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Newsletter

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time (C)

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Next Sunday's Readings

Twenty-Sixth Sunday (C)

- Amos 6:1-4-7
- Psalm 145:6-10
- 1 Timothy 6:11-16
- Luke 16:19-31

Upcoming Events

Sunday 18 September

- Sacramental Preparation Registration Day (see p. 2)

22-24 September

- Edge Hill Players *The Sound of Music*, 7pm, Upper Hall

Saturday 24 September

- Bereavement Support, 10.30am, Lounge

Sunday 25 September

- Children's Liturgy during the 10am Mass
- 12noon Requiem Mass for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Wednesday 28 September

- Newman Circle, talk by Denis Barry, 7.30pm, Lounge

Cardinal Vincent Nichols paid tribute to Her Majesty

On 21 April 1947, on her twenty-first birthday, Princess Elizabeth said, 'I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service.'

Now, seventy-five years later, we are heartbroken in our loss at her death, and so full of admiration for the unfailing way in which she fulfilled that declaration.

Even in my sorrow, shared with so many around the world, I am filled with an immense sense of gratitude for the gift to the world that has been the life of Queen Elizabeth II.

At this time, we pray for the repose of the soul of Her Majesty. We do so with confidence, because the Christian faith marked every day of her life and activity.

In her Millennium Christmas message, she said, 'To many of us, our beliefs are of fundamental importance. For me the teachings of Christ and my own personal accountability before God provide a framework in which I try to lead my life. I, like so many of you, have drawn great comfort in difficult times from Christ's words and example.'

This faith, so often and so eloquently proclaimed in her public messages, has been an inspiration to me, and I am sure to many. The wisdom, stability and service which she consistently embodied, often in circumstances of extreme difficulty, are a shining legacy and testament to her faith.

Our prayer is that she is now received into the merciful presence of God, there to be reunited with her beloved Prince Philip. This is the promise of our faith, and our deep consolation.

Queen Elizabeth II will remain, always, a shining light in our history. May she now rest in peace.

We pray for His Majesty the King, as he assumes his new office even as he mourns his mother.

God save the King.

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

Faith Minister (Children, Young People & Families): Eleanor Bowman

SECOND COLLECTION

Today, the 3rd Sunday in September, formerly called *Home Mission Sunday*, is now *Evangelii Gaudium Sunday*, named after Pope Francis' first (solo) Apostolic Exhortation on the Joy of the Gospel - the day offers the Catholic community in England and Wales the opportunity to celebrate the beauty of our faith and our commitment to witness to the fullness of life in Christ.

The second collection today will be in support of *Home Mission*, providing the bishops of England and Wales with resources to support *Home Mission*, the spread of the gospel in our own country. The money collected enables a breath of work to be done in support of parish evangelisation. For next Sunday, 25 September, the parish will be organising a collection to contribute to the Pakistan Floods Appeal. Thank you for supporting these good causes!

CONTL. BREAKFAST

We will meet again for a continental breakfast next Sunday 25 Sept after the 8am Mass until noon in the Lower Hall. Come and join us for lovely croissants, tea & coffee and a chat.

SCHOOL OF COMMUNITY

School of Community is the catechesis proposed by Communion and Liberation (CL) local community every Friday at 7.30pm in the Lounge. It is a moment of education and fellowship to help develop the experience of the encounter with Christ throughout the charism of CL in the Church. For more details on our local weekly meetings please contact soc.wimbledon@gmail.com

Parish News

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION REGISTRATION

The final registration day for the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation is this Sunday 18 September, after the 8am, 10am 12noon and 5pm Masses in the Lower Hall.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Children's Liturgy programme has restarted: we are looking forward to wel-

coming the children back. As a reminder we have two groups:

Doves - for Year 2 and below, they will be in the Lower Hall and must be accompanied by an adult.

Eagles - for Year 4-6, they will be in the Lounge and will be accompanied by the catechists.

The children will learn about the gospel through activities

and discussion; they really enjoy the sessions, as do we.

They will leave church after the welcome and be returned to mass during the offertory.

The dates for the autumn term are as follows:

25 September

9 & 16 October

6, 20 & 27 November

4, 11 & 18 December.

Announcements

NEWMAN CIRCLE

The Newman Circle will hold a meeting on Wednesday 28 September at 7.30pm, Parish Lounge, on *'Is the right to strike consistent with the Common Good?'* To consider this issue we have invited Denis Barry, an excellent speaker, who has been a criminal barrister for 24 years, to explain why Criminal Barristers have recently decided to strike. Denis is a past pupil at Wimbledon College and a

former parishioner at Sacred Heart.

ST BERNADETTE RELIC TOUR

In September and October this year, the relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage to England, Scotland and Wales for the very first time. This very special once in a lifetime event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes, near them. The relics are

due to visit St George's Cathedral from the morning of Wednesday 19 until the morning of Friday 21 October; they will also visit Aylesford from Monday 24 until Friday 28 October. Please consult the website of each venue for further details.

For more details about the UK relic tour and to read Cardinal Vincent Nichols' letter please visit www.stbernadette.org.uk/

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.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

The Bereavement Team invites everyone experiencing loss in their lives, no

matter how long ago, to drop in for a coffee and a chat on Saturday 24 September from 10.30-11.30am, in the Parish Lounge. For more information, please call 07702 339000 or visit the parish website.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Friday 7 October at 2.30pm in the Lounge
Film: *'Breakfast at Tiffany's'* starring Audrey Hepburn and George Peppard.

Ice creams, tea and biscuits. All welcome!

THURSDAY GROUP

The Thursday Group founded by Fr Mitchell SJ is for anyone with, or who has had mental health problems. The purpose of the Group is to offer support and friendship. The group meets on Thursday afternoons at 3pm in the Parish Lounge. If this could be of interest and help to you please ring 07507 672 833 for more details.

Social & Cultural

EDGE HILL PLAYERS - SOUND OF MUSIC

Edge Hill will soon be alive with *The Sound of Music* as we shall be performing the iconic Rodgers and Hammerstein musical, based on the story of the von Trapp Family Singers, on Thursday 22, Friday 23, and Saturday 24 September at 7pm in the Upper Hall. Tickets (£15/£12) available from www.edgehillplayers.com.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wimbledon Music Festival opening concert: Saturday 12 November, Berlioz 'L'Enfance du Christ' (Academy Choir and the London Mozart Players); Monday 28 November Brahms 'A German Requiem' with star soloists Sophie Bevan and Roderick Williams. All in the church, details & tickets available at wimbledonmusicfestival.co.uk

Tuesday 29 November in the church, we are showing Cecil B de Mille's epic 1928 silent film 'King of Kings' with an improvised accompaniment by David Briggs on our wonderful Walker organ. David played the memorable inaugural recital after the restoration in 2012, and is one of the world's great organists. We are co-hosting in association with the Wimbledon Music Festival, for further details & to book tickets please visit wimbledonmusicfestival.co.uk.

VACANCIES

Marymount Intl. School in Kingston/Thames is looking to hire a minibus driver, either normal car licence or DI (17-Seater). Monday to Friday, 4 to 6 hrs/day during term time. Full details can be found at www.marymountlondon.com
St. Philomena Catholic High School for Girls is seeking to

appoint the position of a Teaching Assistant for an immediate start. For details please email recruitment@stphils.org.uk or contact the HR Officer on 020 8642 2025 or download more information from <https://www.stphils.org.uk/join-us/vacancies>.

The Southwark diocesan MFL (Marriage & Family Life) team is seeking a married couple, both being practising Catholics, to present six courses/year in various locations in S-London & Kent, as well as providing cover in case of colleagues' illness; salary: £30,000 pro rata (£7,000) for the couple. Mileage paid in addition. All training given. For full job description & details, please contact liamgallagher@rcaos.org.uk. Closing date: 14 October.

New to the Parish?

Please introduce yourself to a member of the Parish Team after Mass and register online at [https://sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/](https://sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk) or by filling in a registration form, available at the back of the church.

OPEN EVENTS

Ursuline Prep. School is inviting parents to visit the school: the 1st event of the academic year on Wed 12 Oct at 9.30am is for parents looking for Reception to Year 6 entrance for their daughters. Parents can sign up at [Open Events | Ursuline Preparatory School](#)
A Nursery specific Open Event will be hosted on Wed 2 Nov, for parents of both, boys & girls.

Wimbledon College: prospective parents and pupils for admission into Year 7 in September 2023 are welcome to an Open Evening on Thu 29 Sept 5.30-8.30pm. The Headteacher will give several talks during the evening. Tours will take place (last tours at 7.30pm). Open Mornings: for current Year 6 pupils and by appointment only. Mon 3 - Wed 5 Oct, 9am www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk.

Marymount Intl. School London will be hosting an on-campus Open Day on Saturday 24 September from 10am-1pm. Please register your attendance on their website www.marymountlondon.com.

Exploring our Faith

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; 12noon 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, merton@rcaos.org.uk (cost of coach travel £30 pp). Please bring your own food/packed lunch and drinks.

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 8 October at St Chad's Church, Whitworth Rd, SE25, from 9am-5pm; celebrant and preacher : Abbot Hugh Allan O.Praem ; sermons on Our Lady by Fr Nicholas Kerebba C.S.S.p and Abbot Hugh Allan O.Praem; Exposition & Outdoor Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, Meditations on the Passion of Our Lord (www adaywithmary.org).

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 17 6.30pm Maureen Stromborg RIP
Mon 19 10.00am Sister Francis SSA (Diamond Jubilee)
6.30pm Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II RIP
Tue 20 10.00am William Holder RIP
6.30pm Marlene Saldanha RIP
Wed 21 10.00am Peter Raw RIP
6.30pm Ann Rieble RIP
Thu 22 10.00am Patrick McManus Ints.
6.30pm Patrick Marley RIP
Fri 23 10.00am Intention to Padre Pio of Pietrelcina
6.30pm Margaret Donegan RIP
Sat 24 10.00am Teresa Smith 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:

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Eira Nancy Smith, Anne-Marie Martell, Desmond Frank Gunning and Loughlin Callahan

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Maureen Stromborg, Kenneth Eager, Assunta Serino, Susan Dale and Ashley Nicholas

The sick: Zulema Dene, Maureen May, Ryan Lyndsey, Patrick McManus, Jack Smith, Samar Staussi, Matthew Bees, Emily Grey, Andrew Tan and Caroline Worrell.

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.



COLLECTIONS

The Comboni Missionaries Appeal raised £3,562.30.

Thank you for your generous and continued support.

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Mon 19 Sept St Theodore of Canterbury, Bishop
Tue 20 Sep St Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang & Companions, Martyrs, Memorial
Wed 21 Sept St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist, Feast
Fri 23 Sept St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Priest,
Sat 24 Sept Our Lady of Walsingham, 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: *All people that on earth do dwell* 22

K: Kenneth Leighton in D

Gloria: 460

Offertory motet: *O Salutaris hostia* E.

Elgar

S/A Leighton in D

Communion motet: *Ave verum*, E. Elgar

Post-communion hymn: *I vow to thee my country* 286

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.