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Newsletter

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Seventh Sunday (C)

Seventh Week in
Ordinary Time

Vol I. Psalter week 3

Next Sunday's Readings

Eighth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

- Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7
- Psalm 91:2-3.13-16
- I Corinthians 15:54-58
- Luke 6:39-45

Upcoming Events

Saturday 19 February

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

Thursday 24 February

- Legion of Mary Meeting, Youth Room 7pm

Saturday 26 February

- Piano Duo Recital, 7.45pm, Church

Love, Forgiveness and Compassion

Both, the first reading and the Gospel this Sunday refer to the basic virtues of love, compassion, forgiveness, understanding and peace.

These clearly are not merely human qualities but spiritual gifts which are life-giving.

In the first reading David speaks: Today the Lord has delivered King Saul into my hands, but I will refuse to kill "the Lord's anointed". In the gospel, Jesus, too, is clear about the right thing to do like love of enemies, compassion, abstaining from judging and condemning others.

Love, forgiveness, and compassion are linked to last Sunday's Gospel about the Beatitudes where Jesus was not expressing a pious wish for something unreal. As they are presented in I Samuel and in Luke's Gospel, they are a

challenge thrown down to us, because so much of what we see and do contradicts these statements. In fact, what Jesus says is the very heart of the Gospel message:

'Love one another as I have loved you. By this all will know that you are my disciples' (John 13:34-35).

Jesus invites us to begin to base our whole behaviour on it.

We can remember that the basic virtues are addressed to Jesus' disciples. We can take up the invitation to the pursuit of good in following the virtues.

We can recall that those of us who have chosen to follow Jesus, are

LOVE
your enemies
DO GOOD
to those who hate you
BLESS
those who curse you
PRAY
for those who mistreat you

called to be instruments of the kingdom of God, a kingdom that is one of love, forgiveness, compassion, understanding, and peace. During this week, these attributes are work for our mission which is loving God and our neighbour. *Fr. Joe*

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

CLERGY SUPPORT FUND COLLECTION

Next Sunday the second collection will be in support of the *Clergy Support Fund of the Archdiocese of Southwark* which provides care for priests in their old age and retirement, and their time of ill health. A gift to this worthy fund will ensure a dignified retirement for our priests, after they have dedicated a lifetime of service to Christ, His Church and His people.

In 2021 the Clergy Support Fund provided care for 71 retired priests, at a cost of £1.25 million. With the number of priests over the age of 65 steadily increasing, so too will the financial obligation to the Archdiocese.

Please be generous with a gift to the Clergy Support Fund and continue to keep our priests in your prayers.

You can also make your donation online (rcaos.org.uk/donate/CSF), by telephone (020 7960 2504) or by cheque (use the CSF envelopes at the back

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY RECRUITMENT

To all members of the Sacred Heart Parish: we are desperately seeking new volunteers to join our wonderful Ministry. It is not a major

commitment, about 6 times/year and you will be assisting, so it's not too stressful. We really are a lovely team so please do join us in supporting our parish; email Elizabeth on elizabethbottruell@hotmail.com for details.

'AS FOR ME & MY HOUSE' CD

Deacon Joseph's CD 'As For Me & My House' featuring a combination of original Praise

& Worship songs that he has written, fitting both for prayer and reflection are for sale at the Presbytery or can be ordered directly at josephgulliford.bandcamp.com.

Suggested donations (at least £5) go towards covering the cost of production and help with future projects. Thank you in advance for your support.

Announcements

CONTL. BREAKFAST

We will meet again for a continental breakfast this Sunday 20 February from 10am-12noon in the Lower Hall. Come and join us for lovely croissants, tea & coffee and a chat.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Friday 4 March at 2.30pm in the Lounge: Do come and join in our annual Prize Bingo Event and enjoy tea and cakes to follow. All welcome!

LENT TALKS

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

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.

FIRE SAFETY IN THE CHURCH

If the fire alarm sounds, the building must be evacuated, even if there is no sign of fire.

Provided no exits are blocked by fire, the exits should be used as follows:

- those seated in the north aisle should leave through the sacristy
- those in the south aisle should leave through the door on the south side of the church, that's Darlston Road side
- people in the 2 centre aisles should leave through the main entrance at the rear of the church
- and wheel-chair and mobility impaired members of the congregation should exit through the sliding door that leads onto the ramp. All other exits have steps, so if the ramp exit is blocked by fire, they may need assistance to exit the church.

To meet up with family members or friends, you should move to the Fire Assembly Point situated on the lawn outside the Church.

Do not return to the building unless you are authorised to do so.

Comply with any instructions given by Fire Wardens.

Fire extinguishers can be found at various points around the building but do not use them unless you have been trained to do so.

In the event of a fire being discovered you can activate the fire alarm by striking/pushing the glass on one of the fire call points/break glass call points which can be found at all the last exit doors.

It is important to keep calm, and not to panic or run.

Social & Cultural

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.

ST DAVID'S DAY CONCERT

The Passage, a Catholic Charity, working with homeless people, is holding a St David's Day concert on Thu 3 March at 7.30pm in Holy Trinity Church, Sloane Square, with The London Welsh Male Voice Choir & soloist tenor Ryan Vaughan Davies; tickets are £20

(passage.org.uk/st-davids-day-concert or 020 7592 1856).

SCOUTS VACANCIES

Ninth Wimbledon (Sacred Heart) Scout Group: there are vacancies for boys in the 3 sections of the Parish Scout Group (age ranges: *Beavers* 6-8 yrs, *Cubs* 8-10 and *Scouts* from 10-14 yrs, although places for boys aged 13 & 14 yrs are already full. All sections meet on Monday evenings. The 2nd half of this spring term is full of exciting and worthwhile activities, culminating in an Adventure Weekend for the whole Group at Walton Firs Activity Centre, Cobham (Friday evening 25 - Sunday pm 27 March). For enquiries please contact Michael Orbell (michaelorbell@hotmail.com).

NEWMAN CIRCLE

You are invited to the Upper Hall on Wed 16 Mar, 7pm, when Fr Ladislav Šulik SJ will talk about activities to celebrate 'Ignatius500', the 500th anniversary (1521-2021) of the time that a cannonball changed the life of St Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuit order.

Originally from Slovakia, Fr Ladislav Šulik SJ studied philosophy and theology in Slovakia and at the Gregorian University in Rome. After spending time during his formation at Wimbledon College, he was ordained in 2010 and now works as Chaplain at the London Jesuit Centre. His particular interest is in the central Christian belief in God of Trinity.

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.

RETROUVAILLE

A Lifeline for Marriage:

Retrouvaille have organised an online weekend (3-6 March) programme for couples experiencing marriage difficulties. Whether this is due to the stress of the pandemic or demands of daily life, *Retrouvaille* seeks to help couples overcome their differences and start again. All couples are welcome. For further details please email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com or call +44 788 729 6983. Confidentiality is assured.

VACANCY

Mary's Meals has a job opportunity in the London/S-England team. The role of 'Supporter Engagement Officer' is an exciting and varied one which will suit someone with good organisational and people skills. Closing date: 24 February. For job details visit <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/useful-links/work-for-us/supporter-engagement-officer-london>.

Exploring our Faith

A DAY WITH MARY

You are invited to a *Day with Mary* on Sat 26 Feb 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;

For more info, 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 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 can be found at: <https://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/savinggrace>; sign up to receive materials: http://eepurl.com/hnK_Rz

SAFEGUARDING

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.

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 in any role within the Catholic Church in England and Wales, you must refer allegations directly to the safeguarding office for your diocese or religious congregation, or directly to the Police.

If you are a member of the public, please refer allegations directly to the police and also to the safeguarding office in your diocese. You can contact the Archdiocese of Southwark Safeguarding Office by telephoning 020 7261 1606 or via email at safeguardingoffice@rcaos.org.uk.

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 19 6.30pm Nowell Anderson RIP
Mon 21 7.30am Phoebe Carroll RIP
10.00am Patrick, Bea-Agnes, Maureen Finbarr RIP
6.30pm Francis Yi RIP
Tue 22 10.00am Noel D'Costa RIP
6.30pm James Lamb RIP
Wed 23 10.00am Sr Gemma George (Daughters of Mary) RIP
6.30pm Harry Lally RIP
Thu 24 10.00am Emelda Cawley RIP
6.30pm Philomena Lally RIP
Fri 25 7.30am Our Lady Queen of Peace
10.00am Anselm Benedict Family Ints.
2.15pm Funeral of James Conboy
6.30pm Marlene Saldanha RIP
Sat 26 10.00am Leo Coughlan 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: Patrick Barry, Maeve Clark, Len Hay, Diana Lethbridge, Elizabeth Anne Oliver and James Conboy.

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Bridget Maher, Matthew Kissane, Bridget Kissane, Agnes Almeida, Liam Myles, Eilish Healy, Eileen Hernandez, William Maher and Paula Diggle.

The sick: Teresa Smith, Angela de Leon Nieves, 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

Mon 21 Feb St Peter Damian Valentine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Tue 22 Feb The Chair of St Peter the Apostle, Feast
Wed 23 Feb St Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr, Memorial
Fri 25 Feb St Ethelbert, King
Sat 26 Feb 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

Choir introit: *Domine, in tua misericordia speravi*
K: Mass in C, Richard R Terry
G: 460
Offertory hymn: 602 *Praise my soul the King of heaven*
S/B/A: Mass in C, Richard R Terry
Communion motet: *Exsultate*
Justi, Ludovico Viadana
351 *Lead us heavenly Father, lead us*

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