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Newsletter

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**Seventeenth Sunday
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Next Sunday's Readings

Eighteenth Sunday (C)

- Ecclesiastes 1:2;2:21-23
- Psalm 89:3-6.12-14.17
- Colossians 3:1-5.9-11
- Luke 12:13-21

Upcoming Events

Sunday 24 July

- Meet after the 10am Mass to help water the Parish Orchard

Saturday 30 July

- Devotion to the Sacred Heart Group, after 10am Mass, Church
- Bereavement Support from 10.30-11.30am, Parish Lounge

Friday 5 August

- Friendship Group, 2.30pm, Parish Lounge
- Eucharistic Adoration after the 6.30pm Mass until 9pm

'Never get tired, keep on asking'

It was a great joy celebrating a Leavers Mass with Year 6 at Sacred Heart School on Thursday morning. I couldn't believe how much they have grown and matured through these years. They certainly looked ready to begin at their secondary schools in September. A great many of Sacred Heart Wimbledon parishioners are involved with education in one way or another and as this year for schools comes to a close, I want to thank all who contribute to the lives of our schools and colleges in any way. I know that our children are well prepared for whatever comes next.

With that belief we can renew our 'Yes' to our basic Christian understanding that God's love doesn't run out. Today's gospel is twofold. First, Jesus is presented as



teaching his disciples a prayer for them to pray, and that prayer has become known to us as the Lord's Prayer. For all the differences across the various Christian denominations, this prayer is one that we all have in common. In giving us this prayer, Jesus was also giving us a lesson on how to pray. The Lord's Prayer encourages us to pray out of our fundamental needs, our need for sustenance, both material and spiritual, our need for forgiveness, our need for God's deliverance when evil in whatever form puts our faithfulness to the Lord to the test. Jesus is teaching us that prayer is always a going

out of ourselves towards God and towards others. Second, the persistence of Abraham in our first reading is reflected in the story of Jesus in the gospel. The insistence of the man in need to obtain some food from the friend finally won him what he was looking for. The friend did not grant the request out of love but because he felt disturbed and could not sleep.

God acts differently because he is infinite in love, generosity, and mercy. He does not get tired of us. When we approach the Lord in prayer, asking for his help, we can feel that the Lord is not answering our prayer. He does not engage with us the way we had hoped. When that happens, we must persevere in prayer like Abraham.

Fr Joseph Donkor

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

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

Pope Francis established a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly last year. This year, the celebration will be held this Sunday, close to the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year's celebration is *'In old age they will still bear fruit'* (Psalm 92:15).

Pope Francis said, *'the Holy Spirit even today stirs up thoughts and words of wisdom in the elderly.'* The voice of the elderly *'is precious, because it sings the praises of God and preserves the roots of the peoples.'*

The elderly, he continued, *'remind us that old age is a gift and that grandparents are the link between the different generations, to pass on to the young the experience of life.'* *'They shall bear fruit even in old age'*, chosen by the Pope, intends to emphasise how grandparents and the elderly are a value and a gift both for society and for ecclesial communities. He also said that the elderly *'should be cared for like a treasure of humanity: they are our wisdom, our memory. It is crucial that grandchildren remain close to their grandparents, who are like roots from which they draw the sap of human and spiritual values.'*

To read Pope Francis' message in full please visit <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/nonni/documents/20220503-messaggio-nonni-anziani.html>.

May God bless all our elderly relatives, parishioners and friends, we are grateful for their invaluable prayers.

Parish News

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

We have resumed Eucharistic Adoration on every first Friday of the month (unless otherwise stated). The next Eucharistic Adoration will be on Friday 5 August 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!

NEWSLETTER

Please note that we will pause the distribution of the Parish Newsletter during the month of August and resume on the weekend of 3/4 September. This week's edition is the last before the summer break.

Announcements

DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART

A group interested to start the Devotion to the Sacred Heart in our parish, in honour of the foundress Edith Arendrup, will meet on Saturday 30 July after 10am Mass, around the Altar of the Sacred Heart in the church. All are welcome. (contact: Mary Alphonse, Daughter of the Heart of Mary, alphonse.mary@gmail.com).

ALTAR SERVERS' SUMMER BREAK

Summertime 2022, a brilliant time of prayer and recreation for altar servers aged 11-17 yrs: 2-5 August; venue:

Oratory School, Reading, (coach transport available from two places; total cost £199. Forms available from www.stanselmsdartford.worpress.com or email dartford@rcaos.org.uk

The Archbishop will be opening Summertime 2022 with Mass. For more details contact Fr Stephen Boyle, chaplain to the Guild of St. Stephen (tel: 01322 220075).

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 Sat 6 Aug 12noon. For more details please visit www.walsingham.org.uk, www.prolifepilgrimage.org or call 01858 571 242.

GRANDPARENTS PASSING ON THE FAITH

What practical steps can we take and what sort of conversations can we have which can help anchor our grandchildren's faith? Four online sessions starting Wed 3 August from 7.30-9pm will give you the answer. For more details please contact Lisette: mflse@rcaos.org.uk.

Parish Organisations

ENVIRONMENT GROUP

Care for our garden: After the 10am Mass this Sunday 24 July we would like as many people as possible to help water the hedge we planted in December. Due to the heatwave, our new hedge is not getting enough water, so please bring your watering cans to Mass and help us to care for our parish orchard

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

The Bereavement Team invites everyone experien-

cing loss in their lives, no matter how long ago, to drop in for a coffee & a chat on Saturday 30 July from 10.30-11.30am, in the Parish Lounge. For more info, please visit the parish website or call 07702 339000.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Friday 5 August at 2.30pm in the Lounge: Talk by Tim Everson on the history of the Christmas crib. Tea and cakes. Everyone welcome!

Friday 2 September at 2.30pm in the Lounge:

Poetry afternoon with Wendy Tansey and friends. Tea and cakes. All welcome!

MEMORY LANE CLUB

This popular club for people with dementia and their carers is open every Wednesday (- and will remain open throughout the summer) 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.

Social & Cultural

WORD OF THANKS AND FAREWELL

This is the last Sunday we will regularly see Peter Hetherington and Dave Garioch in the choir gallery. Having served the church for fourteen years or so in the choir, they are relocating to the Wirral to be nearer to family. We will miss them both terribly, not least for the social aspects of choir life for which they were the life and soul! Peter and Dave also gave invaluable

support to the parish in so many ways, not least assisting with the preparation and distribution of Christmas hampers. We wish them well and God's Grace in their new home, and hope we will see them returning to Wimbledon as often as distance permits. Valeté.

APPRENTICESHIP

The Archdiocese of Southwark are seeking an apprentice to work within the Fundraising & Gift Aid team

in their central offices (located Lambeth North). If you, or someone you know, would like to earn a level 3 Business Administrator Standard whilst working within a hardworking and passionate team, supporting the work of the Catholic Church in South London and Kent, please find out more by visiting <https://www.rcaos.org.uk/fundraising/apprenticeship>.

Exploring our Faith

A DAY WITH MARY

You are invited to a *Day with Mary*, a day of instruction, devotion and intercession - based on the message given at Fatima in 1917, on Saturday 30 July at St Anselm's, Balham High Rd, SW17 8BS from 11am-5.30pm; celebrant and preacher Fr Agnelo de Souza; sermons on Our Lady by Fr Jackson Sebastian and Fr Bernard Murphy CFR; Exposition & Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, Meditations on the Passion of Our Lord; For more information and further dates please visit adaywithmary.org.

OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Walsingham Shrine on Sat 24 Sept; 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 Chaplet, Rosary & Benediction, return to St John Fisher for 8.30pm.

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.

FAITH MOT

The London Jesuit Centre is running a Summer School in the evenings (6.30-8.30pm) from 8-12 August and on the morning of Saturday 13 August (9am-1.15pm).

Participants are invited to come for all or part of the week. The course is open to all, sessions will be offered at an introductory level; Course tutor: a team of Jesuits and LJC staff; invited

contribution: £10 per evening/morning; venue: in person at London Jesuit Centre, for registration (for one or more days) please visit <https://londonjesuitcentre.org/ljc-summer-school>. This week-long summer school is for those who want to take time with God to give their faith a check-up and perhaps to develop it in a new way. Sessions focus on prayer, discernment, and decision-making, synodality, scripture and relationships with some of those on the margins of society. The course is designed to allow participants to attend all, some or only one of the sessions depending on their needs and availability. Each session includes table fellowship over a simple meal, the course itself and a time of communal prayer to end the day.

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.

FURNITURE NEEDED

Parishioners will be delighted to know that the parish has found an unfurnished flat for a Ukrainian family with whom we are already in touch. We now need furniture in good condition for the flat. If you, or anyone you know has items they are willing to donate, please leave the details including contact information by email or a note in the parish office. Please **do not** bring any items to the parish office, as they won't be accepted there.

YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULTS WEEKEND

From 7-9 October Young Catholic Adults (YCA) will be running a retreat themed 'The Communion of Saints' prayer and the veneration of Holy Relics' at Douai Abbey with the Schola Gregoriana of Cambridge who will be holding Gregorian Chant workshops; Marian Procession, Rosaries, Sung Masses, Confession, talks (Rachael Mackenzie and Fr. Glaysher) and socials. Prices start from £12 (for the day) and £55 pp/night (residential). Book soon (<https://bookwhen.com/young-catholicadults-douai2022> - closing date 16 Sept.); <http://www.youngcatholicadults.co.uk>.

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 Michael Barnes SJ
8.00am Fr Michael Barnes SJ
10.00am Fr Joseph Donkor
12 noon Fr Matthew Donnelly
5.00pm Fr Matthew Donnelly
8.00pm Fr Joseph Donkor

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 23 6.30pm Denis Geoghegan RIP
Mon 25 7.30am Our Lady Queen of Peace
10.00am William Holder RIP
6.30pm Gavin Fernandes & Family Special Ints.
Tue 26 10.00am Superior General of the Heart of Mary
1.00pm Funeral of Daphne Minas
6.30pm Clement Nwafor RIP
Wed 27 10.00am Richard Mountney
6.30pm Charmaine Fernandes (Success in Exams)
Thu 28 10.00am Jasmine Ints.
6.30pm James Hanratty RIP
Fri 29 7.30am Holy Souls
10.00am Holy Souls
2.00pm Funeral of Mary Welch
6.30pm James Pereira and Family Special Ints.
Sat 30 10.00am Mary and Peter Connellan 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: Michael Coleman, Margaret Tyrrell, Monica Mary North, Mary Welch and Daphne Minas.

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Maria Dusauzay, John Michael Milward, Brian Birch, Jan Ptaszynski, Michael Bourne, David Winterbourne, Francis Joseph Shannon, Denis Geoghegan, Brian McElwain, Richard Baker, Mary Theresa Norton, Conor O'Duffy and Bryan King.

The sick: Emilia Koharic, Desmond Gunning, Tony Brook, 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

Sun 24 July St Sharbel Makhlof, Priest
Mon 25 July St James, Apostle, Feast
Tue 26 July Ss Joachim and Anne, Parents of the BVM, Memorial
Fri 29 July Ss Mary, Martha and Lazarus, Memorial
Sat 30 July St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

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: *Deus, in loco sancto suo* Plainchant
K/G/S/A: *Missa Sancti Joannis de Deo*, Josef Haydn
Offertory: *O quam gloriosum*, TL da Victoria
Communion: *Geistliches Lied*, J. Brahms
Final hymn: 143 *Dear Lord and Father of mankind*

The choir take a summer break until Sept.4th

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), 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.