



THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

Tel: 020 8946 0305
Email: wimparish@gmail.com
Web: www.sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk

Sacred Heart Presbytery
Edge Hill, Wimbledon
London, SW19 4LU

21st November 2021

Newsletter

Vol 7, Issue 41/21

**Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe (B)**

**Weekday Readings for
34th week in Ordinary Time**

Vol III. Psalter week 2

Next Sunday's Readings

First Sunday of Advent

- Jeremiah 33:14-16
- Psalm 24:4-5.8-9.10.14
- Thessalonians 3:12-4:2
- Luke 21:25-28:34-36

Upcoming Events

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

Friday 26 November

- Young Adults' Social 7.30pm

Christ the King

Today, on the great feast of Christ the King, we look forward to Jesus' everlasting reign and the establishment of His kingdom on earth as it is in heaven, as we pray in the 'Our Father'. But Jesus is already King, for the Father "*has put all things under His feet*" (Eph 1:20-22). Hence, this is one of those Catholic 'both... and...' mysteries; that the Kingdom of Heaven is here among us now, growing, hidden, and yet it is still to come in completion.

Jesus' Kingdom, as we hear in today's Gospel, is "*not of this world*", yet this word 'kingdom' can also be translated as 'kingship'. In other words, the way in which Jesus rules, or His style of kingship, is not of this world. It is not something familiar to us like the governments and powers we know on earth. Rather, He reigns in a heavenly way, beyond the scope of man.

While our first reading from Daniel proclaims Jesus' "*eternal sovereignty*" and power, we should not isolate this image from that of the Lamb of God Who gave Himself for us on the cross, who "*loves us*", as we hear in our second reading from the Apocalypse. For the Jesus who will come in glory and reign eternally is the same Jesus who died for us. '*He shall come again to judge the living and the dead*', as we proclaim in our creed, but we need not be afraid of judgment if we are near to Him in His suffering and have received His saving love that renews us. For when we give Jesus the reign of our hearts, we can be sure that His kingdom will grow inside us and, as a consequence of this, spread all around us. Hence, what better way to prepare for Jesus' Second Coming than to enter ever more deeply into the mystery of His first coming?

Advent means an 'arrival' and there are two advents we stand between, the Incarnation and the Second Coming. At this, the end of the Church's year, we focus particularly on this second advent, before turning our attention to the first advent in the build up to Christmas. The Catechism talks of our present time involving "*distress*" and the trial of evil which does not spare the Church and ushers in the struggles of the last days" (CCC 672). It is really important for us to be prepared for such 'struggles'. But we need not be afraid, for we have only to allow the advent (or entrance) of Christ in our lives today. And, if we make this our prayer every single day, in line with the words of the 'Our Father', "*Thy will be done, Thy Kingdom come...*", we can be sure that Jesus, the Eternal King, will reign on the throne of our hearts. So let us say the words as in Revelation 22:20 without delay, 'Maranatha!' "*Come Lord Jesus!*"

Deacon Joseph Gulliford

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, 21 November, there will be a 2nd collection in support of the Catholic Youth Service, a collection taken to support Youth Work in the Diocese and beyond, especially the South-wark Catholic Youth Service.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas cards are on order and will be available in the Parish Office from 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

FR JOHN FAIRHURST SJ RIP

It is with great sadness that we have to announce that Fr John Fairhurst SJ passed away Tuesday morning at the Jesuit Residence at Boscombe. Many parishioners will have very fond memories of Fr John from the time he was based in Wimbledon. Our prayers go out to his family and friends and the Jesuit Community.

May he rest in peace!

FIRE WARDENS - VOLUNTEERS

During the Covid period, when Mass attendance was restricted, there has not been a need for Fire Wardens. Now, however, 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!

RE-INSTATING THE FIRST COLLECTION

As from the weekend of 27/28 November we will be re-instating the first collection at the Offertory

of the mass for those who prefer to donate with cash. We still encourage as many as possible to donate by banker's order as the most efficient way of giving. Forms giving the bank details can be downloaded from the website at <https://www.sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/Publisher/File.aspx?ID=197039> We will be using wicker baskets to minimise the need for handling. 4 baskets will be distributed along each aisle and parishioners are requested to pass along each pew and then to the pew behind. The baskets will then be returned to the back of the church. Electronic card readers at the back will of course continue to be available.

Announcements

CONFESSION TIMES, EXPOSITION

Please note that there will be **no** confessions on the morning of Saturday 27 November. Confessions that day will be from 5.30-6.20pm.

No morning Expositions on the following dates: 24 & 26 November, 1 December,

whole day Friday 3 December, evening of 8 December, 10, 15 & 17 December.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH DECORATIONS

Do come and join us on Friday 3 December between 12.30 - 4pm in the Parish Lounge when we are getting together to make festive

Christmas decorations which will be used to decorate the Upper Hall to welcome our guests on Christmas Day. For more information and if you wish to help on the day, please contact Marion Noble at marion.noble@hotmail.co.uk

Parish Organisations

YOUNG ADULTS

The next young adults' social (board game evening) will be on 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.

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!

MEMORY LANE CLUB

This popular club for people with dementia and their carers is open on Wednesdays from 10.30am-12.30pm in the Parish Lounge with tea, coffee & 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

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.

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, 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.

VACANCY

Wimbledon College are looking to employ a PT Careers Leader. Further information is available on the website of the College (www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk), or please contact hr@wimbledoncollege.org.uk or 020 8879 9323 for further information. Closing date for applications is Monday 6 December.

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>.

Exploring our Faith

A DAY WITH MARY

You are invited to a *Day with Mary* on Saturday 27 November at the English Martyrs, Frindsbury Road, Strood, ME2 4JA from 10am -5.15pm; celebrant and

preacher Fr. Tom Lynch, Exposition & Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, Sermon on Our Lady, Meditations on the Passion of Our Lord; please bring packed lunch. For more

information please visit adaywithmary.org.

Dates for December:

Sat 4 Dec Wimbledon;

Sat 11 Dec West Croydon;

Sat 18 Dec St George's

Cathedral, Southwark

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 Joseph Donkor
5.00pm Fr Michael Barnes SJ
8.00pm Fr Matthew Donnelly

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 20 6.30pm Jonny Muraszko RIP
Mon 22 7.30am Ramon & Pacita Osano RIP
10.00am Funeral of Elizabeth O'Reilly RIP
6.30pm Private Intentions
Tue 23 10.00am Fr Gunaseelenan RIP
12noon Funeral Mass for John J. Shannon RIP
6.30pm Electa Almeida Ints.
Wed 24 10.00am Sr Charmaine & Phil RIP
6.30pm Declan & Nicola Murray Ints.
Thu 25 10.00am Queen of Peace Ints.
6.30pm Veronica Mirandah RIP
Fri 26 7.30am Ignacy & Iria & Anthony RIP
10.00am Ruby Boyce RIP
6.30pm James Westbrook RIP
Sat 27 10.00am Dced/Wimbl. Medjugorje Prayer Gr. 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

Entrance hymn: 116 *Christus vincit*
(please join in parts marked all)
K: Missa *Orbis Factor* G: 460
Offertory: *O Rex Gloriam* Andrea
Gabrieli S: 433
Communion motet: *Tantum ergo*
Fernand Laloux
Post-communion hymn: 239 *Hail Redeemer, King divine*

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: Fr John Fairhurst SJ, Michael Ashford, Mary Robinson, Marie Vincent, John Shannon and Elizabeth O'Reilly.

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Joseph Osamor, Mary Henderson, Michael Swanson, Lady Jeanette Brandon and James Westbrook.

The sick: Maria Moniz, Judex Celine, Nadia Rahman-Pariagh, 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 22 Nov St Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
Tue 23 Nov St Clement I, Pope and Martyr
Wed 24 Nov Ss Andrew Trần Dũng-Lạc & Companions, Martyrs
Thu 25 Nov St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr
Sat 27 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