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## Newsletter

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**Thirty-Second Sunday  
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### Next Sunday's Readings

#### Thirty-Third Sunday (C)

- Malachi 3:19-20
- Psalm 97:5-9
- 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12
- Luke 21:5-19

### Upcoming Events

#### Friday 4 November

- Adoration Service after the 6.30pm Mass, Church

#### Sunday 6 November

- Children's Liturgy during the 10am Mass
- Parish Youth Group meeting, 6-7.30pm, Youth Room (see p.2)

#### Saturday 12 November

- Devotional prayers after the 10am Mass, Chapel of the Sacred Heart in the church
- Wimbledon Music Festival opening concert: Berlioz' 'L'Enfance du Christ', 8pm, Church

## We are children of the resurrection

As we draw to the end of the liturgical year with Advent almost upon us, the Church presents us with the basic truths that, come the end of our early lives, will be the only things that matter in the end.

That we come from God and will go back to God are certainties of faith which mean that, for the disciple of Jesus, the will of God for our individual lives is the only good thing in and of itself worth pursuing during this earthly pilgrimage.

We will be asked to give an account of our faith in Christ at the end of our lives when we meet with God. We may not have to give up our lives as martyrs like the seven brothers did in the first reading, but our love for Christ demands that we stand on principle when we are asked to give an account of our faith to others.

The first account we give is our witness to the risen Christ to those who have no faith in order that God be glorified in an ever-increasing number of sons and daughters being restored to the Father; the second account will be to God Himself, on how we lived the life of Christ in obedience to the demands of love laid upon us in the gospel. Firstly, love as an expression of natural justice: "...do unto others as you would want them to do unto you", but secondly, through a supernatural love which, given through Baptism, enables us to forgive our enemies and even do good to those that hate us; a power that doesn't come from ourselves, but a love we are endowed with by the Holy Spirit. Have we been merciful to those that didn't deserve to receive goodness from us?

We will not be judged so much by our sins, which can be forgiven by Christ in this life through sacramental confession, but rather on the quality of our love. When our love, like that of Christ's, is unconditional and self-sacrificing, it will inevitably suffer injustice insult humiliation for the sake of giving the good that we see lacking in the other; and that lack may not be physical but spiritual - are we prepared to give the faith by proclaiming and teaching it; at least within our family circle?

The words of the song "*how deep is your love*", is the question that we need to ask when evaluating ourselves in relation to Christ before we meet Him at the end of our lives. The biggest act of faith we can make is to see and serve Jesus in our neighbour - whether we like them or not! "*When you saw me hungry did you feed me, thirsty give me to drink, naked clothe me, sick or in prison and visit me?*"

It is in this respect that our salvation hinges on our relations with others - why? Because salvation comes to us through Jesus - God with **us**, and secondly via His community - the Church of which we are all members, the Church which is Christ's body - the living presence of God in the world. But at a more fundamental level, our salvation hinges on the quality of our relations with others because we are persons made in God's image and likeness, who like the Father Son and Holy Spirit are called to live in and promote communion between ourselves.

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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

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

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In this way, as Jesus points out in the Gospel, we are "children of the resurrection" by living in unity as brothers and sisters in the family of God. By being transformed into Christ the Son of God, through obedience to his Word to love, not just those we like but everyone, we are restored to the Father as his true sons and daughters. The bliss of salvation will derive from a permanent and eternal union with God as a collective communion of persons (the communion of saints) which starts here between ourselves.

*Fr Matthew Donnelly*

### SECOND COLLECTION

Next Sunday, 13 November, the second collection will be in support of the Archbishop's Administration Fund, a collection that helps to meet the cost of the central administration of the Diocese.

### CHRISTMAS LUNCH TEAM



Hurray!!!!

We are happy to announce that we have now found a leader/coordinator and a cook for this year's Parish Christmas Lunch! Our parish has offered a Christmas Lunch on Christmas Day to those who would otherwise be alone or who are in need, every year for around 30 years, and we are delighted to be able to carry on with the tradition this Christmas.

There will be a meeting to organise the Christmas Lunch on Sunday 13 November at 7pm in the Lounge. If you are interested in supporting & helping please attend the meeting or get in touch with Thelma, Executive Assistant, on 020 8946 0305. THANK YOU!

## Parish News

### 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.

### MERTON WINTER NIGHT SHELTER

... needs volunteers in the Lower Hall over the Christ-

mas period and for Thursday evenings from 26 Jan - 9 Mar. For details & specific times over Christmas, please email your interest to David at [dthurst52@gmail.com](mailto:dthurst52@gmail.com).

Thanks to all past Night Shelter volunteers in 2019 and 2020.

## Announcements

### THE TRAVELLING NATIVITY

This Advent will see the return of our travelling nativity. Throughout Advent a different household from the parish will have the nativity present in their home each evening and pass it onto the next household until Christmas Eve. This will start on the first Sunday of Advent, 27 November.

Further information can be found on the parish website: [https://www.sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/Groups/326343/Youth\\_Ministry.aspx](https://www.sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/Groups/326343/Youth_Ministry.aspx). If you wish to sign up please contact Eleanor ([eleonor@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](mailto:eleonor@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk)).

### ADVENT FAITH STUDY

Join us this Advent as we explore the significance and importance of the Eucharist in our faith. Each Tuesday in Advent (29 November, 6,

13 & 20 December) we will meet in the Youth Room, and - using the book *A biblical walk through the Mass* - unpack, reflect and discuss the parts of the Mass. Please do let Eleanor know if you are intending to join this group so the right number of resources can be purchased ([eleonor@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](mailto:eleonor@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk)).

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

At the back of church this week you will find prayer cards made by the children preparing to make their First Holy Communion in the coming year. Please take one card home and pray for that child and their family during this special time in their faith journey.

### 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.

### SPECIAL HOUR OF ADORATION

Deacon Con Diver will be holding a special hour of Adoration for Men on Friday 11 November from 8-9pm at St. Teresa's Church, 250 Bishopsford Road, Morden, SM4 6BZ.

## Parish Organisations

### ENCOUNTER

Our Parish Youth Group is back! Resuming this Sunday, 6 November all those in Y7 - Y11 are welcome to join us from 6-7.30pm in the Youth Room as we share faith, fun and friendship together.

### 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](mailto:soc.wimbledon@gmail.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: Mon 19 Dec 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.

For more information, please contact Katy Lees ([katytees@virginmedia.com](mailto:katytees@virginmedia.com)).

### WIMBLEDON MUSIC FESTIVAL

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

Mon 28 Nov Brahms 'A German Requiem' with Sophie Bevan and Roderick Williams.

Tue 29 Nov 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.

All in the church, further details & to book tickets please visit [wimbledonmusicfestival.co.uk](http://wimbledonmusicfestival.co.uk).

### VOLUNTEER WITH JESUIT MISSIONS

'Walking with the Excluded', Jesuit Missions are looking for enthusiastic volunteers with experience to help support their community engagement work in the London area. For more information, including an application form, please contact Lynn McWilliams, Community Engagement Officer, by calling 07305 927 754 or emailing [lynn@jesuitmissions.org.uk](mailto:lynn@jesuitmissions.org.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 EVENT

Ursuline Preparatory School: A 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>

## Exploring our Faith

### SACRED HEART DEVOTION GROUP

The group is organising an Adoration Service in the church this 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>.

### THE LONDON JESUIT CENTRE

'Welcoming the Stranger, biblical reflection on migration' - this short online course addresses one of the most important issues that the UK and, indeed, the wider global population must deal with today: migration. The aim is to encourage participants to read and engage with the Bible in the hope that they can gain a deeper understanding of both migrants and host communities in various biblical texts and relate this understanding to similar contemporary situations. (10, 17 & 24 November, 1 & 8 December; 11am-12noon). To register please visit <https://londonjesuitcentre.churchsuite.com/events/ey6n hklz>.

### 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 Matthew Donnelly  
8.00am Fr Matthew Donnelly  
10.00am Fr Michael Barnes SJ  
12 noon Fr Joseph Donkor & Deacon Julian Burling  
5.00pm Canon John Clark & Deacon Julian Burling  
8.00pm Fr Joseph Donkor

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 5 6.30pm Mary Cogan Birthday Ints.  
Mon 7 10.00am Private Intention  
6.30pm Winifred Hogan RIP  
Tue 8 10.00am Our Lady Queen of Peace  
6.30pm Private Intention  
Wed 9 10.00am Joanne Thiru RIP  
6.30pm Private Intention  
Thu 10 10.00am Dr & Mrs Joseph Thanksgiving  
11.30am Funeral of Hildegarde Dom Paul  
6.30pm Marlene Saldanha RIP  
Fri 11 10.00am Dced Members of Boland Family  
6.30pm Jose Kottam & Elsamma Jose  
Sat 12 10.00am Sr Mary Dorothy Wilcock (S.S.A.) 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: 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)

### WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

**Those who have died recently:** Carolina de Lourdes Martins, Charlie Bonello, Celia Cviic, Bernard Thefaut, Margaret McNerney, Catherine Farrel, Anthony Everson and Michael Byrne

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** John Michael Davies, John Hanrahan and Mary Cosgrave

**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.



### FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

**Mon 7 Nov** The Dedication of the Cathedral Church of St George, Feast (Solemnity at the Cathedral)  
**Tue 8 Nov** St Willibrord, Bishop  
**Wed 9 Nov** The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, Feast  
**Thu 10 Nov** St Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church  
**Fri 11 Nov** St Martin de Tours, Bishop, Memorial  
**Sat 12 Nov** St Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr, 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

Solemn Latin Mass  
Missa de Angelis (Mass VIII)  
*Sacerdotes Domini*, William Byrd  
*Non nobis Domine*, attr. Byrd

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)

### 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).