



# THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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## Newsletter

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**Thirty-First Sunday  
in Ordinary Time (C)**

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**Vol III. Psalter week 3**

### Next Sunday's Readings

#### Thirty-Second Sunday (C)

- 2 Maccabees 7:1-2.9-14
- Psalm 16:1.5-6.8.15
- 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5
- Luke 20:27-38

### Upcoming Events

#### Tuesday 1 November

- All Saints, Solemnity, Masses at 10am, 6.30 & 8pm

#### Friday 4 November

- Friendship Group, Quiz Afternoon, 2.30pm, Lounge
- School of Community, 7.30pm, Lounge

#### Saturday 5 November

- Synod Meeting after 10am Mass, Upper Hall

#### Saturday 12 November

- Wimbledon Music Festival opening concert: Berlioz' 'L'Enfance du Christ', 8pm, Church

## God is merciful to all

God is merciful to all because he loves all he has made

*"You love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence ... you spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life ... little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend, you admonish them and remind them of how they have sinned, so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord".*

Written about 50 years before Christ was born, the Book of Wisdom is the background for some of the New Testament theology of Jesus. We tend to think of Zacchaeus as a funny little man who climbed a tree. He was a chief tax collector, a collaborator



*Master of Antwerp, Meal in the House of Zacchaeus / Zacchaeus in the Fig Tree, 1485-1491.*

with the occupiers and loathsome to the crowd who saw him welcoming Jesus. He wanted to see what kind of man Jesus was. He didn't realise what Jesus was doing when he stopped at the tree and invited himself to stay. The Son of Man had come to seek out Zacchaeus and to save him who was lost. Zacchaeus's response

was joyful and generous: giving half his (substantial) property to the poor and paying back at the maximum rate demanded by the Torah any profit made from shady practice. "Today salvation has come to this house". Zacchaeus was a changed man.

*Deacon Julian Burling*

### 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

## CHRISTMAS LUNCH TEAM

This is an urgent appeal from the Christmas Lunch Team. We are in great need of:

1. A Coordinator - to oversee the whole event - there is a team who will support, but we have no leader.

2. We need one (or two people) - to cook the lunch for around 80 - 100 people

This parish has offered a Christmas Lunch on Christmas Day to those in need every year for around 30 years, even during the pandemic.

We would hate to let it drop this year - please can you help?? If you are able to help, please contact Thelma, Executive Assistant, on 020 8946 0305.

### THE FLOWER GROUP

'Over the next few months, you may notice changes in how we display flowers in the church, using more vases, new containers and different plant materials. We are aware that the flower industry has a poor environmental record, including the continued use of imported flowers and floral foam, commonly known as Oasis, which is a by-product of the petrochemical industry. As a group, we are working to reduce our environmental impact and will be using different mechanics to display flowers in the Church as well as exploring more local sources of flowers and materials. I am grateful to my team of arrangers for their support in making these changes and as we learn new ways to work with flowers, we are sure that the people of the Parish will continue to appreciate the beauty that flowers bring to our church and our spiritual life.' *Patricia Turner*

## Parish News

### ALL SAINTS SOLEMNITY

On Tuesday 1 November we will celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints, a holyday of obligation. Masses will be said at 10am, 6.30 and 8pm.

### HOLY SOULS ENVELOPES

If you would like to have your deceased family members remembered in the Masses during November, please write their names on a paper and put them into the

Holy Souls envelopes provided. They will be placed in a box at the altar during Masses this month. Any donations enclosed will go towards Masses for the Holy Souls during the year.

## Announcements

### MEN WANTED!

Memory Lane Club for people with dementia and their carers (10.30am -12.30 every Wednesday morning) is very well attended and half of our clients are men. But 90% of our volunteer helpers are women! More male volunteers to join our few current men volunteers would be most welcome.

If you have a friendly disposition and a willingness to help by providing company and helping with activities such as snooker and dominoes, please get in touch - even if you can only offer once a month. To find out more ring Jenny 07906 856 183.

### FUNERAL DETAILS FOR BISHOP HOWARD TRIPP † RIP

Wed 2 Nov: 6pm Reception of the Body, followed by Mass of All Souls' Day.

Thu 3 Nov: 12.30pm Solemn Requiem Mass, followed by

internment in the Southwark Cathedral vault.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

### THE SYNOD

It is now 1 year since Sacred Heart Parish held a number of 'listening events' here at the church. These listening events were in response to Pope Francis's invitation to all churches in the world to share their voices and we responded by looking specifically at three themes - 'Communion, Participation and Mission' You responded in different ways to help us write our Sacred Heart Parish report ([https://www.sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/Groups/328571/Parish\\_Pastoral\\_Council.aspx](https://www.sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/Groups/328571/Parish_Pastoral_Council.aspx)) Please visit <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/get-involved/synod/> to find Diocesan Report.

We would like to thank all those people who partici-

pated last year and would like to encourage you even those who were unable to attend to join us after the 10am Mass on Saturday 5 November. At this meeting, we set out to discern what actions we can take as a parish around the question posed by the Synod listening exercise: how can we grow in communion, participation and mission at Sacred Heart? And at ways we can develop these as a parish. The event hosted by the PPC and Mark Nash, the Diocese Director of the agency for Evangelization and catechesis. There will be refreshments available. Please do join. If you would like to attend with children, please contact us on this link (<https://forms.gle/iCXwqLPgXdTIYGwB9>) as crèche facilities can be provided. Thank you.

## Parish Organisations

### FRIENDSHIP GROUP

QUIZ: Do join us for our Quiz Afternoon on Friday 4 November at 2.30pm in the Lounge.

Prizes, Tea and Cakes! All are welcome!

### 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@gm.ail.com](mailto:soc.wimbledon@gm.ail.com)

## Social & Cultural

### CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Calling all singers (and non-singers) to join Katy's Songbirds, musicians and actors of the parish and Putney and Wimbledon Brass Band for a wonderful Christmas Celebration: Monday 19 December at 7.45pm in Sacred Heart Church.

We want to make a choir of 100 (or more!) because great things happen when people come together. Don't worry if you think you can't sing- you probably CAN sing, and anyway, what matters is that we sing from our hearts, not what we sound like.

Although the concert is in December, rehearsals are

on Tuesdays 8, 15 & 22 November (to avoid World Cup clashes) at Holy Cross Hall, Motspur Park KT3 6HT. You don't need to attend all the rehearsals.

If you are interested, or would like more information, please contact Katy Lees ([katylees@virginmedia.com](mailto:katylees@virginmedia.com))

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wimbledon Music Festival opening concert: Sat 12 Nov, 8pm, 'L'Enfance du Christ', H. Berlioz; (Academy Choir & London Mozart Players);

Mon 28 Nov Brahms 'A German Requiem' with star soloists Sophie Bevan and Ro-

derick Williams. All in the church, details & tickets available at [wimbledonmusicfestival.co.uk](http://wimbledonmusicfestival.co.uk)

Tue 29 Nov 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](http://wimbledonmusicfestival.co.uk).

### 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.

### OPEN EVENTS

Ursuline Preparatory School warmly welcomes parents to their next open morning on Wed 2 Nov at 9.30am (Nursery through to Yr 6). Additionally, Nursery Stay & Play taster session will be hosted on Mon 7 Nov at 9am (children must be 2+). Please visit <https://www.ursulineprep.org/admissions/open-events>

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Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School (KT3 3ND) offers weekly small group tours with the Headteacher for anyone looking for a Nursery or Reception place in 2023. Please visit [www.sacredheart.merton.sch.uk/admissions](http://www.sacredheart.merton.sch.uk/admissions) for more info or call 020 8942 0215 and discover what makes Sacred Heart School special.

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Marymount Intl. School London an all-girls school in Kingston, is hosting an IB Diploma Information Evening for families and students in years 10 & 11 on Tuesday 1 November from 6-7.30pm; please register at [marymountlondon.com](http://marymountlondon.com)

## Exploring our Faith

### SACRED HEART DEVOTION GROUP

The group is organising an Adoration Service in the church on Friday 4 November, the first Friday of the month, after the 6.30pm Mass. There will be devotional prayers held on Saturday 12 November after the 10am Mass in the chapel of the Sacred Heart, in the church. All are welcome to adore the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

### POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION

Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's

request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month; this November we are encouraged to pray for Children Who Suffer: *'We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.'*

### SCRIPTURAL REASONING

As part of Interfaith Week Merton Citizens are running a Scriptural Reasoning evening in collaboration with Merton Belief & Faith Forum. Scriptural Reasoning is a practice of inter-faith reading where small groups

from different faiths read short passages from their scriptures and reflect on them together. The theme of the scriptures for this event is the teaching of sacred texts on poverty and justice, in the context of Living Wage Week and the cost-of-living crisis. There will also be a chance to share delicious Syrian food together as part of the evening! The event will be on Tue 15 Nov, 7pm at Morden Salvation Army Hall. Spaces are free but can be reserved online via Eventbrite - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/scriptural-reasoning-poverty-tickets-444296281137>.

### 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 Michael Barnes SJ  
5.00pm Fr Matthew Donnelly  
8.00pm Fr Matthew Donnelly

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 29 6.30pm Jane Lanagan RIP  
Mon 31 10.00am Cecilia Wiggins RIP  
6.30pm Ginetta Gazzi RIP  
Tue 1 10.00am Emily Grey and Family Ints.  
6.30pm Zachary Staussi Birthday Ints.  
8.00pm Anthony Everson RIP  
Wed 2 10.00am Nora Quinn RIP  
6.30pm Sheena Wilson RIP  
Thu 3 10.00am Marlene Saldanha RIP  
6.30pm John Michael Davies 1st RIP Anniv.  
Fri 4 10.00am Funeral of Sr Mary Dorothy Wilcock RIP  
6.30pm Dr Breen Mullen & Patrick Mullen RIP  
Sat 5 10.00am Bina Dinova 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: ask for Cath. Chaplain at reception

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

Entry hymn: 108 *Christ is king of earth and heaven*  
Kyrie/Gloria: 459/460  
Offertory motet: *Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face*, Percy Whitlock  
Communion motet: *O bone Jesu*, Marc-Antonio Ingegneri  
Post-communion hymn: 398 *Love divine, all loves excelling*

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](mailto:newsletter@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk) / [wimparish@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](mailto:wimparish@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk)

### WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

**Those who have died recently:** Sr Mary Dorothy Wilcock (Sisters of St Anne), Charlie Bonello, Celia Cviic, Bernard Thefaut, Margaret McNerney, Catherine Farrel, Anthony Everson and Michael Byrne

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Ginetta Gazzi, Angela Sims, Emily Thompson, Cecilia Wiggins, Gerald Platts, Marie Vincent and Erika Wright

**The sick:** Kate O'Brien, Kim Carr, Patricia Small, Luca Buttaci, Nancy Drapper, Elizabeth Cooling, David Steele, Shanu Mathew, Maureen May, Ryan Lyndsey, 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

Thank you for your generous support towards the second collection on World Mission Day in support of *Missio* which raised **£717.56**

### FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

**Tue 1 Nov** All Saints, Solemnity, Holyday of Obligation  
**Wed 2 Nov** The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed  
**Fri 4 Nov** St Charles Borromeo, Bishop, Memorial  
**Sat 5 Nov** 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:presidentA190704@svp.org.uk).