



# THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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## Newsletter

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**26th Sunday in Ordinary  
Time (B)**

**Weekday Readings for  
26th week in Ordinary Time  
Vol III. Psalter week 2**

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

- Genesis 2:18-24
- Psalm 127
- Hebrews 2:9-11
- Mark 10:2-16

### Upcoming Events

#### Wednesday 29 September

- Newman Circle, 7.30pm Upper Hall

#### Friday 1 October

- Friendship Group, 2.30pm Lounge

#### Friday/Saturday 1/2 October

- Edge Hill Players' *Showtime* 7.30pm Upper Hall

#### Wednesday 6 October

- Talk by Jackie McLoughlin, *Heart Project* Volunteers' evening, 6.30pm Lounge

#### Saturday 9 October

- A Day with Mary, SW19 6AD

## Anyone who is not against us is for us

'But Jesus said, "You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in My name is likely to speak evil of Me. Anyone who is not against us is for us."'

We recognise great jealousy today in both the Gospel and the first reading from the book of Numbers. Jesus, as by our title verse above, is quick to rebuke the attempts of John and the other disciples to admonish a man for performing miracles in His own name. "Anyone who is not against us is for us" Jesus confirms definitively. Indeed, the coming of the Kingdom is not to be repressed in any way. God appears to work in ways we do not always expect and in people we may not always like.

In the first reading, the people of Israel have Elders appointed to help Moses carry out God's work. But when the blessing of God comes upon the 70 chosen, an additional two men, outside of this group, are also blessed. It is to Joshua's horror that this happens. He complains as if these two men have done something wrong. But far from it! As Moses declares, "If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!"

Indeed, if only the whole people of Wimbledon were filled with the Spirit! If only the whole people of the UK were so filled – if not the world! While this may seem like an exaggeration, it is the same thing we are praying every time we say 'Thy Kingdom come on earth as it is in Heaven' in the 'Our Father' prayer.

Sometimes, like John and Joshua, we might feel compelled to do all that we can to carry out God's work but forget to put aside our own vision of God's Kingdom in surrender to God's own will and plan. It is certainly true that God has called each and every one of us, to serve Him and to use our gifts for His kingdom. We are each indeed 'a link in a chain' and 'a bond of connection between persons', as St John Henry Newman famously said, for we all have our part to play in God's plan. But are we guilty of trying to do too much at times – not allowing God to be God? And do we put limits on what He can do for us and for others?

Whether we are guilty of this or not, today is a new opportunity to receive the gift of God's Holy Spirit, who leads us to all truth and fills us with life. All we have to do is ask Him to come and fill us afresh.

Today, as we proclaim the 'Our Father', let us pray that it may take on a renewed meaning for us; of deeper surrender to God's will; of letting go of our own plans in favour of God's plans; of recognition of the place of others in God's Kingdom and in His Church. Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven, Lord. Amen.

Praised be Jesus Christ!

Joseph Gulliford

### 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

## OCTOBER, THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of *Our Lady of the Rosary* is celebrated annually on October 7. It was instituted to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful.

In this month of October, let us consider this beautiful prayer of the Rosary as a means that we can use in order to draw closer to Jesus and Mary by meditating on the great mysteries of our salvation.

### CALLING ALL HEART PROJECT VOLUNTEERS!

After securing the house and submitting our application to the Home Office for final approval, we now need to learn about what is involved in sponsoring a refugee family from Syria: We are delighted that Jackie McLoughlin, the co-ordinator for the Sutton RC Deanery community sponsorship programme, will come and talk to our volunteers in the Parish Lounge at 6.30pm for 7pm start on Wed 6 October.

Calling all those who have expressed from the start, plus anyone who is able to spare their time to help when the family arrive (probably late November), to join us to hear from Jackie about the real challenges ahead. All volunteers will need to be DBS approved and full training will be provided.

Remember, it takes a community to sponsor a family and we NEED volunteer support. Please let David know if you will attend: [dthurst52@gmail.com](mailto:dthurst52@gmail.com).

## Parish News

### FR MICHAEL O'HALLORAN SJ RIP

With great sadness we announce the passing of Fr Michael O'Halloran SJ who devotedly served our parish for several years, he joined

the staff of our parish in 2012 and then retired in 2017 to the Corpus Christi Community in Boscombe, where he died early this Friday morning. He was a privilege to know. We offer sympathies and prayers for

his family, the Jesuit Community, religious, friends and the faithful whose lives he touched throughout his ministry.

May he rest in peace!



## Announcements

### 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 is holding a talk on Wednesday 29 September at 7.30pm in the Upper Hall. The Speaker is Fr Michael Holman SJ who attended Donhead and Wimbledon College as a pupil & in due course became Headmaster of the College, subsequently he became Provincial of the Jesuit Province in GB and then Principal of Heythrop College, London. He is an excellent speaker who will explain the Papal Encyclical '*Fratelli Tutti*' on Fraternity & Social Friend-

ship published in October 2020. It is a Social Encyclical in which the Pope applies the moral teachings of the Church to the social and economic challenges of the current day. As stated by the Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns '*he offers a remedy against self-destruction and despair, which includes an openness to love, charity & kindness & a rejection of war, nuclear weapons and the death penalty.*' It should be a very interesting and informative talk. We look forward to seeing you.

### PILGRIMAGE OF REPARATION

The attacks on the sanctity of life are relentless and powerful. An example is Baroness Marcher's Assisted Dying Bill, which is to have its second reading in the House of Lords on the 15 Oct.

Bishop John Sherrington wrote recently setting out the Church's case against this Bill. In view of this and other initiatives of a similar nature there will be a *Pilgrimage of Reparation & Prayer for the Sanctity of Life* led by Bishop Mark Davies, Fr Jeremy Davies, Fr David Donaghue and the Franciscan Friars of Renewal; commencing at the 12noon Pilgrim Mass in the Chapel of Reconciliation. The theme is '*The Courage to Proclaim the Gospel of Life in Post-Pandemic Britain*' (Bishop Mark Davies). Coach leaving from the Archbishop's House, Ambrosden Av, SW1P 1QJ, at 7.30am prompt. For booking, please contact Domenica (07913 434 357), cost £20 (incl. Priory entrance), for more details call 01858 571242 or [www.prolifepilgrimage.org](http://www.prolifepilgrimage.org).

## Parish Organisations

### FRIENDSHIP GROUP

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

### TRAIDCRAFT

Here is a message from Celia Cviic who has - for many years - organised the Traidcraft sales outside the

church:

*'It is with great regret that I have decided that I can no longer organise the fortnightly sales of Traidcraft goods outside the church on Sunday mornings. It would be wonderful if someone felt able to take on this very worthwhile work of bringing fair trade goods to people's attention. If*

*you feel you could take an interest, please contact me to discuss it ([celiacviic@btinternet.com](mailto:celiacviic@btinternet.com))'*

### 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"!

## Social & Cultural

### 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 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](http://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!

### 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/6175111231](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/6175111231)). For further

info: [www.christchurch-westwimbledon.org](http://www.christchurch-westwimbledon.org).

### VACANCY

Ursuline Preparatory School currently have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor to actively supervise the pupils in the dining room, playground and throughout the school premises during the lunchtime period. The role involves helping to set up the dining hall, assisting & encouraging the children to eat their lunch, playground duty, clearing the dining hall. Working hours are from 11am - 1.45pm Mon-Fri, term time only. The salary will be about £6,980 p/a.

For more info & application please contact Helen Robinson, Bursar (020 8947 0859, [bursar@ursulineprep.org](mailto:bursar@ursulineprep.org)).

## Exploring our Faith

### SCRIPTURE FROM SCRATCH

The London Jesuit Center offers an online course 'An introduction to the Old Testament' starting on Thursday 30 September, then 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>

### LOVE HEALS BODY MIND AND SPIRIT

The LHBMS ministry invite you to a half day retreat of quiet reflection on Saturday 18 Oct at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, from 11am -11pm: Holy rosary, recorded talk by Sr Betty Nina MSJ (Spiritual Director Love Heals Body Mind & Spirit), discussion to follow on the talk, healing prayers; starting after the 10am Mass, tea & coffee. For further info

please contact [lovehealsbodymindspirit@gmail.com](mailto:lovehealsbodymindspirit@gmail.com) or 020 8542 2476.

### A DAY WITH MARY

You are invited to a *Day with Mary* on Sat 9 Oct at Our Lady and St Peter, Victoria Drive, SW19, from 9.30am-5pm; celebrant and preacher Fr. Philip de Freitas, Sermon on Our Lady by Fr Matthew Donnelly; during the day: Confession and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, please bring packed lunch. For more information please visit [adaywithmary.org](http://adaywithmary.org).

### 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.

### OPEN DAYS/EVENINGS

**WIMBLEDON COLLEGE** welcomes prospective parents and pupils for admission into Year 7 in September 2022 to a virtual open evening on Thursday 30 Sept from 5pm; registration via the College website to access the virtual event: [www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk](http://www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk).

**URSULINE PREP. SCHOOL** invites you to Virtual Open Events on Wed 6 October at 7.30pm and on Wed 10 November at 9.30am; to sign up please visit [www.ursulineprep.org/admissions/open-events](http://www.ursulineprep.org/admissions/open-events)

### RICHARD CHALLONER

**SCHOOL** invites prospective parents and students to a Year 7 Open Evening on Thursday 30 Sept at 6pm, for detailed info please visit [www.richardchalloner.com](http://www.richardchalloner.com) or call 020 8330 5947.

**MARYMOUNT** Intl. School London invites you to an Open Day on Sat 9 Oct; 10am-11.30am; Please register via <https://www.marymountlondon.com/admissions/open-day> or contact [admissions@marymountlondon.com](mailto:admissions@marymountlondon.com) or 020 8949 0571, George Rd, Kingston, KT2 7PE.

### 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 & Julian Burling  
8.00am Fr Joseph Donkor  
10.00am Fr Joseph Donkor & Julian Burling  
12 noon Fr Joseph Donkor & Joseph Gulliford  
5.00pm Fr Matthew Donnelly & Joseph Gulliford  
8.00pm Fr Matthew Donnelly & Julian Burling

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 25 6.30pm Eric Leckie  
Mon 27 7.30am Joseph Murphy RIP  
10.00am Desmond Worth RIP  
6.30pm Thelma Lobo Ints.  
Tue 28 10.00am Funeral Mass for Margaret Jacob  
6.30pm Thoppil Koshy John RIP  
Wed 29 10.00am Catherine Sturgess RIP  
6.30pm Con O'Brien RIP  
Thu 30 10.00am Joseph Yi Ints.  
6.30pm Charles Muldoon Ints.  
Fri 1 7.30am Paddy Coney RIP  
10.00am Loman Barber RIP  
6.30pm Michael Paice RIP  
Sat 2 10.00am Sylvia Hogarth 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:** Fr Michael O'Halloran SJ, Barbara Morris, Catherine Sturgess, Molly Goodhardt, Terence Sammons and Margaret Jacob.

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Anthony Bellamy, Fr Patrick Cooper SJ, Noel Napaul, Maria Callanza, Desmond Worth, Horace D'Cruz, John Breen and John Park.

**The sick:** Ian Parr, Roberta (Bobby) Lydon, John Reynolds, Jane Boyle, John Alexander, Teresa Sobacki, 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.



### FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

**Mon 27 Sept** St Vincent de Paul, Priest, Memorial  
**Tue 28 Sept** St Wenceslaus, Martyr  
**Wed 29 Sept** Ss Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Archangels  
**Thu 30 Sept** St Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church  
**Fri 1 Oct** Sainte Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church, Memorial  
**Sat 2 Oct** The Holy Guardian Angels, Memorial

### 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

Solemn Latin Mass 12.00  
Missa de Angelis (K,G,S,B,A)  
Credo 3  
Litany to the Holy Spirit (Peter Hurford)  
*Ecce Panis Angelorum* (Trad. Portuguese Melody)

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](mailto:newsletter@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk) / [wimparish@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](mailto:wimparish@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk)

### 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](mailto:ppc@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk) or contact Anne Waldron (Chair) at [anne@annewaldron.com](mailto: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 [bereavement.group@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](mailto:bereavement.group@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk) or call 020 8946 5198, Referral forms available in the Presbytery Reception