a paper and put them into the *Holy Souls* envelopes provided. They will be placed in a box at the altar during Masses this month. Any donations enclosed will go towards Masses for the Holy Souls during the year.

WELCOME MASS

All new parishioners are cordially invited, with their families, to Mass on Saturday 23 November at 10 am, followed by a reception in the Lounge. Please also register your family details by visiting the parish website.

SPECIAL MASS

A special Mass for deceased parishioners and members of the clergy of the deanery will

be held on Wednesday 27 November at 7pm at St Winefride Church in South Wimbledon, SW19 1EP.

ARCHBISHOP

MICHAEL BOWEN †

A Memorial Mass for Archbishop Michael Bowen will be celebrated at the Sacred Heart Church on Thursday 28 November at 6.30pm.

CONFIRMATION 2020

We are now taking details of those families with young people in Y8 or above interested in the Confirmation programme for 2020.

We kindly ask that you register via the parish website by 1 December so that we are able to prepare the resources needed for the programme. For further details or if you have any queries please contact Eleanor (eleanor.bowman@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk)

YOUTH SUNDAY

Next weekend is Youth Sunday when we celebrate all the children and young people of our parish. On Sunday 24 November after the 9.45am Mass there will be tea, coffee & cake in the Lower Hall. From 2pm we will be hosting a film afternoon for families and our Youth Group will be having a special celebration evening. For more info please contact Eleanor (see email address above).

RED WEDNESDAY

On Wednesday 27 Nov, *Aid to the Church in Need* call us to stand in solidarity with persecuted Christians across the world. There will be a discussion session and prayer vigil to mark this day at 7-8.30pm in the Lounge, for more info please contact Eleanor.

Parish Organisations

YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group for those in y10+ will meet again this Sunday 17 November from 6-7.45pm in the Youth Room. All are welcome.

ENVIRONMENT GROUP

Are you concerned about the climate crisis? Keen to know more about Pope Francis's teachings in '*Laudato Si'*', on *Care for Our Common Home*? Please join the Parish

Environment Group for a screening and discussion of the new film by the Catholic Bishops Conference '*Global Caring: Living in harmony with God's Creation*' on Tuesday 19 November from 7.30-9.30pm in the Parish Lounge. Refreshments will be provided.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

There will be a special Mass for all who have been be-

reaved, (no matter how long ago) and their loved ones, on Saturday 30 November at 10am. This will be followed a reception in the Parish Lounge. Everyone welcome.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Friday 6 December at 2.30pm in the Lounge: Seasonal Singalong with Songs on Wheels, Sherry for lubrication! Tea, cakes, mince pies ... All welcome!

Social, Cultural & Notices

NEWMAN CIRCLE

All are welcome to the next meeting of the Newman Circle on Wednesday 20 November at 7.30pm in the Lounge when Prof Paddy Stone, Head of Department at the Marie Curie Palliative Care Research department, University College London, will talk about 'Caring for people at the end of life ... A doctor's perspective'.

SOCIAL EVENT

All Ministers of the Eucharist and Volunteers at the Parish are invited to a social event on Tuesday 26 November at 7.15pm in the Lounge. Please bring a small plate of finger-food. Drinks provided. RSVP gmsill02@aol.com or 07561 704 706.

RACE NIGHT

Sacred Heart Chorus & Edge Hill Players Race Night Saturday 30 November in the Lower Hall at 7.30pm, tickets are £10 (including a glass of

prosecco, pizza and race card, pay-bar or bring your own), available from sheena.macd@btinternet.com. Come and have a fun evening!

For your diaries: Saturday 13 June 2020: Sacred Heart Chorus Concert including Mendelssohn-Bartholdy's *Lauda Sion*.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

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. If you would like to join the Christmas Celebration please contact Katy at katylees@virginmedia.com for more details.

LOVE AND MERCY: SR. FAUSTINA

A docudrama on Divine Mercy and the mission of Sr. Faustina Kowalska, which reveals previously unknown facts and recently disclosed documents that shed new light on the truth of the Divine Mercy message. More information can be found under <http://loveandmercyfilm.co.uk/>

GREAT GATSBY CHARITY DANCE

LHBMS presents for one night only a Great Gatsby Charity Dance with live music ('The Supers'), buffet, bar, raffle best dressed Gatsby prizes and much more; Upper Hall on Saturday 11 of January 2020 from 7.30-11.30pm. Tickets £18, available at the Presbytery Reception or by calling David and Eileen 020 8542 2476.

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.

VOTE FOR MEMORY LANE CLUB

If you shop at Raynes Park Waitrose please use your green token(s) to vote for Memory Lane Club supporting those with dementia and their carers in our community. We have been selected to be one of Waitrose's good causes for their 'Community Matters' scheme during the month of November. This is a scheme whereby the branch is given £1,000 each month to be divided between 3 local good causes. Each time a customer makes a purchase they are given a token to place in one of 3 collecting boxes. The £1,000 is then split between the 3 good causes in accordance with the number of tokens collected. Thank you for your support.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Wimbledon College presents a musical production of Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol'. December 11th, 12th and 13th at 7.30pm. All tickets £4. Ring Paola Cray on 020 879 9355 or email paola.cray@wimbledoncollege.org.uk to book or purchase tickets on the door.

Exploring our Faith

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The Sacred Heart Charismatic Prayer Group will be meeting in the Youth Room for an evening of prayer, praise and worship on Monday 18 November at 7.30pm. Refreshments will be provided. All are welcome. All enquiries contact : Audra (07958 782 779 or audra.wamsteker@gmail.com)

A DAY WITH MARY

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.

LOVE HEALS

BODY MIND and SPIRIT

Welcome you to come to a one day Retreat of quiet Reflection on Saturday 30 November 11am - 4.30pm at the Catholic Church of Our Lady of Assumption & St Gregory, Warwick Street, Piccadilly, W1F 9JR; (please bring your own lunch - tea & coffee available). For more in-

formation www.lovehealsbodymindspirit.com

THURSDAY GROUP

The Thursday Group continues to meet weekly from 3-4.30pm in the Lounge. It is for people who have or had mental health problems. It is a way of making friends who will understand your needs. We look at the present Gospel and as we wish, share our prayers and thoughts afterwards. Next refreshments and a time to socialise. For more information please contact Potty (Cristina Connolly at 07507 672 833).

CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

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

* SH School Mass Centre

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 16 6.30pm Thomas Gabriel RIP
Mon 18 7.30am Catherine Maria Thompson
10.00am Rita Bastianpillai RIP
6.30pm Rita Westbrook RIP
Tue 19 7.30am Maria Holloway Thanksgiving
10.00am James Pedru Pillai RIP
6.30pm Jasmina Pereira RIP
Wed 20 7.30am Private Intention
10.00am Jean-Marie Hook RIP
6.30pm Teresa Daly 90th Birthday
Thu 21 7.30am Private Intention
10.00am Larry Fernandes RIP
12 noon Funeral Mass for Mary Cosgrave
6.30pm Mary O'Mahony RIP
Fri 22 7.30am Alfred Jessiman RIP
10.00am Lola Maia RIP
6.30pm Noel Forster RIP
Sat 23 7.30am Olivia & Baby Rodriguez Ints.
10.00am Angela Sims RIP

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: John Hanrahan, Mary Purcell Cosgrave, Angela Sims

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Phyllis Harris, Elizabeth Mary Paul, Luka Stroh, Bernard Kirby, Caroline Dale, Joseph Osamor, Veronica Mirandah, Rita Westbrook

The sick: Stewart Constable, Brendan Hollingsworth, Richard Ferris, Tilly Walters, Ian Parr, Lucy Melkees, David Carrier, Colin Sims, Mary Ann Williams, Maria Keaveney-Jessiman, Annette Wheatley, Paul Jong, Richard Conceicao, Sheila Soodin, Maureen Searle, Kieran Walsh, Paul Saunders, Carol Donnelly, 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 £1,910 in loose plate giving and £520 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £2,430. This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.

The second collection in support of the *Archbishop's Administration Fund* raised £647. Thank you for your generosity.

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Monday 18 November The Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter & Paul, Apostles

Thursday 21 November The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday 22 November St Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

Saturday 23 November St Clement I, Pope & Martyr;
St Columban, Abbot, Missionary

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

Mass of St Michael, Henry Wardale

De profundis clamavi, Christoph W.

Gluck

O salutaris hostia, Edward Elgar

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)]