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Newsletter

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**Fourteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time (C)**

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Next Sunday's Readings

Fifteenth Sunday (C)

- Deuteronomy 30:10-14
- Psalm 68:14.17.30-31.33-34.36-37
- Colossians 1:15-20
- Luke 10:25-37

Upcoming Events

Saturday 2 July

- Confirmation, no Confessions

Sunday 10 July

- Children's Liturgy during the 10am Mass

Saturday 16 July

- Quiz night, Edge Hill Players, 7.30pm, Upper Hall

Sunday 17 July

- *March for Life* Coffee morning after 10am and 12 noon Masses, Lower Hall

Being Nourished by God

Factionalism and complacency erodes faith and destroys a spiritual community.

The warning coming from the readings this week reminds us that we can lose our faith and spiritual traditions when we bring the spirit of the world into the Church.

Isaiah laments the destruction of Jerusalem. The Israelites on returning from exile wonder at the destruction of all they held dear. The religious traditions embodied by the temple had been lost because of a spiritual complacency which took God's presence for granted, leading away from union with God and gradually to idolatry.

Complacency comes about when we become sufficient to ourselves and the ego asserts its influence by furthering its own interests in order to gain autonomy and independence from moral and spiritual authority. The Israelites by becoming a great nation, based on their long standing religious tradition, having God at their head, lost everything by idolising progress and wealth over and against God - the very source of their success.

When writing to the Galatians, a Christian community split by factionalism between Jews and Greeks, Paul condemns the complacency of Jewish Christians who claim spiritual supremacy over their Greek counterparts by professing that they are of the true stock of Abraham in virtue of circumcision. Their aim was to establish a pecking order within the Church which makes Greek Christians second class citizens.

In a corrective to this worldly view of the Church, Paul exhorts them to boast of nothing apart from the cross of Christ.

By His cross Jesus inverts the values which govern the affairs of this world. Instead of asserting influence and control by dint of power derived from money, job title or social status, he upholds self sacrifice and the service of the poor and marginalised as the mark of true strength and the source of genuine spiritual riches. To be a Christian means to be crucified to the spirit of this world in order to live for God.

Let us remind ourselves that we are first and foremost Christians and that our social status due to wealth, our career or family history means little before God, and, indeed, can be an encumbrance to true spiritual development by becoming a poor substitute for God. Our prayer life should be that source of spiritual nourishment which leaves us truly satisfied: being nourished by God as a mother suckles her child, as Isaiah so beautifully describes. To wonder at the presence of God before the Blessed Sacrament is the reason for our unity as a community.

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THE PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Parish Priest: Canon John Clark

Parish Clergy: Fr Joseph Donkor, Fr Matthew Donnelly, Deacon Julian Burling and Deacon Shaun Crocker

Team members: Sr Dorothy Perrott OSU, Sr Francis SSA

Youth Minister: Eleanor Bowman

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Our spiritual role within the Church or family must never become a source of boasting, and the authority given us must always be exercised in serving the other. "I watched Satan fall from heaven" was Jesus' reply to the apostles who rejoiced at being given spiritual power over unclean spirits. Pride comes before a fall as we say, and even our spiritual roles in the Church or as family members at home can become an occasion for pride and a tendency to dominate. Jesus would rather we rejoiced at being on our way to heaven by acting out of a spirit of service in obedience to His command to "love one another".

Our parish feast day celebrations were an occasion to exhibit so much diversity in a range of parish activities on display but with the single purpose of service - seeing and serving Christ in the other whilst enjoying the company of fellow parishioners over a glass or two and some tasty morsels. Canon John thanks all who took part in making the feast of the Sacred Heart such a joyful occasion. *Fr Matthew Donnelly*

SECOND COLLECTION

Today, 3 July, the 2nd collection will be taken up for Peter's Pence: the Bishops of the Church with their people join together to produce those means which the Holy Father and the Apostolic See need to exercise works of mercy and charity, and its Services to the Universal Church. The Church is attentive to material needs of poor dioceses, religious institutes and of faithful in grave difficulties (the poor, children, the elderly, those marginalised and the victims of war and natural disasters;).

Parish News

NO CONFESSIONS

Please note that there will be NO CONFESSIONS on Saturday 2 July.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

We will resume Eucharistic Adoration on every first Fri-

day of the month (unless otherwise stated). Starting on Friday 1 July after the 6.30pm Mass until 9pm.

UKRAINIAN REFUGEES

'New sponsor needed' Parishioners who have a

spare bedroom or 2 (or know of somebody who has) to host and sponsor Ukrainian families are kindly asked to come forward and contact Alain van West at vanwest31@gmail.com. Thank you!

Announcements

PRIESTLY ORDINATION

"I warmly invite you to my Priestly Ordination in St George's Cathedral, Southwark, at 12.30pm on Saturday 16 July. If you do intend to come, please rsvp to me directly (joseph.gulliford@rcaos.org.uk).

There will be a livestream available through YouTube (<https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/diocese/live-streaming>).

It was great to meet so many of you this year during my stay in the Parish. I assure you of my prayers and I also ask for yours - I am extremely grateful for them!"

Deacon Joseph Gulliford

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

This Saturday, 2 July, many young people of our parish will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Let us keep the confirmands in our prayers, we congratulate them and wish them good luck and God's many

blessings as they continue to grow in their faith!

MARCH FOR LIFE

On Sunday 17 July there will be a *March for Life* coffee morning/afternoon. Everyone is most welcome to come after 10am Mass and after 12noon Mass in the Lower Hall for drinks and cakes and to find out more about *March for Life*. If anyone would like to donate some cakes on the day, please contact Hyekyeong on 07447 942 968.

SANCTITY OF LIFE

You are encouraged to join other pilgrims at Walsingham or online for the *Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life* led by Bishop Philip Egan on Saturday 6 August 12noon. For more details please visit www.walsingham.org.uk, www.prolifepilgrimage.org or call 01858 571 242.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION

Pope Francis has asked the Catholic Church to pray in a special way for the elderly during the month of July. The prayer intention follows requests to pray for families in June and for young people in May and coincides with the celebration of the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly on July 24: "We cannot speak about family without talking about the importance of the elderly among us, [...] We elderly people often have a special sensitivity for care, for reflection, and affection, [...] We are, or we can become, teachers of tenderness." Pope Francis said in a video message released June 30.

'Let us pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people, that their experience and wisdom will help those who are younger to look to the future with hope and responsibility.'

Parish Organisations

MEMORY LANE CLUB

This popular club for people with dementia and their carers is open every Wednesday from 10.30am to 12.30pm in the Parish Lounge with tea, coffee & cake along with lots of chat, laughter, snooker and different

activities. For more information please ring Jenny on 07906 856 183.

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 school-of-community-wimbledon@googlegroups.com.

Social & Cultural

EDGE HILL PLAYERS
Edge Hill Players are holding a Quiz Night on Saturday 16 July at 7.30pm in the Upper Hall. Tickets are £15 per person which includes Sausage Supper and a drink. A pay bar and raffle will be available. To book please visit www.edgehillplayers.com or phone 07742 230 493. All proceeds to fund the forthcoming production of *The Sound of Music*.

UKRAINE CHARITY DANCE
Friday 8 July 7.30-10.30pm:
Organised by Dance Addiction Studios at St Paul's Community Centre 23, Inner Park Road, SW19 6ED. Part-sponsored by the Centre. £11 (pay at the door) to include Ukrainian snacks & hotdogs. Donation Bar. Please reserve your place (07801 234 367). All proceeds going to Ukraine Red Cross.

CHRISTIAN CARE
Christian CARE needs YOU!
"We want to grow as a

charity to be ready to meet the needs of families struggling with hardships in our community particularly in 2022. We can offer you exciting and rewarding volunteering opportunities which can really make a difference in the lives of children and families:

- managing a team of volunteers
 - planning activities for disadvantaged children
 - befriending a family helping in our office
 - delivering by car packs of food, or baby items
 - driving the van or helping to make furniture deliveries"
- To discover more, visit <https://www.christiancaremerton.org.uk/volunteering> or contact Deacon Julian Burling (julianburling@rcaos.org.uk) or Rehana Edun (rehanaedun@yahoo.co.uk), or look at the poster on the church noticeboard.

SCOUT LEADER
Calling for a voluntary Beavers Scout leader for Edge

Hill 9th Wimbledon Scout Association: "We are a fun and friendly local community group of approximately 20 boys aged 6-8 years coming from schools in the local surrounding areas (Bishop Gilpen, Donhead, St Mary's, Hollymount). We meet every Monday during term time from 5.30-6.30pm in the Lower Hall of Sacred Heart Church. We are fortunate to have a good number of young leader helpers from the surrounding local schools including Wimbledon College. We also have helpers via parents for badges and uniform. We are keen to find someone able to lead the group starting from September 2022 running till July 2023. Full handover can be provided, DBS check and plenty of help behind the scenes. No specific experience is needed, although could be advantageous. Please feel free to get in touch with Emma Lyons Whyte on ej.lyons@hotmail.com.

Chaplet, Rosary & Benediction, return to St John Fisher for approx. 8.30pm.
If you would like to book a seat on the coach, please email the parish office at St John Fisher: merton@rcaos.org.uk (cost of coach travel £30 pp). Please bring your own food/packed lunch and drinks.

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

St Francis Xavier Catholic Sixth Form College is seeking foundation governors to serve on the governing body at St Francis Xavier College. Volunteers need to be practising Roman Catholic confirmed by a reference from their Parish Priest. Whilst there is an immediate vacancy, there will be another vacancy in the near future. Volunteers who serve as governors gain skills as well as giving them and it is a truly rewarding role. Governors don't need to be experts in education – just have an interest in it with an enquiring mind.

If you are interested, and for info, please contact Eleanor Lewis, Clerk to the Governors (020 8772 6062 – e.lewis@sfx.ac.uk).

Wimbledon College are looking to employ a Swimming Coach for September 2022. Further information is available at www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk, or please contact hr@wimbledoncollege.org.uk or 020 8879 9323. Closing date Friday 15 July.

Exploring our Faith

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE
The Southwark Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 19-26 August. For details visit www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/catholic-association. Southwark contacts: Canon Ed Perera, edwardperera@rcaos.org.uk and Bishop Paul Hendricks, paulhendricks@rcaos.org.uk.

OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM
Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Walsingham Shrine on Saturday 24 September; leaving St John Fisher Church at 6.30am; arrive in Walsingham at 11am; 11-11.45am Confessions & Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament; 12 noon Pilgrim Mass; 2pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, concluding with 3pm Divine Mercy

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 2 6.30pm John Francis Walsh
Mon 4 7.30am Holy Souls
10.00am Para-Raja Segaran RIP
6.30pm Thanksgiving for Bethel
Tue 5 10.00am J., G. Merrifield & Rodrigues families
6.30pm Siobhan Roughan RIP
Wed 6 10.00am Funeral of Beryl Shannon
6.30pm Clergy and Parish Staff Sacred Heart Ints
Thu 7 10.00am Funeral of Rosa Maria Antonelli
6.30pm Ngateme Marie-Louise RIP
Fri 8 7.30am Holy Souls
10.00am Sadie Brown RIP
6.30pm John Whitehouse RIP
Sat 9 10.00am John Clancy 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

Solemn Latin Mass
Missa Octavi Toni (K,S), Lassus
Offertory motet: *Vias tuas, Domine*,
Giuseppe O. Pitoni
Communion motet: *Gustate et videte*,
Heinrich Isaac

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: John Devereaux, Rosa Maria Antonelli and Beryl Shannon.

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Irene de Villiers, Mary Portanier, Paul Bromfield, Mateo Rudd, Madison Rowland, Neil Murphy, Helen Davis, Paul Marshall, John Whitehouse and Tom Starkey.

The sick: Shoko Nakayama, Michael Okuyama, Jack Webb, Beni Thiru, Rosanna Davidson, Blanche Keaveny, Luca Butacci, David Steele, Sheila Soodin, Jacqui O'Connor, Carol Pegler, Teresa Smith, Matthew Bees, Billy Densham, Emily Grey, Samar Staussi, Naomi Linkson, Alec Smith, 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, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Mon 4 July St Elizabeth of Portugal
Tue 5 July St Anthony Zaccaria, Priest
Wed 6 July St Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr
Thu 7 July The Translation of Saint Thomas, Bishop and Martyr
Fri 8 July St Oliver Plunket, Bishop and Martyr
Sat 9 July The Blessed Virgin Mary

PARISH SERVICES

Parish Office/Reception Hours: 9am - 4pm (Mon-Fri), 020 8946 0305

Executive Assistant & Hall bookings: Thelma D'Costa (Mon - Fri 9am - 4pm) Caretaker: George McLennan

Parish Pastoral Council: ppc@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk

Baptism, Marriage, First Sacraments, Funerals contact the parish office.

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

Sacred Heart SVP Conference meets to help those living locally in need. All enquiries are dealt with confidentially. Leave contact details with the parish office or email presidentA190704@svp.org.uk.