



# THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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## Newsletter

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**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**  
**World Mission Day**  
**Weekday Readings for 30th week in Ordinary Time**  
**Vol III. Psalter week 2**

### Next Sunday's Readings

#### Thirty-First Sunday

- Deut 6:2-6
- Psalm 17:2-4.47.51
- Hebrews 7:23-28
- Mark 12:28-34

### Upcoming Events

#### Wednesday 27 October

- Newman Circle , 7.30pm Upper Hall, Fr M Barnes SJ

#### Friday 29 October

- Young Adults' Social 7.30pm Youth Room
- School of Community 7.30pm Lounge

#### Saturday 30 October

- Bereavement Support 10.30am Lounge

#### Friday 5 November

- Friendship Group 2.30pm Lounge

## Dear Sacred Heart Community

We would like to share some information with you about the 2021-2023 Synod. Our names are Daniel Gulliford and Rachel Purvis, we are the 2 delegates who have been nominated to represent the Sacred Heart Parish.

As you may be aware, Pope Francis has asked the whole Catholic Church to engage in a process of discernment under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. This process is called a *synod*. The synodal process we are undertaking is guided by a fundamental question:

How does 'journeying together' take place today on different levels (from the local level to the universal one), allowing the Church to proclaim the Gospel? And, what steps is the Spirit inviting us to take in order to grow as a 'synodal Church'?

In our Archdiocese, Archbishop John is inviting everyone to respond to the invitation of Pope Francis and take part in the initial diocesan 'listening' phase of the Synod. Each local parish is encouraged to gather together, pray, study the scriptures, and work through some questions about the mission of the Church in the local area. Every member of the Church - clergy, religious, and lay Catholics – is invited to participate in the 'listening phase' according to the gifts and charisms of their vocation. As we listen attentively to what the Holy Spirit is saying, we learn how to respond to where He is leading us in this mission.

We are delighted to be nominated as your delegates, to help steer this process of discernment and discussion. We will keep you informed about the next steps in the coming week.

**We invite you all to join us in our Diocesan prayer for the Synod:**

*We stand before you, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.*

*With You alone to guide us, make yourself at home in our hearts,*

*Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.*

*We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.*

*Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path, nor partiality influence our actions.*

*Let us find in you our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray away from the way of truth and what is right.*

*All this we ask of you, who are at work in every place and time.*

*In the communion of the Father and the Son, for ever and ever. Amen*

### 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: Sr Dorothy Perrott OSU, Sr Francis SSA

Youth Minister: Eleanor Bowman

## COLLECTIONS

Today, 24 October, is World Mission Sunday; today's second collection will be for *Missio*, the Church's official organ for the support of the Foreign Missions.

On Sunday 31 October we will be holding a harvest collection for Christian CARE Association, a charity working in the London Borough of Merton. Volunteers, many from churches of different denominations, show care and concern for our neighbours, as Jesus did. They are supported by churches, schools, women's groups, and many individuals in the Borough and across the UK. They welcome and offer help to anyone. Each year they support around 160 families whose lives are in crisis. For more information please visit <https://christiancaresmerton.org.uk/>

## THE TUESDAY GROUP (WIDOWS' SUPPORT) 40TH YEAR CELEBRATION

On Tuesday 30 November in the Lower Parish Hall, all widows are invited for Mass at 12 noon followed by a buffet lunch. This nonstructured group has taken place every Tuesday since Autumn 1981 (except during lockdown). We meet for 2 hours in a founder member's home where we enjoy to chat over tea and biscuits, (occasionally with cake or a glass of wine). We are always glad to welcome new members. It is a very friendly gathering with much laughter, sharing news and information. For more information, please call Sadie Smith 020 8946 5198 or Sheila Kelleher 020 8946 1792 or email [mrssadiesmith3@outlook.com](mailto:mrssadiesmith3@outlook.com).

## Parish News

### FINANCE COMMITTEE - VACANCIES

We have two vacancies on the parish Finance Committee. The Finance Committee is established under Canon Law and advises the Parish Priest on financial and property issues including the general administration of the parish office. Meetings are about 6 per year but members are actively involved in implementing specific areas of the remit between meetings. If you are interested in helping, please contact Father John.

### 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 back 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 had 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!

### SOUND SYSTEM AND LOOP IN THE CHURCH

We would like to make sure that our sound system and loop are working correctly. If you attend a service and find that the sound is not satisfactory, please let us know by contacting the parish office on 020 8946 0305 or by emailing George McLennan, parish caretaker, at [george@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](mailto:george@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk).

## Announcements

### MEMORIAL SERVICE

Lantern Methodist Church is organising a Memorial Gathering on Sunday 31 October at 10.30am to remember all those lost during the pandemic. Everyone welcome; for more details please visit [www.lanternmethodist.com](http://www.lanternmethodist.com).

### CANDLE LIT PROCESSION

A candle-lit procession in anticipation of COP26 will take place on Monday 1 November. The event will give an opportunity to come together to pray for the success of COP26 scheduled from Sunday 31 October -

12 November in Glasgow. All are welcome. Starting at 6pm outside Westminster Cathedral, finishing at Farm Street Church (with refreshments); sign up at <https://londonjesuitcentre.org/cop-26-candle-lit-procession>.

## Parish Organisations

### YOUNG ADULTS

Our next young adults' social will take place on Friday 29 October. Join us from 7.30pm for a film night and social in the parish Youth Room. For more information contact Eleanor at [eleanor@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](mailto:eleanor@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk).

### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

Saturday 30 October from 10.30-11.30am in the Parish Lounge: the Bereavement

Team invites everyone experiencing loss in their lives, no matter how long ago, to drop in for a coffee and a chat. For more info call 020 8946 5198 or see the website.

### FRIENDSHIP GROUP

5 November at 2.30pm in the Lounge. Talk: "Cataracts and Crocodiles An adventure on The Blue Nile" by Joe Ruston. Tea & cakes to follow. All are welcome!

### 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

### NEWMAN CIRCLE

On Wednesday 27 October at 7.30pm (Upper Hall) the Wimbledon Newman Circle invites you to a talk by Fr Michael Barnes SJ - known to so many parishioners as an excellent preacher & eminent professor who currently is at the Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology, Cambridge: "A pilgrimage of hope with Pope Francis into a post pandemic world" We are living at a time of much anxiety as a result of the Covid pandemic, Brexit & climate change inter alia. How do we move forward? Pope Francis suggested a way in his book *Let us dream; the path to a better future*: "...to come out of this crisis better, we have to see clearly, choose well & act right. Let us talk about how. Let us dare to dream."

### ST MARTHA'S GUILD OF CHURCH CLEANERS

"We need two cleaners to clean our warm and welcoming church. We are a team of men and women, friendly, sociable, and dedicated cleaners. All ages are most welcome, and you will be blessed. Each person is given /and responsible for/ a designated area to clean. We generally meet on Mondays after the 10am Mass or any day convenient to you." Contact: Anne Remedios, 020 8946 3653 or [anne Remedios@outlook.com](mailto:anne Remedios@outlook.com).

### PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Christmas Day Saturday  
25 December 2021  
A warm invitation to share Christmas Day in the Parish Hall to anyone who is going

to be on their own this Christmas:

Carols & coffee from 11.30am  
Lunch at 1pm  
Surprise Visitor at 3pm  
Carriages at 3.30pm

Volunteers and Guests on the day will sit and eat together. Sign up to join the festivities with Thelma at the Parish Office (or call 0208946 0305). As always, we will need donations to cover the cost of putting on a delicious lunch and buying gifts - your generosity, no matter how much you are able to afford is what helps this to happen and is so gratefully appreciated.

We need a few helpers prior to the event on Christmas Eve, drivers on Christmas Day and a few volunteers to serve on the day.

Please contact Louise ([louise@ginghamhearts.co.uk](mailto:louise@ginghamhearts.co.uk) or 07872 665 947).

## 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.

### TRAIN AS A RELATIONSHIP COUNSELLOR WITH MARRIAGE CARE

Catholic Marriage Care are the largest faith-based relationship support specialists in the UK.

They are looking for empathetic listeners who would like to train and volunteer with them as relationship counsellors and make a world of difference to couples and families. For more information please visit [www.marriagecare.org.uk/crc](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk/crc).

There will be an online CRC open event for anyone who would like to know more about this role, the training and Marriage Care on Monday 25 October from 1-2pm via Zoom. To join the Open Event, please contact Rachael O'Brien at [rachaelo@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto:rachaelo@marriagecare.org.uk).

## Exploring our Faith

### SCHOOL OF COMMUNITY

This is the catechesis proposed by *Communion and Liberation* (CL) local community every Friday at 7.30pm in the Lounge. It is a moment of education to help develop the experience of the encounter with Christ throughout the charism of CL in the Church. For more information contact [school-of-community-wimbledon@googlegroups.com](mailto:school-of-community-wimbledon@googlegroups.com)

### SCRIPTURE FROM SCRATCH

The London Jesuit Centre invites you to an introduction to the New Testament: The NT tells the story of Jesus, the most remarkable person who ever lived, and of his disciples. It includes some of the most famous narratives in the world and the most memorable words ever spoken. In the NT we meet real people communicating with us, sharing their beliefs, their fears and their hopes. Dates: Thursdays, 11, 18, 25 Nov

and 2 & 9 Dec at 11am-12pm or 7-8pm (online).

Introductory session: Thu 4 Nov 11-11.30am or 7-7.30pm (online).

Level: 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 (more info on the website)  
Venue: Online using Zoom app; to apply and register please visit <https://londonjesuitcentre.org/intro-to-the-new-testament>.

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

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 23 6.30pm Mary Kearns RIP  
Mon 25 7.30am Rita Ryan (get well)  
10.00am Pat Fleming RIP  
6.30pm Our Lady Queen of Peace  
Tue 26 10.00am Mary Byrt (Birthday)  
6.30pm Virgilio Conde RIP  
Wed 27 10.00am Thanksgiving for favour received - Ints.  
6.30pm Gloria de Conde RIP  
Thu 28 10.00am Cecil Lobo RIP  
6.30pm Federica Sermanini RIP  
Fri 29 7.30am Holy Souls  
10.00am James Boland RIP  
11.45am Funeral Mass for Joy Laundry  
6.30pm J. Saudagar, H. McMahon, M. Plant RIP  
Sat 30 10.00am Cecilia Wiggins 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)

### 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

Kyrie & Agnus Dei: *Missa Je suis d'eshéritée* (Palestrina)  
Gloria & Sanctus: *Missa de angelis*  
Off. motet: *Miserere mei* (Lord have pity on me) (William Byrd)  
Post-Communion hymn: *Amazing grace* (40)

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)

### WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

**Those who have died recently:** Donald Derx, Nowell Anderson (Nicolosi Family), Betty Radevsky, Joy Laundry and Cathy Stayne.

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Angela Mary Hall, Patrick Scanlon, Mary Kearns, Lucia Claydon and Angela Sims.

**The sick:** Pat Jenkins, Felicity Marshall, Alec Smith, Jacqui O'Connor, Ian Parr, Roberta (Bobby) Lydon, John Reynolds, John Alexander, Teresa Sobecki, Teresa Smith, Ryan Lindsey, Laurie Cromwell, Robin Lathey, Nancy Drapper, Christopher Browne, Patricia Small, Simon Wood, Pamela Hannigan, Samar Staussi and Andrew Tan.

*[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

**Tue 26 Oct** Ss Chad and Cedd, Bishops

**Thu 28 Oct** Ss Simon and Jude, Apostles

**Sat 30 Oct** The Blessed Virgin Mary

### 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