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Newsletter

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**31st Sunday in Ordinary
Time (B)
All Saints Day**

**Weekday Readings for
31st week in Ordinary Time
Vol III. Psalter week 3**

**Next Sunday's Readings
Thirty-Second Sunday**

- I Kings 17:10-16
- Psalm 145:7-10
- Hebrews 9:24-28
- Mark 12:38-44

Upcoming Events

Saturday 30 October

- Bereavement Support 10.30am Lounge

Friday 5 November

- Friendship Group 2.30pm Lounge
- School of Community 7.30pm Lounge

Saturday 6 November

- 10.30am-12.30pm Synod Get-Together, Lower Hall
- A Day with Mary, Our Lady & St Peter SW19 6AD, 9.30am

Wednesday 10 November

- Edgeways Meeting 7pm Lower Hall

Every Voice Matters!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP SACRED HEART GROW IN ITS MISSION TO SPREAD THE GOSPEL AND BRING MORE PEOPLE TO CHRIST?

Following on from last week's news about the Synod, we would like to invite you to help us begin the first stage of the Synodal journey that Pope Francis has asked us ALL to participate in.

The Sacred Heart clergy and delegates have been invited to share the outcomes of the initial parish 'listening phase' with Archbishop John in late November. As time is short, we would like to invite as many people as possible to join us on **Saturday 6 November from 10.30am -12.30pm** in the Lower Hall, to come together to listen and to share what the Holy Spirit is prompting us to contribute to the Synod. Every Voice Matters!

This 'listening' event is where the parish will have the opportunity to gather, pray together, and explore how we can witness more effectively as 'missionary disciples' for Christ in our parish and diocese. This will take place through small group discussions on key questions centred around the 3 main synodal themes of Communion, Participation, and Mission.

The Synodal process is a process of discernment oriented towards consensus, in that we listen to each other in order to discern what God is saying to all of us. As we root ourselves in prayer, we trust that the Holy Spirit will guide us and make clear the key points which we will include in our statement to the Archbishop.

We are looking for helpers to support us as we prepare and manage the event. If you are interested in helping out, we invite you to join us for a meeting on Tuesday 2 November at 7pm to 8pm in the Lower Hall. Please let us know if you intend to come by email (see below).

Please pick up an invitation to the event and a Synod Prayer Card at the back of the church. We look forward to meeting you next Saturday!

Daniel Gulliford & Rachel Purvis - Synod Delegates
[dan.gulliford@gmail.com & purvis.rachel@gmail.com]

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

COLLECTIONS

Today, 31 October, we will be holding a harvest collection for Christian CARE Association, a charity working in the London Borough of Merton, a charity supporting around 160 families whose lives are in crisis. For more info please visit <https://christiancaremerton.org.uk/>

DANIEL GULLIFORD AND RACHEL PURVIS

Our parish's delegates to the Synod 2021-2023

for a synodal Church - communion | participation | mission

Daniel joined the community of Sacred Heart parishioners over a year ago and has been a member of the church stewards' team during the pandemic which provided him with a great way of getting to know the community. He has served the wider Church as a youth leader at various Catholic charismatic conferences over the past eight years and took a gap year after finishing sixth-form with the Sion RC Community for Evangelism (UK) where he was part of a secondary school mission team. He is delighted to serve the parish through this synodal process, to listen to, and be led by, the Holy Spirit together.

Rachel has been a member of our parish for many years, she is married with 4 grown up children and has become part of a prayerful group of parishioners who meet every week to reflect on the gospel and how it speaks directly to us in our everyday lives. Rachel feels honoured to support the parish through the synodal journey of listening and learning how to respond to where He is leading us in this mission.

Parish News

HOLY SOULS ENVELOPES

If you would like to have your deceased family members remembered in the Masses during November, please write their names on a paper and put them into the Holy Souls envelopes provided. They will be placed in a box at the altar during Masses this month. Any donations

enclosed will go towards Masses for the Holy Souls during the year.

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.

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.

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>.

DEACONATE ORDINATION

We rejoice and pray for Con Diver from St Teresa's Parish, Morden, who will be ordained a Deacon at Southwark Cathedral at 6.30pm on Friday 5 November. We wish him every blessing in his ministry!

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

This year, the blessing of the graves at the Merton and Sutton Joint Cemetery in Garth Road will take place on Sunday 14 November, Remembrance Sunday. There will be a short service at 3pm outside the chapel. This will be followed by clergy being available to bless individual graves. A priest will then also go to the North East Surrey Crematorium as some of our parishioners' relatives are buried there.

Parish Organisations

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

EDGEWAYS NEEDS YOU!

Since January 1988, your parish magazine, Edgeways, has been faithfully produced each month with print and online versions until March 2020 (vol.32 no.3) and, due to lockdown, intermittently online only until recently. To review and hopefully secure the continuation of this periodical, there will be a live meeting at 7pm on Wednesday 10 November in the Lounge: this meeting is for all past contributors, distributors, other helpers and for new people who are interested in securing the future Edgeways and - specially - to find a new editor/designer to follow the inimitable John Symes. For more info or to show your area of future support if you are not able to attend the meeting contact David at davidthurst@gmail.com.

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 & biscuits, (occasionally with cake or a glass of wine). We are always glad to welcome new members to our friendly gathering with much laughter, sharing news & information.

All widows are welcome to our celebration, please let us know if you are coming for catering purpose. Donations welcome. For more info, please call Sadie Smith 020 8946 5198 or Sheila Kelleher 020 8946 1792 or

email mrssadiesmith3@outlook.com.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Christmas Day
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.

Volunteers & 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, drivers and a few volunteers to serve on Christmas Day. Please contact Louise (louise@ginghamhearts.co.uk), 07872665 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.

COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP OF REFUGEES

Our fellow church in the local ecumenical group, *Churches Together*, Christ Church on Copse Hill are seeking a suitable house to rent in SW20 for a Syrian refugee family. This is the final condition of their application to the Home Office and they invite anyone who knows of a house to contact Chris Larkman at chris.larkman@gmail.com.

JESUIT MISSIONS STAMP CUTTING

Volunteers needed to help trim & sort used stamps to raise money for JM: Thursday 4 November 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: 11 Edge Hill, SW19 4 LR

Exploring our Faith

SCRIPTURE FROM SCRATCH

The London Jesuit Centre invites you to an introduction to the New Testament. Dates: Thursdays, 11, 18, 25 November and 2 & 9 December at 11am-12pm or 7-8pm (online).

Introductory session: Thursday 4 November 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>.

A DAY WITH MARY

You are invited to a Day with Mary on Saturday 6 November Our Lady & St Peter, Victoria Drive SW19 6AD, starting at 9.30am, celebrant and preacher: Fr Philip de Freitas; Sermons on Our Lady by Fr Louis Kouevi MCCJ and Monsignor John J Kallarackal. For more information, please visit adaywithmary.org.

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 Canon John Clark
12 noon Fr Michael Barnes SJ
5.00pm Canon John Clark
8.00pm Fr Matthew Donnelly

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 30 6.30pm Hannah Man Ints.
Mon 1 7.30am Carol Doherty RIP
10.00am Ginetta Gazzi RIP
6.30pm Joseph Yi Ints.
Tue 2 10.00am Almeida & Pereira Families RIP
6.30pm Nora Quinn RIP
Wed 3 10.00am Con Diver (Deaconate Ordination)
6.30pm Margaret Donegan RIP
Thu 4 10.00am Mariella Grogan RIP
6.30pm Matthew Edwards RIP
Fri 5 7.30am Terence Henry Family Ints.
10.00am Con Diver Ints.
6.30pm Andres Mazlaveckas RIP
Sat 6 10.00am Assembly of the DH Mary in Rome Ints.

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

Entry hymn: *For all the Saints* 176 (vv1-4,7,8)
K: Leighton in D G: 460
Offertory: *O Quam Gloriosum* (Victoria)
S: 433 A: Leighton in D
Communion: *Give us the Wings of Faith* (Ernest Bullock)
Post-communion hymn: *Blest are the Pure in Heart* 88

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: Anna Briody, Betty Radevsky, John Shannon, Elizabeth O'Reilly and Donald Derx.
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Emily Thompson, Erika Wright, Alan Paul and Philippe Chateau.
The sick: Mary Cogan, Naomi Linkson, 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.



COLLECTIONS

Collections last weekend came to £2,883.41.

Last week's 2nd collection for *Missio* came to £349.26.

The appeal for the Society of St Columban raised £1,404.26.

Thank you for your generous support.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Tue 2 Nov The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)
Wed 3 Nov St Martin de Porres, Religious
Thu 4 Nov St Charles Borromeo, Bishop, Memorial
Sat 6 Nov 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 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 bereavement.group@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk or call 020 8946 5198, Referral forms available in the Presbytery Reception