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Newsletter

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

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Next Sunday's Readings

**Our Lord Jesus Christ
King of the Universe (C)**

- 2 Samuel 5:1-3
- Psalm 121:1-5
- Colossians 1:12-20
- Luke 23:35-43

Upcoming Events

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

Sunday 13 November

- Christmas Lunch Organisation Meeting, 7pm, Lounge

Do not panic... your endurance will win you your lives

In today's reading from the gospel according to Luke (written after those events had taken place) Jesus foretells the Jewish rebellion and destruction in AD 70 of the Temple in Jerusalem. He predicts earthquakes and other natural disasters. His followers are told not to be frightened, literally not to panic, when they hear of these things happening. He goes on to say that before all that happens his followers will be arrested, handed over to the authorities, and imprisoned. Some will be betrayed by family members or friends. Some will be put to death. All these things are happening to Christians in our own time.

In his Acts of the Apostles Luke tells how this prophecy was fulfilled: the tribulations and suffering of those apostles and other early Christians; but also how they were given the eloquence to bear witness to Christ as he promised – think of Stephen before the hostile council, who saw that his face was like the face of an angel, and Peter and John, whose arguments the council could not refute when they saw that the man standing before them really had been cured. Think of the entire career of St Paul after his conversion.

When Jesus told them not to prepare their defence he was not saying that we should not try to understand what we believe and be ready to explain it to others.

Jesus told his disciples that they would be hated and persecuted on account of his name. But that they were to endure, and that endurance would be rewarded by eternal life with God. Whatever it takes, let us rise to the challenge we increasingly face to expressing and living out our Christian faith – in joyful anticipation of the fulfilment of that promise.

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

SECOND COLLECTION

This 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. Thank you for your support!

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

This year, the blessing of the graves at the Merton and Sutton Cemetery in Garth Road will take place this Sunday 13 November, Remembrance Sunday. There will be a short service at 3pm outside the chapel. This will be followed by clergy being available to bless individual graves.

#REDWEDNESDAY

Please join the *Aid to the Church in Need* (ACN) on Wednesday 23 November, #redwednesday, and during the month of November to break the silence on the persecution of Christians and all faiths, globally. On November 23, let us stand in solidarity with persecuted Christians around the world! Choose one or more ways to show your support, join the ACN for an event, pray the rosary in solidarity, go to Mass for someone who can't, fundraise or give! <https://acnuk.org/our-campaigns/redwednesday/>

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

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

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

'Breaking the Silence' Appeal, 19/20 November:

John Pontifex and Jerry Lohan will be making an appeal in our parish, next weekend, on behalf of *Aid to the Church in Need*. ACN supports persecuted Christians in over 140 countries around the world and is currently in-

involved in 5,000 projects. This appeal will follow the launch of a major report by ACN, which highlights the increased threats and attacks that Nigerian Christians are facing daily. In June this year, St Francis Xavier parish, in Ondo diocese, Nigeria, was the subject of a horrific terrorist attack, killing 40 people, including children, and

seriously injuring 80 survivors. Subject to confirmation, Bishop Jude Arogundade, from Ondo Diocese, Nigeria, will be flying in to speak at the appeal. Your kind donation, of whatever you can afford, will help get aid to Nigeria where it is needed most during these troubling times.

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. If you wish to

sign up please contact Eleanor (eleanor@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 from 7.30-8.30pm 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 (eleanor@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.

Parish Organisations

ENCOUNTER

Our parish youth group is back! Every Sunday, 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.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Carols for Christmas: The parish young adults group warmly invites all young adults ages 21-35 to join

them for carols around the piano and mulled wine from 7pm on Fri 9 Dec at Favre House. For the address please email Phoebe (phoebeworthington@gmail.com).

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Do join us on Fri 2 Dec at 2.30pm for a Christmas Singalong with Songs on Wheels in the Lounge. Sherry, tea, cakes, mince pies. Everyone is welcome.

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.

Social & Cultural

WIMBLEDON MUSIC FESTIVAL

wimf On Tue 29 Nov at 8pm on a large screen 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. This epic but extremely moving re-telling of the last days and Passion of Christ has long been admired for its spiritual yet very human portrayal of Christ's suffering, death and resurrection. The film lasts around 1'50", there will be a short intermission about halfway through (bring a cushion!). David played the memorable inaugural recital after the restoration in 2012 and is one of the world's great organists; he has garnered

great accolades for his sensitive and powerful accompaniments to silent films of all genres. We are co-hosting this event in association with the Wimbledon Music Festival. Visit sacredheartmusic.co.uk for a short introductory video from David Briggs.

Mon 28 Nov: Brahms 'A German Requiem' in the version for piano duet: OSJ Voices with star soloists Sophie Bevan and Roderick Williams. Further details and to book tickets for both events please visit wimbledonmusicfestival.co.uk/whats-on

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

For more information, please contact Katy Lees (katylees@virginmedia.com).

Exploring our Faith

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. To reserve spaces (free) visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/scriptural-reasoning-poverty-tickets-444296281137>.

ADVENT SPECIAL ADOREMUS TE

All young people are welcome by St Teresa's Youth on Fridays during advent to *Adoremus Te Nights* involving Music, Adoration and Confession; starting

with 7pm Mass. 250 Bishopsford Road, Morden, SM4 6BZ (020 8648 4113, or email morden@rcaos.org.uk)

A DAY WITH MARY

You are invited to a *Day with Mary*, a day of instruction, devotion and intercession on Sat 26 Nov at Sacred Heart Wimbledon, 10.45am-5.45pm; celebrant and preacher: Fr Pius Collins o.praem; sermon on Our Lady by Fr Joseph Donkor; Silent Adoration, Meditations on the Passion of Our Lord. Please visit www adaywithmary.org for more info and further dates.

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.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Christ The King Parish Christmas Fair will take place on Sat 19 Nov from 11am-3pm in the Parish Hall, Crescent Gardens, Wimbledon Park SW19 8AJ. It should be a fun, festive occasion for the local and extended community!

HELP NEEDED MANNA SOCIETY

R.C. Charity feeding the homeless at London Bridge is looking for help, very minimal, parishioners are needed to coordinate collection of food at church, once a month. For details please contact Bridget (07981 941 516).

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.

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 12 6.30pm Private Intentions
Mon 14 10.00am Private Intentions
12.30pm Funeral of Celia Cviic
6.30pm Mario Gutierrez RIP
Tue 15 10.00am Funeral of Bernard Thefaut RIP
6.30pm Manfred Bell RIP
Wed 16 10.00am Mr & Mrs Joseph RIP
6.30pm Private Intentions
Thu 17 10.00am Edward Barden Birthday Ints.
6.30pm Thomas Gabriel RIP
Fri 18 10.00am Funeral of Margaret McNerney RIP
6.30pm Rita Westbrook RIP
Sat 19 10.00am Michael Hallisey 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: Celia Cviic, Bernard Thefaut, Monica Duncan, Margaret McNerney, Giuseppe Varchione and Alina Hancock

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Luka Stroh, Elena Ferraris, Jennifer Topley, Edgar Cooper, Marvin Macapagal and Bernard Kirby

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

Tue 15 Nov St Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Wed 16 Nov St Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop
Thu 17 Nov St Hilda, Religious
Fri 18 Nov The Dedication of the Basilicas Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles
Sat 19 Nov The Blessed Virgin Mary

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 Requiem Mass

Introit: Requiem aeternam (plainsong)

K: Mass 18 (plainsong)

Offertory hymn: 179 *For the healing of the nations*

S/A: Mass 18 (plainsong)

Communion motet: *Scio quod enim redemptor* (Lassus)

286 I vow to thee my country

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.