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Newsletter

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**25th Sunday in Ordinary
Time (B)**

**Weekday Readings for
25th week in Ordinary Time
Vol III. Psalter week I**

**Next Sunday's Readings
Twenty-Sixth Sunday**

- Numbers 11:25-29
- Psalm 18:8.10.12-14
- St James 5:1-6
- Mark 9:38-43.45.47-48

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 21 September

- Youth Group 6-7.30pm

Thursday 23 September

- Signing of school forms 6-8pm

Friday 24 September

- Young Adults meet for
6.30pm Mass and social

Wednesday 29 September

- Newman Circle 7.30pm Upper
Hall

Friday/Saturday 1/2 October

- Edge Hill Players' *Showtime*
7.30pm

The Son of Man

This week's gospel is the reading often chosen by parents for the Baptism of their child.

We can imagine Our Lord tenderly taking the child in his arms and presenting the infant as an example saying: "*anyone who welcomes one of these children in my name welcomes me.*"

The example is given as antidote to pride and the desire to be the "greatest" which was the worldly attitude prevalent among his disciples.

But more than this, by likening Himself to the child, Our Lord shows us those dispositions we should adopt when relating to Him.

Therefore, more than offer us an example of child-like innocence, Jesus highlights the need for us to be tender, loving, open, and receptive when dealing with Him; just as we would act when a child might seek our help or ask for our attention - so Jesus expects the same when we go to discern His voice in prayer and encounter Him in our reception of the sacraments.

But just as a child responds to love and tenderness with trust and devotion, so Jesus also expects a joyful, obedient, and trusting response from us when we confront ourselves with the challenge to love, as he indicates and demonstrates in the gospels.

A child not only listens but makes a clear connection between knowing and doing. When a child listens, the response is performative (either in obedience or disobedience!) but never merely abstract.

As adults, having passed through the complex world of education and the workplace, we somehow lose that spontaneity in response to advice or a command. We question everything, no doubt because we have been hurt by being too trusting in the past.

Our faith is the guarantee that Jesus is the only one we can trust implicitly, because He is God and desires our ultimate good. In spite of, and as a remedy to our fears, he invites us to move beyond ourselves to enact the demands of love made by the gospel - by this trust we can recover all that we have lost by sin and be renewed as children on God.

Let our faith be performative and not merely abstract. Let's move on from passive listening and taking a merely speculative approach to our faith, to rather enact what we have heard in complete faith and trust in God's goodness. It is then that our faith in God's Word becomes life-giving for ourselves and those who receive the love of Christ by our words and actions.

Fr Matthew Donnelly

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 second collection this Sunday will be in support of *Home Mission*.

THE 'HEART PROJECT'

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 dturst52@gmail.com.

RIP

It is with deep sorrow that *LIFE* announces the death of co-founder Nuala Scarisbrick. She left this life on Tuesday 31 August peacefully at home with her husband Jack, and their two daughters by her side. Nuala was the driving force behind the building of the client support services you see today - especially her 'hotline' which evolved into our National Helpline. Her tireless passion to support pregnant women and families in crisis, saved lives on a daily basis and will continue. May she rest in peace.

CONTL. BREAKFAST

We will meet again for a continental breakfast on Sun 26 Sept from 10-12 in the Lower Hall. Come and join us for lovely croissants, tea & coffee and a chat.

Parish News

SIGNING OF SCHOOL FORMS

All signing of school forms by the priests of the parish will be done on Thursday 23 Sept. from 6-8pm. Please note that there will not be any signing of forms after that date.

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 6.30pm 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!

RECRUITMENT DRIVE!

We are looking for new volunteers for our Children's Liturgy Group.it really is a lovely thing to do and you will get as much out of it as the children. It is not a massive commitment only about 7 sessions a year.

If you are interested, please contact Elizabeth on elizabethbottriell@hotmail.com We look forward to hearing from you!!

Announcements

7.30am MASS

The 7.30am Mass will be reinstated from Monday 20 September and will **only** be celebrated on Mondays and Fridays for now.

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.

SIGNED MASSES

Regrettably, due to a shortage of signing priests and very low attendance at recent Signed Masses, it has been decided to suspend the Signed Masses in the Sacred Heart Church for now.

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

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.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Friday 1st October 2021 at 2.30pm in the Lounge. Do join us for our Quiz afternoon. Tea and cakes. All welcome.

YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group has returned: for those Y9 and above join us on Tuesday nights from 6 - 7.30pm. This half terms theme is "At the movies"!

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Last Friday Mass and social returns: Join us on Friday 24 September for 6.30pm Mass and social afterward.

Social & Cultural

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).

GEORGE III

The Wimbledon Synagogue will be hosting an event on Thursday 30 September at 7.30pm on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/c/WimbledonSynagogue>):

Celebrated historian Andrew Roberts in a pre-publication discussion with Professor Jeremy Black

MBE on this major revisionist biography of George III.

EDGE HILL PLAYERS

Edge Hill Players are delighted to present the new production *Showtime* on Fri 1 & Sat 2 October at 7.30pm in the Upper Hall. They 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. They look forward to taking to the stage once again and showcasing the amazing talent we are lucky to have in the parish!

CHANGING OUR PLANET

You are invited to a speak-

er 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/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: london-sw-catholicsocial@gmail.com or Facebook – 'London SW Catholic Social Group'

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! We have put together a programme for Scouts and young people in yrs 6 to 9 including weekend camps ... 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 Yrs 6 & 7, please contact mi.chaelorbeil@hotmail.com for more info.

SINGERS WANTED

The Kingston U3A Singers would like to invite you to join their choir which meets on Thursday mornings from 10.30am-12.30pm at Glenmore House, 6 The Crescent, Surbiton KT6 4BN; no auditions needed, if you are interested visit www.kingston-U3A-singers.com or call Helga (020 8397 8712) or Roger (07759 020433).

Exploring our Faith

SCRIPTURE FROM SCRATCH

The London Jesuit Centre offers an online course 'An introduction to the Old Testament' starting with an introductory session on Thursday 23 September, 11-11.30am (online) or 7-7.30pm (online), further sessions will be on Thursdays 30 September, 7, 14, 21 & 28 October 2021 at 11am-12pm (online) or 7-8pm (online). The course is open to all designed to provide a manageable entry

point to a subject area; accessible to those with little or no prior knowledge; course tutor: Brian Purfield; invited contribution: £65, all courses are being delivered online using Zoom app. For more detailed information and to register, please visit: <https://londonjesuitcentre.org/intro-to-the-old-testament>

A DAY WITH MARY

Gradual resumption of *Days with Mary*: Saturday 9 October at Our Lady and St

Peter, Wimbledon Common from 9.30am, and Saturday 16 October, Westminster Cathedral 9.45am-4pm. For more info please visit adaywithmary.org.

INTERFAITH AFTERNOON

St Raphael's Hospice is hosting an Interfaith Afternoon on Monday 27 Sept 1-4pm at St Bede's Conference Centre, Cheam, SM3 9DX; please call 020 8099 8683 for more information.

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 18 6.30pm Dash Goonawardena (RIP)
Mon 20 7.30am Private Intentions
10.00am Sean & Joanna McNamara (Ints)
6.30pm Margaret Horsord (RIP)
Tue 21 10.00am Bishop Tripp (Ints)
6.30pm Marie Phokeerdoss ((Ints)
Wed 22 10.00am Patrick Browne (Ints)
6.30pm John Caudwell (Speedy Recovery)
Thu 23 10.00am Emma Simon (61st Bday Ints)
6.30pm Wendy D'Costa (Bday Ints)
Fri 24 7.30am Private Intentions
10.00am Nancy Burke (RIP)
6.30pm Fabio Fomenton Macola (RIP)
Sat 25 10.00am Our Lady Queen of Peace

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)

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

If you wish to include items in the weekly newsletter, please keep them brief, - if possible no more than 40 words - send them by Tuesday before publication to newsletter@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk / wimparish@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Catherine Sturgess, John Ward, Molly Goodhardt, Sylvia Hogarth and Margaret Jacob.

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Kenneth Eager, Maureen Stromborg, Donald Keith Alfred Mullings Assunta Serino, Susan Dale and Ashley Nicholas.

The sick: Roberta (Bobby) Lydon, John Reynolds, Jane Boyle, 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-Sippy, 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 £2,226.10.

The second collection raised £143.

Thank you for your generous support.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Mon 20 Sept St Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang & Companions, Martyrs
Tue 21 Sept St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist
Thu 23 Sept St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Priest
Fri 24 Sept Our Lady of Walsingham, Memorial
Sat 25 Sept The Blessed Virgin Mary

MUSIC AT THE 12 NOON MASS

Entry hymn: *Blest are the pure in heart* (88)

G: New People's Mass (Dom Gregory Murray; 460)

Offertory: *Maria, Mater Gratiae* (Fauré)
K/S/B: *Missa Regina Pacis* (Flor Peeters)

Communion motet: *Ave Verum* (Fauré)

Post-communion hymn: *Christ be our Light* (891)

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