



# THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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## Newsletter

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**27th Sunday in Ordinary  
Time (B)**

**Weekday Readings for  
27th week in Ordinary Time  
Vol III. Psalter week 3**

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

- Wisdom 7:7-11
- Psalm 89:12-17
- Hebrews 4:12-13
- Mark 10:17-30

### Upcoming Events

Friday/Saturday 1/2 October

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

Sunday 3 October

- Continental breakfast 10am -  
12 noon Lower Hall

Wednesday 6 October

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

Saturday 9 October

- A Day with Mary, SW19 6AD

Saturday 16 October

- Love Heals Body Mind and  
Spirit - Half Day retreat 11am-  
1pm

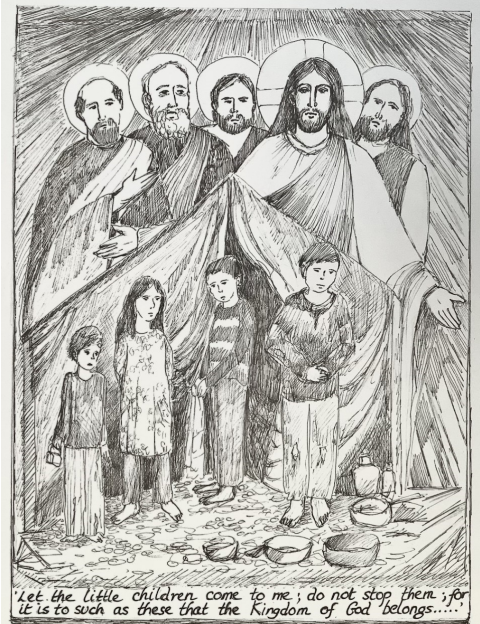
## Climate Change: God and Us

In today's first reading it's clear that we are not created by God to be alone. Rather, we are invited to relationship: with God, with one another, with all of God's creatures, and with the world around us. We might benefit from taking to heart those words spoken by God, "It is not good that the man should be alone". May we keep reflecting on this that God never leaves us alone in our faith. He is present with us each day, each minute.

This week we celebrate the Feast of Saint Francis. Like him, we are called to gaze upon the world with the eyes of a child, with wonder and respect and love. And we are challenged to accept the Kingdom of God with these same attitudes. The Kingdom speaks of justice, truth, peace, and love; it is a place of interdependence where God expects us to love and care for one another, where we need to promote the common good. Jesus says whoever welcomes a child welcomes him. Jesus' message is that there is a deeper, more sacred, quality to our encounters with others than we might realise at the time, especially in our encounters with the weak, vulnerable, God's creatures and the world around us.

This challenge is understood in Pope Francis's beautiful insight which includes the *Laudato Si'*. He calls on all people of good will to dedicate themselves to the common good, to seek development that makes the world better and to work for an integrally higher quality of life. Believers must strive to live in a way consonant with their faith and not to contradict it by their actions. Pope Francis is insistent that we recognise how Saint Francis shows us just how inseparable is the bond between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society and interior peace.

Fr Joseph Donkor



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### 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 7 October. It was instituted to honour 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 their interest 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 ASHWORTH SJ RIP

We regret to announce the death of Fr Michael Ashworth SJ who passed away last Friday at the Corpus Christi Community in Boscombe. Fr Michael served tirelessly on the staff of our parish between 2005 and 2014. He

will be greatly missed. We pray that Fr Michael may enjoy eternal rest.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family, the Jesuit Community and all those he served throughout his life.

The funeral service will be held at Corpus Christi Church, Boscombe BH7

6AN, on Friday 8 October at 12.30pm.



Arrangements for Fr Michael O'Halloran's SJ funeral are incomplete at this time. We will send them out as soon as we know more. May he rest in peace!

## Announcements

### NO EXPOSITION

Please note that there will be no exposition on Wednesday 6 October after the 10am Mass.

### MISSION APPEAL

Please note that next weekend, 8/9 October, Fr John Boles from the Missionary Society of St Columban will be making an appeal at all Masses. Thank you for your generous support of this good cause!

### PILGRIMAGE OF REPARATION

The attacks on the sanctity of life are relentless and powerful. An example is Baroness Marcher's *Assisted Dying Bill 2021*, which is to

have its second reading and full debate in the House of Lords on 22 October. Bishop John Sherrington wrote recently an open letter setting out the Church's case against the *Assisted Dying Bill* and inviting Catholics to pray for its defeat.

In view of this and other initiatives of a similar nature there will be a *Pilgrimage of Reparation & Prayer for the Sanctity of Life* to Walsingham, led by Bishop Mark Davies, Fr Jeremy Davies, Fr David Donaghue and the Franciscan Friars of Renewal on Saturday 23 October, 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 Avenue, SWIP 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).

For more information on how opposing the *Assisted Dying Bill 2021* you can find a full section on the Bill and how you can make your voice heard at [www.cbcew.org.uk](http://www.cbcew.org.uk).

## Parish Organisations

### 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@btinter.net.com](mailto:celiacviic@btinter.net.com))'*

### YOUTH GROUP

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

### 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**  
Tickets are still available for Edge Hill Players' new production *Showtime* (with a variety of songs from popular musicals as well as extracts by William Shakespeare and Oscar Wilde) this Friday 1 and Saturday 2 Oct at 7.30pm in the Upper Hall. Please visit [www.edgehillplayers.com](http://www.edgehillplayers.com) or call 07742 230 493; cash bar & nibbles will be available.

### CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

We will meet again for a continental breakfast this Sunday 3 Oct from 10-12 in the Lower Hall. Come and

join us for lovely croissants, tea & coffee and a chat.

### VACANCIES

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 per annum.

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

There is a vacancy at the Kairos Spiritual Retreat and Conference Centre in Roehampton for a full time Bookings Administrator. If you are interested please contact: [susan.nicholson@psmg.org.uk](mailto:susan.nicholson@psmg.org.uk) for more details and job description.

## Exploring our Faith

### LOVE HEALS BODY MIND AND SPIRIT

The LHBMS ministry invite you to a half day retreat of quiet reflection on Saturday 16 October at Sacred Heart Church, from 11am -1pm: 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 information please contact [lovehealsbodymindspirit@gmail.com](mailto:lovehealsbodymindspirit@gmail.com) or call 020 8542 2476.

### A DAY WITH MARY

You are invited to a *Day with Mary*, a day of instruction, devotion and intercession,

on Saturday 9 October at Our Lady and St Peter, Victoria Drive, SW19 6AD, 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 a packed lunch. For more information and further dates please visit [adaywithmary.org](http://adaywithmary.org).

### THE ARCHBISHOP'S CERTIFICATE

The Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis of the Archdiocese of Southwark offers an online course for all in the Diocese who proclaim their faith to others: as evangelisers, catechists or

adult formators. It is a course for all wishing to know their Catholic faith more deeply no matter their stage in life. You will take a systematic journey through the Church's teaching to understand your own faith in a more profound way and be able to share your faith with confidence and joy.

For further course details and its structure, costs and how to apply please visit [aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert](http://aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert).

### 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

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).

MARYMOUNT INTL. SCHOOL LONDON invites you to an Open Day on Sat 9 October; 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 Road, Kingston, KT2 7PE.

### JM STAMP CUTTING

Volunteers needed to help trim & sort used stamps to raise money for Jesuit Missions. 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](mailto:tim.everson@btinternet.com)) or just turn up at: JM, 11 Edge Hill, SW19 4 LR.

### 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 Matthew Donnelly  
5.00pm Fr Joseph Donkor  
8.00pm Fr Matthew Donnelly

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 2 6.30pm Michael Hawes RIP  
Mon 4 7.30am Nan McCrisken RIP  
10.00am Thanksgiving for St Jude  
6.30pm Francis Mackarill RIP  
Tue 5 10.00am Sylvia Hogarth RIP  
6.30pm William Holder RIP  
Wed 6 10.00am Vera Nicklin RIP  
6.30pm Zygmunt Sobecki RIP  
Thu 7 10.00am Mary & Anne Ints.  
6.30pm Dominick Bourke RIP  
Fri 8 7.30am Angelica Prior Ints.  
10.00am Raymond Nardoni RIP  
6.30pm Sylva-Francis Family Ints.  
Sat 9 10.00am St Catherine Joy 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:** Kevin Deegan, Margaret Donegan, Fr Michael Ashworth SJ, Fr Michael O'Halloran SJ, Molly Goodhardt and Terence Sammons.

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Gabriele Meehan, Paul Bull, John Murphy, Arthur Butterfield, Josephine McCourt, Fernand Laloux, Nancy Cardew, Mary Scanlan and Arul Peters.

**The sick:** Joy Laundry, Ian Parr, Roberta (Bobby) Lydon, 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-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 £3,048.18.

Thank you for your generous support.

### FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

**Mon 4 Oct** St Francis of Assisi, Memorial  
**Tue 5 Oct** St Faustina Kowalska, Virgin  
**Wed 6 Oct** St Bruno, Priest  
**Thu 7 Oct** Our Lady of the Rosary, Memorial  
**Sat 9 Oct** St John Henry Newman, Priest

### 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: *For the beauty of the earth* (177)  
Kyrie: Taizé  
Gloria: 460  
Offertory motet: *Cantate Domino*  
(Monteverdi)  
Sanctus: Gathering Mass (Inwood)  
Communion motet: *O Bone Jesu*  
(Ingegneri)  
Post-communion: *Love is his word* (399)

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