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Newsletter

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**24th Sunday in Ordinary
Time (B)**

**Weekday Readings for
24th week in Ordinary Time
Vol III. Psalter week 4**

Next Sunday's Readings

Twenty Fifth Sunday

- Wisdom 2:12.17-20
- Psalm 53:3-6.8
- St James 3:16-4:3
- Mark 9:30-37

Upcoming Events

Sunday 12 September

- Children's Liturgy 10am Mass
- Registration for Sacramental Classes after 10am, 12noon & 5pm Masses

Tuesday 14 September

- Environment Group 7.30pm Youth Room

Wednesday 29 September

- Newman Circle 7.30pm Upper Hall

Friday/Saturday 1/2 October

- Edge Hill Players' *Showtime* 7.30pm

Welcome!

My name is **Fr Matthew Donnelly**. I'm 51 years old and I was ordained to the priesthood on the 17th July 2021.

I was born and grew up in Lewisham, and before joining seminary at the age of 45 I worked as a Building Surveyor on many of the major new developments in South London.

I had a previous foray into training for the priesthood when I was 18, when I joined a religious community in Italy. After four years, I decided to leave and embark on a 'normal' life back in the 'world'. For a few years, I was engaged to be married and was leaning towards settling down with family.

But God kept calling, in unforeseen and surprising ways, and after a series of retreats and serious soul searching, my fiancée made the decision for me, and packed me off a 'late vocation' weekend. The rest, as they say, is history and I am eternally grateful to her for such magnanimity!

It really is a joy to begin my ministry with you here at Sacred Heart Wimbledon in this beautiful and awe-inspiring church with such a diverse and vibrant community.

Hello, I am **Deacon Joseph Gulliford**. I was born and bred in Welling, south-east London, blessed to belong to a strong and committed Catholic family. Growing up, we would often pray together, saying the rosary and giving God praise through song. A big contribution to the formation of my faith has also come from Catholic charismatic events like the 'Celebrate' family conference, which we attended every year, and the Sion Community (who I spent a year with after Sixth Form). I am a keen footballer and Spurs' fan, while I love writing songs and playing music, especially for worship.

Until my late teens, I never seriously considered a Priestly vocation. Perhaps it was always there in some way in the back of my mind, yet I only began to take notice of it at the end of my time with the Sion Community and into University life. The desire in my heart to become a Priest blazed up like a fire in my heart and got stronger by the day through my early twenties, even in spite of a very serious relationship with a woman I wanted to marry. God gave me the freedom to choose this vocation, but He also revealed to me that it would be where I would be most happy and fulfilled. Now, as a Deacon, I am happy to embrace this call and feel a deep peace and joy as I journey onto the Priesthood (next year). It is wonderful to be here in Sacred Heart Parish. I ask for your prayers as I take part in Parish ministry and finish my studies in Seminary, while I look forward to meeting you all throughout the year ahead.

God bless you! Joseph

THE PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Parish Priest: Canon John Clark

Parish Clergy: Fr Joseph Donkor, Fr Matthew Donnelly, Deacon Julian Burling, Deacon Joseph Gulliford and Deacon Sean Crocker

Team Members: Sr Dorothy Perrott OSU, Sr Francis SSA Youth Minister: Eleanor Bowman

SECOND COLLECTION

The 2nd collection this Sunday will be in support of the Catholic Education Service (CES). The CES acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic education. There are over 2,000 schools, academies and colleges in England educating 800,000 pupils. The CES is the chief negotiating and advisory body on matters affecting all aspects of Cath. Education.

THE 'HEART PROJECT' IS BACK ON TRACK!

After three false starts due to the pandemic the *Heart Project* started in 7/2018 is at last back on track: our 4-bedroom house with garden in SW19 has been approved by Merton Housing after the changes requested were completed and our sponsor from the Diocese of Southwark will soon re-submit the detailed Application Form to the Home Office. When we receive Final Approval, we will be allocated a Syrian family. We all look forward to welcoming a Syrian family into our community soon. Remember, it takes a community to sponsor a family. If you are interested in volunteering for this worthwhile parish project, please email David at dtthurst52@gmail.com.

JESUIT MISSIONS STAMP CUTTING

Volunteers needed to help trim & sort used stamps to raise money for Jesuit Missions. Thanks to Covid we have a large backlog! Each month we meet on the 1st Thursday from 9.30am-12.30pm - coffee provided. Please bring your own scissors, enquiries to Tim Everson (tim.everson@btinternet.com) or just turn up at: JM, 11 Edge Hill, SW19 4 LR.

Parish News

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We are delighted that the Children's Liturgy is back from this Sunday during the 10am Mass. More dates are as follows:

September: 12th & 26th

October: 10th & 17th

November: 7th & 21st

December: 5th & 19th

For further information please look at the parish website or contact Elizabeth at elizabethbottriel@hotmail.com.

FIRE WARDENS - VOLUNTEERS

During the Covid period, when Mass attendance was restricted, there has not been a need for Fire Wardens. Now, that we are returning to 'normal' we need to have Fire Wardens on duty at all Sunday Masses. Our previous arrangement with volunteers 'turning-up and signing-in' was unfortunately not successful, so, in future

we shall have a rota. Many of those who volunteered previously have kindly agreed to continue but we still need more volunteers for all Masses, especially for the 6.30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass and 10am Mass.

If you are willing to volunteer for this essential duty, please give your name and contact details to the Parish Office. Thank you for your support!

Announcements

RECEIVING COMMUNION

Those wanting to receive the eucharist on the tongue should go up to a priest after all the others have received communion on their hands.

UPDATE TO LIVESTREAM SERVICE

From this Sunday 12 September, we will not be streaming the 10am Mass on Sunday. This is due to the return of our children's choir and children's liturgy and the need to uphold the safeguarding measures in place. All other Masses will continue to be streamed.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CLASSES

Registration for First Holy Communion & Confirmation programmes will continue to take place in the Lower Hall this Sunday 12 September after the 10am, 12noon and 5pm Masses. First Holy Communion will run from Sept 2021 - May 2022 for children in school years 3-6. Confirmation will run from Jan - Jul 2022 for young people in school years 8 and above. We look forward to meeting you and your family on these registration days!

NEWMAN CIRCLE

The Wimbledon Newman Circle has arranged 3 talks with excellent speakers well known to many parishioners. The first talk will be on Wed 29 Sept at 7.30pm in the Upper Hall with a talk by Fr Michael Holman SJ on the papal encyclical *Fratelli Tutti* (on fraternity and social friendship). Further dates for your diary are: 27 Oct with Fr Michael Barnes SJ on Pope Francis' book *Let us dream* and 24 Nov with Baroness Sheila Hollins on 'Is there a theology of disability, how does it relate to justice, mental health & inclusion?'

Parish Organisations

SH ENVIRONMENT GROUP

The SH Environment Group meets on Tuesday 14 Sept at 7.30pm in the Youth Room. In this year of the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Glasgow, the Environmental Group invites all parishioners to join in planning for the year ahead.

Queries to murrawingi@gmail.com.

MEMORY LANE CLUB

This popular club for people with dementia and their carers is open again on Wednesdays from 10.30am - 12.30pm in the Parish Lounge with tea, coffee and cake along with

lots of chat, laughter and other activities. We greatly look forward to meeting up with old friends and new.

Social & Cultural

EDGE HILL PLAYERS
Edge Hill Players are delighted to present our new production *Showtime* on Fri 1 & Sat 2 Oct 2021 at 7.30pm in the Upper Hall. We will be performing a variety of songs from popular musicals as well as extracts by William Shakespeare and Oscar Wilde. For tickets (£15; £12 conc.) please visit www.edgehillplayers.com or call 07742 230 493. There will be a cash bar & nibbles available. We very much look forward to taking to the stage once again and showcasing the amazing talent we are lucky to have in the parish!

SPONSORED WALK
The Knights of St. Columba Council 328 (Worcester Park, Wimbledon & East Surrey) are doing their annual sponsored walk on Sat 2 Oct in Nonsuch Park at 2pm in aid of St Raphael's

Hospice, N-Cheam. You are more than welcome to join them if you wish or you can support them on their Just Giving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ksc328-walk2021>

CHANGING OUR PLANET

You are invited to a speaker evening in the lead up to COP26 with a Q&A session on Sat 9 Oct from 6-8pm at Christ Church, Church Hall, Park Rd, West Wimbledon SW20 0RZ; organised by the Eco Church Group at Christ Church, tickets are free (www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/166175111231). For further info: www.christchurch-westwimbledon.org.

LONDON SW CATH. SOCIAL GROUP
is a group for Catholic adults to meet for regular

social and networking events in a friendly and relaxed setting with the aim of making new friends, enjoy new experiences or just to socialise. Upcoming events include walks, a karaoke evening and a Christmas meal; our monthly socials will restart in October; contact: londonswcatholic-social@gmail.com or Facebook – 'London SW Catholic Social Group'

HÄNDEL'S SOLOMON
The Academy Choir Wimbledon & Academy Baroque Players under the baton of Matthew Best, Saturday 18 September 7pm at St John's Spencer Hill, Wimbledon SW19 4NZ. With Susanna Hurrell, soprano, Keri Fuge, soprano, Helen Charlston, mezzo-soprano, Andrew Tortise, tenor; tickets (£25/£20/£15, students/under 18s: £5) from www.academychoirwimbledon.co.uk or 0333 666 3366 (booking fee applies).

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.

SCOUTS

Scouting is back on Edge Hill! Now that we are allowed to meet again, camp again and have fun again we have put together a programme for Scouts and young people in years 6 to 9 including weekend camps involving shooting, climbing, archery, wide games, etc... as well as weekly meetings in the Upper Hall. Our focus this year will be all about getting scouts outdoors as much as possible, experiencing new challenges, developing leadership skills & doing so many of the things that they have not been able to do over the last 18 months. We have vacancies for boys in Years 6 & 7, please contact michaelorbell@hotmail.com for further information.

Exploring our Faith

CATH. CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES (CCRS)

'Learn in person, by distance learning or online!'; the Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies is managed and awarded by the Board of Religious Studies on behalf of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales and was introduced to replace its predecessors, *The Catholic Teachers' Certificate* and the *Certificate in Religious*

Education. Any person who is or wishes to be involved in Catholic education and formation may apply for this course. This includes those involved in Religious Education in schools, Parish Catechesis and other ministries in the Church and anyone who wishes to follow the course for faith development or personal interest. The course seeks to ensure that participants have at least a basic knowledge

and understanding of the beliefs of the Catholic Faith. It also provides a basis for further study.

Centres (in person learning)

<http://brs-ccrs.org.uk/index.php/course-centres>

Life-Light Home Study Courses (distance learning)

info@studylifelight.com

01844 351 514

CCRS Online (online learning)

ccronline@hope.ac.uk

0151 291 3055

SAFEGUARDING

It is the policy of the Catholic Church in England and Wales to report all allegations of abuse to statutory authorities, regardless of whether the abuse occurred recently or in the past, or whether the accused person is living or deceased. If you are concerned about the welfare of a child or adult at risk, do not delay in contacting the police, using 999 if a child or adult is believed to be in immediate danger. Further safeguarding information can be found on the parish website.

CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

6.30pm (Sat) Fr Matthew Donnelly
8.00am Fr Joseph Donkor
10.00am Fr Michael Barnes SJ
12 noon Fr Joseph Donkor
5.00pm Canon John Clark
8.00pm Fr Matthew Donnelly

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 11 6.30pm The no one Family Ints
Mon 13 10.00am Thelma D'Costa & Samar Staussi (Ints)
6.30pm Archbishop Henrik Hoser (RIP)
Tue 14 10.00am Our Lady Queen of Peace
6.30pm Sam D'Souza (B-day Ints)
Wed 15 10.00am Thanksgiving for Jonas Seyrling (B-day Ints)
6.30pm Brian Malins (RIP)
Thu 16 10.00am Margaret Brennan (RIP)
6.30pm Paddy Delaney (RIP)
Fri 17 10.00am Cathriona Maddock & Keith (Ints)
6.30pm Francis Mackarill (RIP)
Sat 18 10.00am Maureen Stromborg (RIP)

HOSPITAL CONTACTS

If you or a member of your family are admitted to one of the local hospitals, do please let the hospital's Catholic chaplain know.

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

St Heliers and Epsom Hospital: Fr Philip Pak (020 8296 2000)

Kingston Hospital: Fr Tony Oleh (020 8546 7711)

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Terence Patrick Sammons, Molly Goodhardt, Sylvia Hogarth, Margaret Jacob and Maria Da Silva

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Brian Creegan, Lucy Dantas, Margaretha Taylor, Mavis Moriarty, Roy Haslehurst and Rosemary Zarri.

The sick: John Reynolds, Jane Boyle, John Alexander, Teresa Sobecki, Mick Sammons, Teresa Smith, Ryan Lindsey, Laurie Cromwell, Robin Lathey, Nancy Drapper, Christopher Browne, Patricia Small, Simon Wood, Pamela Hannigan, Samar Staussi, Oscar Carrier-Sipp, David Carrier, Andrew Tan and Rita Aguiar.

[Please advise the Parish Office when names can be removed.]

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

Collections last weekend came to £2,369.10.

Thank you for your generous support.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Mon 13th Sept St John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Tue 14th Sept The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Wed 15th Sept Our Lady of Sorrows
Thu 16 Sept Ss Cornelius, Pope, Cyprian Bishop, Martyrs
Fri 17 Sept St Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Sat 18 Sept The Blessed Virgin Mary

EXPOSITION

Wednesdays & Fridays
after the 10.00am Mass
and from 5.25 - 6.25pm

RECONCILIATION

Monday - Saturday:
6.00 - 6.20pm
and Saturday morning
10.30 - 11.30am

MUSIC AT THE 12 NOON MASS

Entry: *Brother, Sister, let me serve you*
K: Lourdes **G:** New People's Mass (Dom Gregory Murray)
Offertory motet: *Cantate Domino* (Pitoni)
S: Gathering Mass (Paul Inwood)
Communion motet: *Sicut Cervus* (Palestrina)
Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

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PARISH SERVICES

Parish Office/Reception Hours: 9am - 4pm (Mon-Fri)

Executive Assistant & Hall bookings: Thelma D'Costa (Mon - Fri 9.30am - 4pm) 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