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Newsletter

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Fifth Sunday (C)

Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

Vol I. Psalter week I

Next Sunday's Readings

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Jeremiah 17:5-8
- Psalm 1:1-4,6
- I Corinthians 15:12.16-20
- Luke 6:17.20-26

Upcoming Events

Saturday 5 February

- Edge Hill Players, *Aladdin*, 2.30 & 7pm Upper Hall

Wednesday 9 February

- Memory Lane Club reopens 10.30am-12.30pm, Lounge

Thursday 10 February

- Legion of Mary Meeting, Youth Room 7pm

Saturday 19 February

- Love Heals Body Mind and Spirit, half-day retreat, 11am

Put Out Your Nets For A Catch!

Jesus is calling you. But are you ready to say, "Here I am, send me" like Isaiah?

Both in today's first reading and in the Gospel, we witness a ready response to God's call following a profound encounter with Him. While Isaiah and Peter respond immediately to God's call, there are essential steps we can consider that allow them to say 'yes' and give them the platform to accept their respective vocations. If we are to follow suit, first we must let Jesus into our boat. This means inviting Jesus into our personal space – into both our hearts and minds. The more that we both pray and receive grace from the Sacraments, the more Jesus will enter in and thus establish a solid foundation of faith and grace in our lives. As difficult as this step may appear to be, especially if we struggle with prayer, we can all take confidence in the fact that what God requires of us, first and foremost, is our 'yes'. We can give this to Jesus by a simple decision and allow Him to do the rest. When we do say 'yes' to Jesus, He steps into our boat and helps us to give Him more



influence over our lives.

Secondly, once we have invited Jesus in, we should be ready to do what He asks of us. In other words, we must listen to His Word, spoken to us through the Church and in the Scriptures, and put it into practice in our lives. Like Peter, we are called to put out our nets for a catch. This means hearing and adhering to God's message and following the promptings of the Holy Spirit in our hearts. But, more than this, it means trusting Jesus' voice over and above both our own voice and the voice of the world around us. When we truly follow Him and do what He asks of us, we are sure to bear abundant fruit or rather He bears abundant fruit within and through us. Such is signified by the countless fish filling up

Peter's nets to overflowing. This great miracle of the fish points to Peter's mission as a disciple who will be sent out (as an Apostle) to catch others. Still, it also crucially reveals Jesus as the Master over all creation and the bringer of hope and salvation to all. God's glory shines forth, leading Peter to approach Jesus in humility. Similarly, when Isaiah encounters the glory of God before His throne, where the Angels veil their faces in His presence, he confesses his wretchedness before Him. In the truth of God's light and grace, in recognition of His supreme holiness, both Isaiah and Peter are humbled to surrender. It is in this place, that God is able to cleanse them of their sin, like the coal purifying Isaiah's tongue. Then, He calls them to mission. We too, in the truth of God's light, are able to see the reality of who we truly are and, hence, are then prepared to respond to our vocation and mission. This is our third step.

Peter and the Sons of Zebedee "left everything and followed

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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 Members: Sr Dorothy Perrott OSU, Sr Francis SSA

Youth Minister: Eleanor Bowman

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Him". Isaiah answered God's cry for help, stating "here I am, send me". But to answer their respective callings, they had to let the Lord in, do what He asked of them and surrender before His glory. When we truly allow Christ to reveal Himself to us, whether in a sudden or gradual way, and surrender to Him, He will also send us out. The overflow of God's grace that we ourselves have received, cannot but pour into the lives of others like osmosis. Our identity in Christ is discovered, enabling us to acknowledge our purpose and, once we have done this, we are ready for mission. So, no matter what stage of this journey we are on, let us respond to God's call generously in our lives. Let's allow Jesus into our boat today and put our nets out for a catch! *Deacon Joseph*

SECOND COLLECTION

Next Sunday 13 February is Racial Justice Day; the 2nd collection will be in support of the Catholic Association for Racial Justice, to promote racial justice in our schools, parishes and in wider society.

MERTON CITIZENS

Merton Citizens is the local chapter of the nation-wide organisation *Citizens UK* aiming to strengthen civic society and ensure citizens' voices and needs are heard and considered by decision-makers (www.citizensuk.org). The parish is a founder member of Merton Citizens Alliance (15 local institutions) working towards a common interest.

To learn about *Citizens*, you are invited to one of the free training sessions at 7.30-9pm on Tues 8 & 15 Feb in the Lounge (info: at dthurst52@gmail.com).

Parish News

FACE COVERING

In order to respect the safety of all, we encourage that you wear a face covering in the church. Thank you for your cooperation.

'AS FOR ME & MY HOUSE' EP CD

A message from Deacon Joseph: 'I would like to invite you to purchase a copy of the CD for my EP, 'As For Me & My House'. It features a

combination of original Praise and Worship songs that I have written, fitting both for prayer and reflection. It is possible to order them online directly on josephgulliford.bandcamp.com.

However, you can also drop by the Parish office and pick one up from there. I ask for a donation with all proceeds going towards covering the cost of production and help-

ing with future projects (suggested: at least £5). I thank you in advance for your support and I hope that you are blessed by the songs. It has been a great joy to write and produce this music which I have felt inspired by the Holy Spirit to release. Many blessings in Christ!

Announcements

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

The *World Day of the Sick* is an awareness day, or observance, in the Catholic Church intended for "prayer and sharing, of offering one's suffering for the good of the Church and of reminding everyone to see in his sick brother or sister the face of Christ". The day was instituted on 13 May 1992 by Pope John Paul II and is celebrated on 11 February, the memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes.

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, please contact Eleanor at eleanor@sacredheartwimledon.org.uk

LENT TALKS

Our very popular series of Lent talks is back in-person this year, running on Thursdays during Lent (3 Mar - 7 Apr in the Upper Hall from 7.30 - 8.30pm, hall opens from 7pm for refresh-

ments. You can come to any number of talks as each week will explore a different topic. We will be following *Sycamore* which is an informal course about the Christian faith and its relevance for life today. It gives you space to meet other people, share ideas, and think about questions that really matter.

To create a warm and welcoming environment for the talks, we would need your help: whether you can make & drop off a cake/help with the tea and coffee, your time will be hugely appreciated! Please contact Eleanor.

Parish Organisations

MEMORY LANE CLUB

Memory Lane Club reopens Wednesday 9 February. For people with dementia and their carers, from 10.30am-12.30pm in the Parish Lounge. Drop in for a friendly welcome, a cuppa and a chat, table games, snooker, music and much more - and fun.

SCHOOL OF COMMUNITY

Catechesis proposed by *Communion and Liberation* (CL) local community 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 [\[of-community-wimledon@googlegroups.com\]\(mailto:of-community-wimledon@googlegroups.com\).](mailto:school-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

ENVIRONMENT GROUP

Show the Love: Join the environment group after the 10am Mass on Sunday 13 February for refreshments and family crafts as we take part in the Climate Coalition *Show the Love* - campaign. All are welcome!

Social & Cultural

EDGE HILL PLAYERS PANTOMIME

Edge Hill Players' new Pantomime, *Aladdin*, will take place in the Upper Hall this Saturday 5 February at 2.30pm and 7pm. For tickets and further info please visit their website www.edgehillplayers.com or phone 07742 230 493.

PIANO DUO RECITAL

The Kong-Affonso Piano Duo will give a recital at Sacred Heart Church on Saturday 26 February at 7.45pm with a delicately chosen selection of works by Bach, Mozart, Schubert, Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, Debussy and Ravel. Free admission, retiring collection in aid of the Sacred Heart Appeal and the Royal Marsden Cancer Charity.

JOHN RUTTER SING DAY

St Mary Magdalene Church, Wandsworth Common, is holding a Singing Day with John Rutter on Saturday 5 March. The day will feature "Feel the Spirit" John Rutter's uplifting arrangements of well-loved spirituals plus other choral favourites.

Cost: £30, accompanied children (11-18yrs) are free, students (18-22) £15 (incl. use of the music scores and refreshments).

Registration starts at 10am, for details, please email joinin@smmwandsworth.org.uk or ticket link via <https://www.wandsworth.org.uk/>

EDUCATION & CAREERS DAY

St Boniface Youth and 20's & 30's Group is organising two help & advice sessions:

Saturday 5 March 3-4pm on apprenticeships on and Saturday 12 March 3-4.30pm on Higher Education.

All Year 11 & 12 or any year group and parents are most welcome. A chance to ask professionals questions, learn how to apply to university Consider what courses you are interested in.

St Boniface Parish Hall, 185 Mitcham Road, London SW17 9PG.

VACANCY

Sacred Heart High School Hammersmith are looking to appoint an experienced Administrative Assistant for their Student Services Centre. Closing date: Mon 7 Feb noon. Please see TES (<https://www.tes.com>) and click on education - jobs and search for Sacred Heart) for further information.

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.

LOVE HEALS BODY MIND AND SPIRIT

The Love Heals Body Mind and Spirit Ministry invites you a half day retreat of quiet reflection on Sat 19 Feb (Sacred Heart Church, Edge Hill) from 11am - 1pm; Holy Rosary, recorded talk by Sr Doctor Betty Nina MSJ, discussion to follow on the talk, Christian meditation, Healing Prayers; immediately after the 10am Mass, starting with Tea & Coffee.

One-day retreats will resume on Saturday 5 March, 11am - 4pm at 'Our Lady of Assumption and St Gregory', Warwick St, Piccadilly, W1B 5LZ: the Love Heals Body Mind and Spirit Ministry welcomes you all back to their retreat days commencing with Holy Rosary, followed by Holy Mass, a shared lunch, a talk, meditation, Blessed Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Healing Prayers.

For further info about Love Heals Body Mind and Spirit Ministry, please contact 020 8542 2476 or lovehealsbodymindspirit@gmail.com; anyone who wishes to be included on the contact list, please email a request or visit www.lovehealsbodymindspirit.com.

Exploring our Faith

A DAY WITH MARY

You are invited to a *Day with Mary* on Saturday 26 February at St Anselm, Westhill, Dartford, DA1 2HJ, from 9.30am-4.30pm; celebrant and preacher Fr Henri Mukasa; Exposition & Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, Sermons on Our Lady by Fr David Gummett and Fr Stephen Boyle, Meditations on the Passion of Our Lord; please bring your own packed lunch. For more information, please visit adaywithmary.org.

RETREAT FOR LENT

Make some space to develop your relationship with God this Lent. Sign up for our Diocesan 'retreat at home' called *Saving Grace*. Every week you will receive an email with links to a 25mins video in which Archbishop John will introduce the theme and the reading, Chris Chapman will deliver the retreat, with others contributing. You will also receive materials to use in your own prayer and reflection. All you have to

do is sign up and then set aside what space you can for *Saving Grace*!

More info about the retreat can be found at: <https://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/savinggrace>;

Parishioners can sign up to receive the materials at http://eepurl.com/hnK_Rz

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 Joseph Donkor
8.00pm Fr Matthew Donnelly

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 5 6.30pm John Davidson RIP
Mon 7 7.30am Rosemary Doyle (90th Birthday)
10.00am Pamela Grostate RIP
2pm Funeral of Alastair Macdonald
6.30pm Sid Miles RIP
Tue 8 10.00am Patricia Wilbraham RIP
6.30pm Private Intentions
Wed 9 10.00am Elspeth Coffy Ints.
6.30pm Rena De Souza Ints.
Thu 10 10.00am P J Scanlan Special Ints.
11.20am Funeral of Angela Byrne
6.30pm Madeline Monerat & Roger Thorin RIP
Fri 11 7.30am Teresa O'Connor RIP
10.00am Emerson Lee RIP
6.30pm Ann Longley RIP
Sat 12 10.00am Boland Family 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: Elizabeth Anne Oliver, Dennis Nwokeji, Georg Liepert, Angela Annette Byrne, Mary O'Keeffe, James George Conboy, Alastair Macdonald and Lee Abberton.

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Frank Mondelli, Saverio Calise, Sheena Wilson, Rubertina De Souza, Carine French, Kenechukwu Nwokoye and Mary Louise Nolan.

The sick: Lesley Manning, Beryl Shannon, Matthew Bees, Jack Cassagrande, Artemis Greenbury, Billy Densham, 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

Tue 8 Feb St Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
Day of Prayer for Victims of Human Trafficking
Thu 10 Feb St Scholastica, Virgin, Memorial
Fri 11 Feb Our Lady of Lourdes

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

Solemn Latin Mass

Kyrie/Sanctus: *Missa brevis in C*,
'Spatzenmesse', W.A. Mozart

Gloria: *Missa de Angelis* (plainsong)

Offertory motet: *Laudate*

Dominum, W.A. Mozart

Communion motet: *Agnus Dei* (from
'Spatzenmesse')

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: 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