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Newsletter

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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

**Weekday Readings for 32nd week in Ordinary Time
Vol III. Psalter week 4**

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

- Daniel 12:1-3
- Psalm 15:5.8-11
- Hebrews 10:11-14.18
- Mark 13:24-32

Upcoming Events

Saturday 6 November

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

Sunday 7 November

- Children's Liturgy during the 10am Mass

Wednesday 10 November

- Edgeways Meeting 7pm Lower Hall

Friday 12 November

- School of Community, catechesis 7.30pm Lounge

The Poor Widow Has Put In More Than All

“For they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on” (Mark 12:44)



The phrase “widows” mite has come into our language from the Gospel today. It brings home the paradox that, sometimes, though they seem to be giving a lot, some people are actually giving a little, whereas other people, in giving a little, are actually giving a lot.

The widow gave less than anybody else to the temple treasury, but, in reality, she gave an enormous amount, because she gave everything she had. That paradox is true even of our own individual lives. There are times when we

may appear to be giving very little but, in reality, we are giving a lot, because we are giving as much as we can give. It makes us to recall First Kings 17:14-16. There Elijah told the widow of Zarephath not to be afraid but to give over her bread and oil, which were the things she actually possessed. Her willingness and zeal to give up her livelihood to minister to Elijah and his disciples are encouraging. Those qualities demonstrate her faith in God. He acknowledges God as the source of her resources and being.

It is not just about giving money. For various reasons, we can be below par. Our health may be troubling us; our energy level may be low because of some personal issue we are struggling with. What we have within ourselves to give is much less than usual. In those circumstances, even to give a little of ourselves can be giving a great deal, can, in fact, be giving everything, because all we have to give is very little. The widow in today's gospel reminds us that, even when we have little to give, we can still be extremely generous if we have the right attitude.

Fr Joseph Donkor

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

Next Sunday, 14 November, there will be a second collection in support of the Archbishop's Administration Fund, a collection that helps to meet the cost of the central administration of the Diocese.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

New Christmas cards are now available from *Pax Christi*: Felt banners were created some years ago for display at a church in Cambridge during Christmas. These banners have now been made into Christmas cards. They can be ordered at £4.50 plus p+p from: <https://paxchristi.org.uk/product/nativity-trio-cards/>

AUTUMN ASSEMBLY 2021

The Diocesan Justice and Peace Commission Autumn Assembly 2021 entitled 'COP26: What next?' is a continued response to the huge environmental issues of our time. What can we do that we aren't doing now? Respond to care for the earth, care for the poor, care for a fairer economy. At Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Brixton Hill, Saturday 20 November from 10am onwards. Entrance is free. Everyone welcome. To reserve a place email jpcc-contact@rcaos.org.uk. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea & coffee provided.

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.

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

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.

THE TRAVELLING NATIVITY IS BACK

This Advent will see the return of our travelling nativity. Throughout Advent a different household from the parish will have the nativity present in their home each evening and pass it onto the next household until Christmas Eve. This will start on the first Sunday of Advent - 28 November. For further info please pick up an information sheet at the back of church. If you wish to sign up please

contact Eleanor at eleanor@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk

MASS FOR THE BEREAVED

Please note that there will be no monthly drop-in on Saturday 27 November. The Bereavement Group is organising a special Mass for all who have been bereaved on Saturday 20 November at 10am. Followed by refreshments in the Lower Hall.

Parish Organisations

SCHOOL OF COMMUNITY

The catechesis proposed by the local community of the *Communion and Liberation* (CL); meetings are 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

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.

CHRISTIAN YOGA

The Christian Yoga Group restarted Yoga sessions on Tuesday mornings at 10am in the Lounge. Newcomers are most welcome to join us. We practice simple basic yoga, breathing & relaxation techniques, balance, poses and postures. Please bring a mat. For more information please contact Anne Remedios (020 8946 3653 or anneremedios@outlook.com).

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 intermittently online only until recently. To review and hopefully secure the continuation of this periodical, there will be a live meeting at 7pm on Wed 10 Nov in the Lounge for all past contributors, distributors, other helpers and for new people who are interested in securing the future Edgeways and to find a new editor/designer to follow the inimitable John Symes. For more info please contact David at davidthurst@gmail.com.

NIGHT UNDER THE STARS

The Passage, a Christian Charity working with homeless people, is holding a fundraising concert at the Royal Festival Hall on Thu 25 Nov on the theme *Bohe-*

mian Rhapsody, featuring works by Dvořák, Mahler & Smetana; Andrei Ioniță, Cello; Anush Kovhannisyan, Soprano; Streetwise Opera; Toby Purser, Conductor; and the Orion Orchestra. Full details & booking at <https://passage.org.uk/night-under-the-stars-2021/> or 020 7592 1856.

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 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).

Exploring our Faith

A BRIEF TASTE OF THEOLOGY: FIVE BIG IDEAS

The London Jesuit Centre invites you to an accessible course which provides a brief taste of Christian theology: five big ideas that have been puzzling and inspiring the best minds for nearly two millennia, the course is a series of

samples, or taster sessions, aiming to provide a few stimulating entry points into Christian theology, and to whet the appetite for further investigation. Dates: Thursdays, 11, 18, 25 Nov and 2 & 9 Dec, 12.30 – 2pm or 7 - 8.30pm; or Sat 11 Dec, 10.30am-4.30pm. Level: accessible to those with little or no prior know-

ledge (or those who may have forgotten most of what they once knew!). Course tutor: Dr Stuart Jesson. Invited contribution: £65 Venue: in person at London Jesuit Centre. Please visit <https://londonjesuitcentre.org/a-brief-taste-of-theology> for more information and registration.

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 EVENTS

Ursuline Preparatory School cordially invites you to a Virtual Open Event on Wednesday 10 November at 9.30am; parents are invited to sign up at www.ursulineprep.org/admissions/open-events

Donhead Preparatory School Open Morning - Reception 2022 & 2023: Donhead Prep. School would like to welcome you to visit on Tuesday 16 November to witness their boys in action and to experience the spirit, warmth, and ethos in the Donhead community. The morning will start at 9am with an introductory talk from the Headmaster, followed by a tour of the school. To register, please visit <https://www.donhead.org.uk/admissions/open-morning-registration>.

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 6 6.30pm Winifred Hogan (RIP)
Mon 8 7.30am Kathleen McLoughlin (RIP)
10.00am Special Intentions
6.30pm Patricia Wilbraham (RIP)
Tue 9 10.00am Dawn Greatrex (RIP)
6.30pm Sheamus Murphy (RIP)
Wed 10 10.00am David Dwyer (RIP)
6.30pm Joyce Coelho (RIP)
Thu 11 10.00am Eileen Collins-Vitanza (RIP)
6.30pm Fr John Fairhurst SJ (90th Birthday)
Fri 12 7.30am Thanksgiving to St Anthony (Ints)
10.00am Dawe's Family(Ints)
6.30pm J. Sandagar, H. McMahon & M. Plant (RIP)
Sat 13 10.00am Jenny Helliwell (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)

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Michael Ashford, Mary Robinson, Marie Vincent, Betty Radevsky, John Shannon, Elizabeth O'Reilly and Donald Derx.

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Marvin Macapagal, Mary Cosgrave, John Hanrahan, Cynthia Jackson and Frances Hockley.

The sick: Colleen Bosci, 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.



FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Tue 9 Nov The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, Feast Day
Wed 10 Nov St Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
Thu 11 Nov St Martin de Tours, Bishop, Memorial
Fri 12 Nov St Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr, Memorial
Sat 13 Nov St Frances Xavier Cabrini, Religious

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: *My God, accept my heart this day* (495)
K: *Missa Aeterna Christi Munera* (Palestrina) G: 460
Offertory motet: *Cantique de Jean Racine* (Fauré)
S/A: *Missa Aeterna Christi Munera*
Post-communion hymn: *The King of love my shepherd is* (699)

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

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