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Newsletter

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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Next Sunday's Readings

- Isaiah 2:1-5
- Ps 121:1-2,4-5,6-9 R.c.f.v.1
- Romans 13:11-14
- Matthew 24:37-44

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



In reflecting on the history of kingship we realise that for a king to be regarded as good, or to put it better, for him to be regarded as effective, he had to be a consummate leader. He had to be able to control his realm and especially his Barons. It helped if he could personally lead his armies in battle and show tremendous personal bravery. By this means he earned respect and loyalty. An effective king also had to be decisive and quite ruthless-especially to his opponents. He could brook no opposition and had to be prepared to execute his rivals as soon as they showed signs of threatening his authority. It doesn't take long to realise this sort of absolute power is not the sort of thing to help one maintain a balanced personality-or even be nice to live with

for that matter. In the Middle Age this was the norm. Today we would regard such a king as a ruthless tyrant, one deserving to be overthrown and some other systems substituted which would extend participation in government to a much wider constituency. But my point is that in considering today's feast it is this sort of strong and dictatorial king that Christ is being contrasted with and not with our modern variety. And contrast is the right word. The Gospel is, after all, full of contrast, but the central point of the gospel concerns the surprising recognition and

response to the authority of Christ by the humble criminal.

Christ our King, the one who can outdo all earthly kings with the greatness of his power, with the breadth of his authority and with the extent of his glory, is a king who stoops down and takes on the mantle of his subjects and suffers with the lowest of the low. He does these things not out of false humility but to raise us up. He stoops down to lift us up to his level so that he can share all that he has with us. So today we rejoice in this feast which marks the end of the liturgical year. Each one is called to adopt this attitude to show how we really feel about Christ and our neighbour. Remember, when we act with compassion and kindness, we step right into the Kingdom of God.

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

Today is Youth Sunday, the second collection taken today will support the Youth Work in the Diocese and beyond, especially the Southwark Catholic Youth Service (SCYS). Thank you for supporting this good cause.

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 next Sunday 1 December. For further 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 today 24 Nov at 4pm in the Sacred Heart Chapel in the church. All with hearing difficulties welcome!

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.

LIVE STREAMING OF SUNDAY MASSES

Please note the link for live streaming of each Sunday 8pm Mass: www.churchservices.tv/wimbledon

Parish News

AT HOME

Please note that there will be NO At Home until further notice.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Volunteers welcomed! We especially need a coordinator to lead this very enjoyable event. Please contact Sadie Smith on 020 8946 5198 sadiesmith3@talktalk.net if you would be



happy to join a small committee to organise it. It's most rewarding and great fun to do. Various tasks before (i.e. matching transport to people who need lifts, help with shopping for supplies including gifts, wrapping gifts & hall decoration), help on Christmas Eve (preparing food etc.), on Christmas Day, serving food, welcoming guests, clearing

up at the end, you will be home by 5.30pm. You will not be alone! Thank You!

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

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

Today is Youth Sunday when we celebrate all the children and young people of our parish. 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).

Parish Organisations

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

There will be a special Mass for all who have been bereaved, (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!

ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP

Christmas Jumper Swap: please help reduce waste and donate any unwanted Christmas jumpers to our parish swap-shop on 1 December in the Lower Hall after the 9.45am Mass - children's sizes particularly welcome! Come along, buy a pre-loved Christmas jumper for £1 if you have donated an unwanted Christmas jumper or £5 without a donation. All proceeds go to the Parish Appeal. Drop-off boxes for donations will be available

outside the church before Mass on 24 Nov & 1 Dec. Pin your name to your jumper if you'd like to buy a different one for only £1. We need as many donations as possible so please have a rummage at the back of your wardrobes!

If you are feeling crafty and want to make gift wrapping without the plastic & glitter, join the Environment Group in the Lower Hall after the 9.45am Mass on 1 Dec for a cup of coffee and a chance to make some sustainable gift-wrapping decorations.

Social, Cultural & Notices

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 gmhill02@aol.com or 07561 704 706.

COMEDY NIGHT

Amateur comedians - some of whom are parishioners who have newly done a program, will be giving a comedy night in the Youth Room on Friday 29 November 8.15-11pm. Bring and share your own beverages or snacks, come and have a laugh. If you have a general interest

in comedy and we have not met you yet please email kelly@sacredheartwimbeldon.org.uk

RACE NIGHT

Sacred Heart Chorus & Edge Hill Players Race Night: Sat 30 November in the Lower Hall at 7.30pm, tickets are £10 (incl. a glass of prosecco, pizza and race card, pay-bar or bring your own), available from sheenamacd@btinternet.com and after this Sunday's morning Masses.

GREAT GATSBY CHARITY DANCE

LHBMS presents for one night only a Great Gatsby Charity Dance with live mu-

sic ('The Supers'), buffet, bar, raffle best dressed Gatsby prizes and much more; Upper Hall on Saturday 11 January 2020 from 7.30-11.30pm. Tickets £18, available at the Presbytery Reception or call David & Eileen 020 8542 2476.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Wimbledon College presents a musical production of Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol'. December 11th, 12th and 13th at 7.30pm. Tickets £4, contact Paola Cray on 020 8879 9355 or paola.cray@wimbledoncollege.org.uk to book or purchase tickets on the door.

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.

ADVICE ON LEAVE TO REMAIN IN THE UK

The Sacred Heart SVP Conference would be very grateful for any parishioner who can offer expert advice on claiming for indefinite leave to remain in the UK for a client. If you can help please email president190704@svp.org.uk in strict confidence.

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 25 November at 7.30pm. There will be a short talk by Carmine Bassi on 1 John 12. Refreshments will

be provided. All are welcome. All enquiries contact : Audra (07958 782 779 or audra.wamsteker@gmail.com)

TAKE DELIGHT IN YOUR FAITH

The faith formation team invite you to experience a discovery taster session, a 1 hour introduction & explana-

tion of a 6 week course starting in the New Year. Discovery taster sessions are on Sat 7 Dec from 11am-12noon or 5.15-6.15pm followed by questions. If you are interested to find out more please email our faith formation discovery team at discoverycourse@yahoo.com



CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2019

Canon John and Frs Joseph and Dennis cordially invite you to make Christmas a very special Parish Day. Come and have lunch on Wednesday 25 December, 12 noon for 1pm and spend the day with the Clergy and other parishioners, rather than being on your own. You will receive a warm welcome and have lots of fun.

If you would like to attend or know of someone who would like an invitation, please fill in a form (available at the back of the church, Presbytery Reception) and kindly return these asap to the Parish Office.

Volunteers: We would be happy if more volunteers came forward to help, especially on Christmas Eve and Day. Volunteer forms are available at the back of the church, Reception or website.

Donations: Many thanks for your immense generosity. Further donations are most welcome, cash and cheques (payable to *The Sacred Heart Parish*). Donations can be left at the Reception. Gift Aid forms are available.

Please contact Sadie Smith (020 8946 5198 or sadiesmith3@talktalk.net) for further info.

CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

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

* SH School Mass Centre

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 23 6.30pm Michael Swanson RIP
Mon 25 7.30am Queen of Peace
10.00am Alfred Jessiman RIP
4.00pm Funeral Mass for John Hanrahan
6.30pm Sr Catherine Mulcahy
Tue 26 7.30am Brian Nangle RIP
10.00am Benefactors of the Church
6.30pm James Westbrook RIP
Wed 27 7.30am Private Ints.
10.00am Thanksgiving
11.00am Funeral Mass for Angela Sims
6.30pm John Kennedy RIP
Thu 28 7.30am Private Ints.
10.00am Mary Grant RIP
6.30pm Memorial Mass for Archbishop Bowen
Fri 29 7.30am Denis Quinn RIP
10.00am George Staussi Ints.
6.30pm Charles Maxwell Grostate RIP
Sat 30 7.30am Mary Purcell Cosgrave RIP
10.00am Dced Mem. of Pereira & Fernandes fam.

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: John Hanrahan, Angela Sims

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Michael Swanson, Mary Henderson, Lady Jeanette Brandon, Marie Josephine Nyunt, James Westbrook

The sick: Stuart 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 £1,615 in loose plate giving and £420 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £2,035. This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Sunday 24 November Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe; World Youth Day

Monday 25 November St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr

Saturday 30 November St Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland

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

Christus vincit, Worcester Antiphoner

Missis brevis in C, KV 317, Coronation

Mass (K,G,S,A), Wolfgang A Mozart

O Rex Glorise, Luca Marenzio

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)]