



# THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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## Newsletter

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**Second Sunday (C)**  
**Peace Day: prayer for Peace  
on Earth**

**Second Week in  
Ordinary Time**

**Vol I. Psalter week 2**

### Next Sunday's Readings

#### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Nehemiah 8:2-6.8-10
- Psalm 118:8-10.15
- I Corinthians 12:12-30
- Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

### Upcoming Events

#### Tuesday 18 January

- Youth Group, 6-7.30pm Youth Room
- 18-25 January Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

#### Thursday 20 January

- Legion of Mary, Meeting 7pm Youth Room

#### Saturday 29 January

- Bereavement Support 10.30-11.30am, Parish Lounge

#### Friday 4 February

- Friendship Group, 2.30pm, Lounge

## The Marriage Feast at Cana

The first week in ordinary time launches us into the knitty gritty of Christian living by likening the spiritual life to the ups and downs of marriage.

Over Christmas we have witnessed the mystery of God becoming human; indeed, a child born into a human family, so that we could witness at first hand the model to which we should aspire.

In today's first reading God delights in Israel the daughter of Zion, as she grows in beauty and maturity just as a parent delight in the development of their offspring: the baby's first words, then the first steps until maturity and then marriage.

We see our personal journey reflected in the history of Israel, sometimes faithful, and at other times disobedient and unfaithful, needing guidance and growth in maturity until we are ready for the commitment to marriage.

We sometimes need to be disciplined and even estranged from our parents in order to know how much they love us and how willing they are to forgive and embrace us - they forsake us only so that we go back to them with ever deeper bonds of love. When we've learnt to show good will by amending our behaviour in the pursuit of goodness, as opposed to indulgence in selfish wants and desires, we achieve the mark of adulthood.

This process of growth, sometimes painful, endows us with the capacity to make a responsible commitment to another person in love. In fact, the scriptures move beyond the analogy of the parent child relationship, to that of marriage in order to convey the depth of intimacy and love that God demands of us. As we grow in spiritual maturity, He desires the root of the human soul in nothing less than the permanent bond of marriage. Indeed, nothing less than the intimate bond of spouses, where the two become one flesh is the analogy adequate enough to convey the baptized person's potential for oneness and communion with God.

This week the Church calls to mind the great dignity of our Christian calling by presenting us with the marriage feast at Cana, at which Jesus performed His first public miracle; that of changing water into wine.

At one level, Christian marriage is a collaboration with God for the mutual enrichment of the spouses, ordered to the regeneration of humanity as Sons and daughters of God through Baptism.

At another, each and every Christian, whether married or not, is called to collaborate with Christ in a fruitful union as members of His body the Church. To be fruitful, Jesus needs our cooperation, we provide the water - in other words all that is good about our human nature and its expression in art, science, philosophy, politics and friendship - and he elevates it by transforming this base material into the supernatural life of God, symbolized by the wine in this gospel.

As spouses of Christ, we are called to share the richness of our union with others. We do this primarily by performing the works of love demanded by the gospel: the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. However, like children we sometimes resent having to

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

Youth Minister: Eleanor Bowman

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cooperate and share, and we tend to appropriate all the good that we have to ourselves. And yet, it's when we obey, and with faith, offer ourselves and our talents by doing what He tells us, that we are overwhelmed by His superabundance. As with all growth in our spiritual lives we need the Mother who generated Jesus in her womb, and by having generated Him she generates us through our Baptism. In fact, all we need to remember is Our Lady's admonition "do whatever He tells you."

Fr Matthew Donnelly

### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2022

The theme of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU) for 2022 (18 - 25 Jan) is 'We Saw His Star in the East'. The story of the Magi visiting the Holy Family is a very familiar one. The Magi are seen as a symbol of the world's diversity - different religions and cultures - that come to pay homage to the Christ-child. Materials for WPCU 2022 prepared by the churches of the Middle East are available at <https://ctbi.org.uk/resources-for-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2022/>

On Sunday 23 January at 6.30pm, Churches Together in West Wimbledon invite you to a joint service at St Matthew's Church, Durham Rd SW20 0ED with preacher Reverend Dr Nadim Nassar, the only Syrian priest in the CoE and founder and Executive Director of The Awareness Foundation ([www.awareness-foundation.com](http://www.awareness-foundation.com)); to register interest in attending, please email [reval.astair@gmail.com](mailto:reval.astair@gmail.com), live-stream at <http://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8vyRF3vUDgNxZjBTzZwphA/live>.

## Parish News

### FACE COVERING NOTICE

In order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and to respect the safety of all, we request that you wear a face covering in the church, unless you are exempt from doing so. Thank you for your cooperation.

### LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary will be introduced into the parish to assist the priests in their outreach within our parish boundaries.

Firstly, to reach out to those

isolated and feel cut off from the parish for whatever reason; maybe there are Catholics in the area that don't know that our parish even exists.

Secondly, to invite non-Catholics into the life of the parish by introducing them to the sacraments and to the Catholic rites of initiation.

And thirdly to assess a need for a priest to visit where the Anointing of the Sick or the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Holy Communion is

required, particularly where the sick and housebound are concerned.

The work would require a commitment of roughly 3 hours a week: 1 hour for the Legion Meeting (meetings take place in the Youth Room at 7pm on Thursdays) and 2 hours for the allotted tasks to achieve the objectives outlined above.

Please register your interest with Fr Matthew in person after Mass or via email: [matthewdonnelly@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:matthewdonnelly@rcaos.org.uk).

## Announcements

### PAX CHRISTI

Today, 16 January, is *Peace Sunday*, day of Prayer for Peace on Earth, and this year Pope Francis asks us to think about 'Education, work and dialogue between generations: tools for building lasting peace'. The need for peace in the world is obvious. People are struggling against violence and conflict, growing inequalities, the effects of climate change and the pandemic. How can we harness the gifts and energy of all generations in the work of peacemaking? Which 'tools for building lasting peace' do you think Pope

Francis might be talking about?

In this country we have an active Catholic peace movement in *Pax Christi*, which does a great deal of good work to promote peace and nonviolence through parishes, schools, and social media. Please visit their website to find activities for families to do at home, including a peace liturgy for young children. <https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2022>

*Pax Christi* needs our support to keep going (<https://tinyurl.com/yxfcw67x>)

### FOOTSTEPS

In Lent this year, we are hoping to launch a new, family-based group for those with primary age children. We will explore scripture, play games and creatively reflect on topics related to our faith. We are hoping to launch this on Thursday 3 March from 4.30-5.30pm. To register interest, so we can effectively plan please contact Eleanor at [eleanor@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](mailto:eleanor@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk)

## Parish Organisations

### YOUTH GROUP

Our youth group for those in Y9 and above has resumed and all are welcome to join us. We meet in the Youth Room from 6-7.30pm on Tuesday evenings. Contact Eleanor ([eleanor@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](mailto:eleanor@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk)) for more information.

### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

On Saturday 29 January 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 07702 339000 or see the parish website.

### FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Friday 4 February at 2.30pm in the Lounge  
All are welcome for our Desert Island Discs with tea and cakes to follow.

## Social & Cultural

### COME AND SING

Come and sing with the West Barnes Singers on Saturday 29 January: Requiem by Gabriel Fauré, conductor Tom Williams, 2.15-5.45pm at Christ Church, New Malden, KT3 4RE. Cost £15 payable at the door, scores will be available to loan; kindly take a LFT before you come and bring a mask. Do come and pass this on to friends.

### WEDNESDAY WORKSHOPS

Society of Saint Gregory will be holding a series of online workshops, starting on Wed 19 January (7.30-9pm), when Martin Barry will be leading a session focusing

and exploring music and ideas for Lent & Easter.

Other dates for your diary: 16 Feb: Scriptures for Lent (Canon Patrick Hartnett), 27 April: Scriptures for Eastertime (Mgr Kevin McGinnell).

Cost/workshop £10 pp, or £25 if you book for all three. For bookings and more details, please visit <https://www.ssg.org.uk/wednesday-workshops-2022/>

### LONDON CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS

Afternoon walk discovering the story of St Thomas More: meet at 3pm on Tuesday 18 Jan at the Church of Our Most Holy

Redeemer and St Thomas More, Cheyne Row, SW3 5HS. No need to book, just turn up. ([www.catholichistorywalks.com](http://www.catholichistorywalks.com))

### OPEN EVENT

Ursuline Preparatory School are holding a virtual open event on Wednesday 19 January, 1.30pm. Sign up at [www.ursuline\\_prep.org/admissions/open-events](http://www.ursuline_prep.org/admissions/open-events).

### VACANCY

Wimbledon College are looking to employ a Swimming Coach. Info available at [www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk](http://www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk), or please contact [hr@wimbledoncollege.org.uk](mailto:hr@wimbledoncollege.org.uk) or 020 8879 9323. Closing date is Tuesday 1 February.

## 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.

### VACANCIES

Website Developer:

Hubb.Church, the company which runs our parish website, is appointing a full-stack web developer.

This is an excellent opportunity to take on a broad development role, maintaining & improving a platform that hundreds of churches and charities rely on every day. As part of a small team, you'll be able to make a significant contribution to the direction of the platform and enjoy taking new ideas from concept right through to completion. Full details can be downloaded parish website <https://www.sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/>

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St. Teresa's Home C.I.O., 12 Lansdowne Rd are looking for Healthcare Assistants:

- 25 hrs Mon - Sun 8am - 1 pm & 4pm - 9pm, experience preferable

- Wed & Thu nights, experience preferable. Contact [info@stteresashome.co.uk](mailto:info@stteresashome.co.uk) or phone 020 8879 7366.

## Exploring our Faith

### COME HOME

Thank you to everyone who has taken postcards to invite others to join us at Mass. We still have postcards available and really encourage you to take one or two away with you! This week we will be distributing copies of the 'Ultimate Relationship' booklet for you to take away and share with others. These booklets explain the beauty and core message of the Catholic faith in a simple yet effective manner.

### A DAY WITH MARY

You are invited to A Day with Mary on Saturday 22 January at St Mary of the Cross, Old Road, Crayford,

DA1 4DN, 10am-5.30pm; celebrant & preacher Fr David Gummett; Exposition & Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, Sermons on Our Lady by Frs Tom Lynch and Daniel Adayi CSSp; Meditations on the Passion of Our Lord. Please visit [www adayiwith mary.org](http://www adayiwith mary.org) for more information and further dates.

### GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER

Growing in Faith Together consists of four one hour-long sessions via Zoom and is a wonderful opportunity for:

· engaged couples who have completed their marriage preparation course and

want to continue exploring their faith together

· married couples to enrich their friendship and love.

There are two opportunities to attend the course. The first course runs on Tuesday evenings from 8-9pm beginning 18 January and the second course runs on Saturday mornings from 10.30 - 11.30am beginning 19 February.

Please visit <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/together>

(FAQ: Can I attend on my own or do both of us have to attend?)

ANS: You can attend alone or as a couple - your choice!)

### 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 Canon John Clark  
5.00pm Fr Matthew Donnelly  
8.00pm Canon John Clark

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 15 6.30pm Joe D'Costa RIP  
Mon 17 7.30am Viajar Family Thanksgiving  
10.00am Carmel Beer Ints.  
6.30pm Marlene Saldanha RIP  
Tue 18 10.00am Jim O'Connor RIP  
6.30pm Bill & Helen Santanthan Ints.  
Wed 19 10.00am Vera Paice RIP  
6.30pm Dan O'Brien & Family Ints.  
Thu 20 10.00am Miriam Fernandes RIP  
6.30pm Murphy Family Ints.  
Fri 21 7.30am Cecilia Rossi Ints.  
10.00am Benny Thiru Ints.  
6.30pm Judex Celine RIP  
Sat 22 10.00am Sr Gemma George 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)

### WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

**Those who have died recently:** Patricia Cousins, Alastair Macdonald, Rosanna Morgan, Constance Julia Wilson and Teresa Sobocki.

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Jerzy Owoc, Bertha Mary Ruddland, Immaculate Wladyka, Michael Cooke, Mark Fudakowski, John Penny, Barbara Johnston and Dorothy Windeler.

**The sick:** Artemis Greenbury, Billy Densham, Angela Byrne, Emily Grey, Samar Staussi, Naomi Linkson, Alec Smith, Ian Parr, John Reynolds, John Alexander, Ryan Lindsey, Nancy Drapper, Patricia Small 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 17 Jan** St Anthony, Abbot, Memorial  
**Tue 18 - 25 Jan** Church Unity Octave: the Church observes eight days' prayer for Christian Unity  
**Wed 19 Jan** St Wulstan, Bishop  
**Thu 20 Jan** St Fabian, Pope and Martyr  
**Fri 21 Jan** St Agnes, Virgin and Martyr, Memorial

### 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: *Love divine, all loves excelling* 398  
K/S: *Missa brevis* Andrea Gabrieli  
Gloria 460  
*O sacrum convivium* Giovanni Croce  
Comm. motet: *O Lord, increase my faith* Orlando Gibbons  
Post Comm. *Peace, perfect peace* 598

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: one to one support or bereavement drop-in, please call 07702 339000 between 9am -5pm, more information please contact the co-ordinator by email [bereavement.group@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](mailto:bereavement.group@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk)