



# THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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## Newsletter

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**33rd Sunday in Ordinary  
Time (B)**

**Weekday Readings for  
33rd week in Ordinary Time  
Vol III. Psalter week I**

### Next Sunday's Readings

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King  
of the Universe**

- Daniel 7:13-14
- Psalm 92:1-2
- Apocalypse 1:5-8
- John 18:33-37

### Upcoming Events

#### Sunday 14 November

- Continental Breakfast 10am
- Blessing of the Graves, 3pm  
Cemetery in Garth Road

#### Saturday 20 November

- Mass for the Bereaved 10am
- Love Heals Body Mind and  
Soul Half Day Retreat 11am-  
1pm

#### Sunday 21 November

- Children's Liturgy during the  
10am Mass

#### Wednesday 24 November

- Newman Circle talk by Baroness  
Sheila Hollins 7.30pm Upper  
Hall

## Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

The tone of today's readings is apocalyptic. Both the first reading and the gospel speak of future events that we may or may not see in our lifetime. The Church marks the end of liturgical year, which begins with Advent and the birth of Jesus, by calling to mind what used to be called the four last "things" (quatuor novissima): death, judgement, heaven and hell. Our Lord speaks of cosmic events which mark the end of an historical period if not the end of the world itself when the Son of God will return in glory to judge both the living and the dead. Although it is important to read the signs of the times in order to prepare ourselves for that great second coming, "*the day of the Lord*", it is more important to be found awake - in other words, alive to the Holy Spirit by performing the good works demanded by Christ in the gospel; the works of love by which we will be judged. Indeed, Our Lord is always reminding us of the importance of vigilance, "*staying awake*" in the performance of these spiritual and corporal works of mercy. The sacramental life of grace is the means by which we are enabled to carry out these challenging commands which include forgiving our enemies and doing good to those who hate us. Without the sacraments of reconciliation and the Eucharist these works are impossible to our fallen nature: and yet it is by means of these works that Christ extends his influence into the world through his disciples by building up the kingdom of God. We are asked to decide between 2 kingdoms, the kingdom of God governed by Christ - a civilisation of love -, or the kingdom governed by the one who Christ calls the Prince of this world; and there can be no compromise between the two, as our Lord warns, you will either hate one or love the other. The Church reminds us as this liturgical year draws to a close, that Christ is coming a second time to judge the living and the dead. Let us be ready by spending the rest of our lives in obedience to the command to love according to the mind of God, so that at the end of our time here on earth we might hear the words of Jesus: "*enter into the joy of your Lord good and faithful servant*".

Fr Matthew Donnelly

### 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 Shaun Crocker

Team Members: Sr Dorothy Perrott OSU, Sr Francis SSA

Youth Minister: Eleanor Bowman

## SECOND COLLECTION

Today, 14 November, there will be a 2nd 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

Christmas cards are on order and will be available in the Parish Office from end of next week. Currently, there are cards from Moya Hogarth on sale at the Office.

## #REDWEDNESDAY 24.11.21

As a result of targeted violence, around the world, millions of Christians are now displaced or refugees. Countless numbers have been driven from the homes, lost their livelihoods and even their liberty and their lives because of their faith. #RedWednesday is your chance to say 'NO' to Christian persecution and 'NO' to religious persecution and to use your voice to call for change. This year our special focus is on the kidnap, forced marriage and conversion, rape and sexual enslavement of Christian women and girls.

Please join in person or online the #RedWednesday events organised by *Aid to the Church in Need*. There will be a gathering, followed by Holy Mass, concluding with refreshments and #RedWednesday talks at Westminster Cathedral (Victoria Street Westminster London SW1P 1LT) on Wednesday 24 November at 5pm; online options for talks are also available. For more detailed information please visit <https://acnuk.org/redwednesday-events/>

## 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 this month. Any donations enclosed will go towards Masses for the Holy Souls during the year.

### 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 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!

## Announcements

### CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

We will meet again for a continental breakfast this Sunday 14 November from 10-12 in the Lower Hall. Come and join us for lovely croissants, tea & coffee and a chat.

There will be a table set up with questions about the 3 themes of the Synod: Communion|Participation|Mission.

### BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

This year, the blessing of the graves at the Merton and Sutton Joint Cemetery in Garth Road will take place this 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](mailto:eleanor@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk)

### MASS FOR THE BEREAVED

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

## Parish Organisations

### YOUNG ADULTS

The next young adults' social will be on the Friday 26 November at 7.30pm hosted by the young adult community in the parish. For more information please contact Eleanor at [eleanor@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](mailto:eleanor@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk)

### FRIENDSHIP GROUP

The Friendship Group will meet on Friday 3 December at 2.30pm for a Christmas Sing Song with Songs on Wheels in the Upper Hall: Sherry, Tea and Cakes. All welcome!

### CHRISTIAN YOGA

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

## Social & Cultural

### NEWMAN CIRCLE

The Wimbledon Newman Circle invites you to a talk by Baroness Sheila Hollins on Wednesday 24 November at 7.30pm in the Upper Hall on 'Is there a theology of Disability? How does it relate to Justice, Mental Health & Inclusion?'

The Speaker is a Cross Bench Peer in the House of Lords, she is as an ex-parishioner of the Sacred Heart & known to many of us as Sheila. She is extremely well qualified to speak on this subject. She is an Emeritus Professor of Psychiatry at St George's, University of London & Honorary Professor of Intellectual Disability, Faculty of Health, Social Care & Education, Kingston & St George's. She has been President of the Royal College of Psychiatrists, President & Chair of the Board of Science of the British Medical Association [BMA] & President of the Royal College of Occupational Therapists. Sheila was a founder member of the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors & chaired the scientific board

of the Centre for Child Protection at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome.

### 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 *Bohemian Rhapsody*, featuring works by Dvořák, Mahler & Smetana; Andrei Ioniță, Cello; Anush Kovahannisyan, 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 gather-

ing 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 [mrs.sadiesmith3@outlook.com](mailto:mrs.sadiesmith3@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.

Christmas Lunch forms to sign up to join the festivities are available at the back of the church or at the Parish Office. 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](mailto: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.

### OPEN EVENT

New date: Open Morning - Reception 2022 & 2023: Donhead Preparatory School would like to welcome you to visit on Tuesday 23 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>.

### AUTUMN ASSEMBLY '21

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. Respond to care for the earth, care for the poor, care for a fairer economy. At Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Brixton Hill, Sat 20 Nov from 10am onwards. Free entrance, everyone welcome. To reserve a place email [jpcc-contact@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:jpcc-contact@rcaos.org.uk).

## Exploring our Faith

### LOVE HEALS BODY MIND AND SPIRIT

The LHBMS ministry invite you to a half day retreat of quiet reflection on Saturday 20 November 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 020 8542 2476.

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

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 13 6.30pm Wilfred D'Silva RIP  
Mon 15 7.30am Mary Cogan Ints  
10.00am Joanne Thiru RIP  
6.30pm Nowell Anderson RIP  
Tue 16 10.00am Mr & Mrs K M Joseph RIP  
6.30pm Thomas Gabriel RIP  
Wed 17 10.00am Rosa Lacide RIP  
6.30pm Thomas Gabriel RIP  
Thu 18 10.00am Funeral of Donald Derx RIP  
6.30pm Rita Westbrook RIP  
Fri 19 7.30am Sr Denise O'Donnell RIP  
10.00am Dasantha Goonawardena RIP  
6.30pm Aled John Nenaria RIP  
Sat 20 10.00am Holy Souls

### 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:** Mariela Grogan, Michael Ashford, Mary Robinson, Marie Vincent, Betty Radevsky, John Shannon, Elizabeth O'Reilly and Donald Derx.

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Phyllis Harris, Elizabeth Mary Paul, Luka Stroh, Bernard Kirby and Caroline Dale.

**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

**Mon 15 Nov** St Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
**Tue 16 Nov** St Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop  
**Wed 17 Nov** St Hilda, Religious  
**Thu 18 Nov** The Dedication of the Basilicas of SS Peter and Paul, Apostles  
**Sat 20 Nov** The Blessed Virgin Mary

### 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

Requiem Mass for the war dead  
Introit/K/S/A: Missa pro defunctis (Plainsong)  
Offertory: *Justorum Animae* (William Byrd)  
Communion: *Scio quod enim redemptor* (Lassus)  
Post-communion hymn: *O God our help in ages past* (528)

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