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Newsletter

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

**Thirty-Fourth Week
in Ordinary Time**

Vol III. Psalter week 2

**Next Sunday's Readings
First Sunday of Advent (A)**

- Isaiah 2:1-5
- Psalm 121:1-2.4-5.6-9
- Romans 13:11-14
- Matthew 24:37-44

Upcoming Events

Saturday/Sunday 19/20 November

- 'Breaking the Silence' ACN Appeal

Sunday 20 November

- Children's Liturgy during the 10am Mass

Wednesday 23 November

- #redwednesday, Illumination of west face of church in red light, evening

Saturday 26 November

- Bereavement Support, 10.30-11.30am, Lower Hall
- A Day with Mary, 10.45am, Church

Friday 2 December

- Friendship Group Christmas Singalong, 2.30pm, Lounge

National Youth Sunday

In November 2020, Pope Francis called for a relaunch of World Youth Day and he asks the global Catholic community to celebrate this day on the Solemnity of Christ the King.

National Youth Sunday is a day for the world to recognise and celebrate the young people in our local church communities. The theme for this year is: 'RISE UP'. The theme reflects a call to stand up again, together, to find fresh strength and to help others to rise up too. It reminds us that we are to encourage young people to use their energy, gifts, talents in new ways.

When speaking about the importance of the role young people play in our communities Pope Francis said: *'Young people, what great potential you have in your hands! What great strength you have in your hearts!'*

In our parish we see the gifts and energy of our young people in lots of ways: through welcoming, reading at Mass, assisting the sacramental programmes, our parish youth group.

We are called to journey alongside the



Christ the King Moya Hogarth

young people of our parish in their faith and accompany them as Jesus demonstrated on the road to Emmaus. In an ever-changing world it is important we recognise the challenges faced by our young people and help equip them to rise up and be strengthened in their faith as a foundation for their lives.



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

#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! The west face of our church will be illuminated in red light on the evening of Red Wednesday.

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/>

MY ADVENT DAY BY DAY

'My Advent Day by Day' booklets will be available from next weekend at the back of church. Lovely resources to help us prepare for the arrival of Jesus this Christmas.

NO CONFESSIONS

Please note that there will be no confessions after the 10am on Saturday 10 December as the candidates for their First Holy Communion will be doing their Reconciliation in preparation for their FHC.

CONTL. BREAKFAST

We will meet again for a continental breakfast on Sunday 11 December after the 8am Mass until noon in the Lower Hall. Come and join us for lovely croissants, tea & coffee and a chat.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH



We are delighted to announce that our traditional Christmas Lunch will be held again this year, more info & invitations to follow.

Parish News

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

'Breaking the Silence' Appeal:

John Pontifex and Jerry Lohan will be making an appeal in our parish, this weekend, on behalf of *Aid to the Church in Need*. ACN supports persecuted Christians in over 140 countries around the world and is currently 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. **We can now confirm that Bishop Jude Arogundade, from Ondo Diocese, Nigeria,** will be flying in to speak together with John Pontifex and Jerry Lohan at the following Masses this weekend:

Sat 6.30pm Bishop Jude will preach
Sun 8am appeal talk by JL before final blessing
Sun 10am Bishop Jude will preach
Sun 5pm Bishop Jude will preach
Sun 8pm appeal talk by JP before final blessing
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 next Sunday 27 November, the first Sunday of Advent. Further information can be found on the parish website: <https://www.sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/Groups/326343/YouthMinistry.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 you can still 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

Every Sunday, all those in Y7 - Y11 are welcome to join the parish youth group from 6-7.30pm in the Youth Room as they share faith, fun and friendship together.

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 Sat 26 Nov from 10.30-11.30am, in the Lower Hall. For more information, please call 07702 339000 or visit the parish website.

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. 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.

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

NEWMAN CIRCLE

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 14 December at 7.30pm in the Lounge when Tim Everson, author, fellow parishioner & former pupil at Wimbledon College will talk about 'The History of the Christmas Crib'; it is topical, very interesting & highly relevant shortly before we celebrate Christmas 2022. What is its relevance & sig-

nificance to you? All are welcome!

WEST BARNES SINGERS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

'Come and join us on Saturday 3 December at 7pm at St Saviours, Grand Drive. SW20 9DG for a selection of Christmas Music.' Tickets £12 (under 12s free) on the door.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Evening of traditional carols & festive songs
Sacred Heart Church
19 Dec, 7.45pm

A wonderful host of parish musicians and actors join Katy's Songbirds and Putney & Wimbledon Brass Band. Mince pies & mulled wine 7.15pm Upper Hall.

Early bird tickets: £10 (under 10s/over 70s free with a ticket) from Thelma at the Parish Office or by emailing ksongbirds656@gmail.com; £12 from Eventbrite (<https://christmascelebration-2022.eventbrite.ca>); £12/door.

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.

TEAMS OF OUR LADY

8 December: 75th Anniversary of the founding of Teams of Our Lady. The Teams provide a way of offering mutual support to married couples through sharing and prayer at monthly meetings. If you would like to know more, contact Chris and Luisa Elliott at elliotts138@yahoo.com or visit <https://teamsgb.org.uk>

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.

Exploring our Faith

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 Saturday 26 November 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.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE

15-19 March 2023, £699 pp, package includes return flight (10kg hand luggage) from LGW, 4 nights/full board in 3* Knock House Hotel. All entertainment, excursions & guided tours. Assistance from Knock Pilgrimages representative. Single rooms available (+supplement). Contact: Patricia at 01268 762 278, 07740 175 557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat	19	6.30pm	Holy Souls
Mon	21	10.00am	Christy Joseph RIP
		6.30pm	Jimmy Jenkinson RIP
Tue	22	10.00am	Bishop Tripp RIP
		6.30pm	Patricia Holt RIP
Wed	23	10.00am	Dced members of Almeida & Pereira fam
		6.30pm	Private Intention
Thu	24	10.00am	Thanksgiving Mass
		6.30pm	Bridie Dwyer RIP
Fri	25	10.00am	Private Intention
		6.30pm	Jean Blacker RIP
Sat	26	10.00am	Veronica Miranda 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: Desmond McGrath, Giuseppe Varchione, Alina Hancock and Wassini Tappuni
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Fr John Fairhurst SJ, Michael Swanson, Caroline Dale, Joseph Osamor, Aimee Lydon, Mary Henderson and Althea Coleman
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

Sun 20 Nov	Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe; the last Sunday of the Liturgical Year
Mon 21 Nov	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tue 22 Nov	St Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr, Memorial
Wed 23 Nov	St Clement, Pope and Martyr
Thu 24 Nov	St Andrew Dũng-Lạc & Companions, Martyrs
Fri 25 Nov	St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr
Sat 26 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

Entry: 116 *Christus vincit* (please join with the parts marked 'ALL')
Kyrie/Gloria: 459/460
Offertory motet: *O Rex Gloriae*, Luca Marenzio
Communion motet: *Tantum ergo*, Louis Vierne
Post-communion hymn: 113 *Christ triumphant*

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.