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Newsletter

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Second Sunday (A)

**Second Week
in Ordinary Time**

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Sunday we return to the period of Ordinary Time in the Church's liturgical year. This time is marked by the colour green which symbolises the virtue of hope and growth. It is the colour of everyday life and serves as a reminder that Jesus accompanies us throughout

John 1, 29-34



our daily lives. After the preparation of Advent and the excitement of Christmas, it can be easy to think of Ordinary Time as a time when not much happens.

In fact, a lot of extraordinary things happen throughout this time in the Church's calendar! The Gospels in the upcoming weeks remind us of what Jesus did and offer us a challenge to do likewise and show his love and mercy to others. Through our friendship with Jesus and the guidance of the Holy Spirit we too can share God's message every day.

Through our Baptism and faith we are called to share the light of Jesus with all nations, to serve God and live justly with our thoughts, words and actions. This is a choice we make every day to respond to the love of God and His call to service.

This Sunday also marks Peace Sunday. Over the last year we have seen an increase in war and unrest throughout our world. The tragedy of lives lost, displacement of people and an increase in fear devastating many a community. In Pope Francis' message for this day he urges us to keep going. He offers us these questions to reflect: 'Are we peacemakers? Do we bring tension, words that hurt, chatter that poisons, controversy that divides? Or do we open up the way to peace?'

Peace begins with ordinary people in our attitudes to relationships and we should strive to work towards positive relationships with our families, our friends, at work or school, in our local and global community. Our actions should be ones of kindness and centred on bring peace to all, especially those where peace may not be a reality in their life.

We should be challenged by the questions Pope Francis asks and during this season of Ordinary Time, think how we can act with extraordinary love, kindness and peace to live out the call to discipleship Jesus gives us.

Eleanor Bowman

Next Sunday's Readings

- Isaiah 8:23-9:3
- Psalm 26:1.4.13-14
- I Corinthians 1:10-13.17
- Matthew 4:12-23

Upcoming Events

Sunday 15 January

- First Holy Communion Sessions resume
- Encounter Youth Group Meeting, 6-7pm, Youth Room

Wednesday 18 January

- Newman Circle (speaker Sr Jessica Gatty), 7.30pm, Lounge

Saturday 21 January

- School of Community, Family Afternoon, from 4pm, Upper Hall

Sunday 22 January

- Children's Liturgy during the 10am Mass
- Ecumenical Service, 6.30pm, St Saviour's Church

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

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023

Southwark
Pilgrimage to
World Youth



Day 2023 (<https://www.lisboa2023.org/en/>): there are still places left: around thirty young pilgrims are joining the Archdiocesan pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Lisbon next summer between 31 July - 7 August 2023, Archbishop John Wilson will be joining the group.

There are still a few places available on the pilgrimage at the price of £1,396, on a first-come, first-served basis; You can find out more about the schedule and book directly with *All Saints Travel* <https://www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/LS0781>.

Please book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment and by no later than Tuesday 31 January 2023.

If you have any queries please do get in touch with the diocese's youth team at youth@rcaos.org.uk.

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.

Parish News

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Sessions will resume this Sunday 15 January. From this Sunday, at the 10am and 5pm Masses, the front few pews

will be reserved for the children.

PRESBYTERY RECEPTION

The Parish Office would like to hear from you if you can

help out at the Presbytery Reception on Wednesday mornings. Please contact Thelma D'Costa at 020 8946 0305.

Announcements

NEWMAN CIRCLE

The next meeting: at 7.30pm on Wednesday 18 January, in the Parish Lounge: *The Faith Journey of Siegfried Sassoon (1886-1967)*, war time poet in WWI. The speaker is Sr Jessica Gatty, a Religious of the Sisters of the Assumption, who is the niece and goddaughter of Siegfried Sassoon. Sr Jessica will speak about Sassoon, his poetry and his later life, seeking to 'set the record straight' after what she feels is a false impression of his later years given by the recent film 'Benediction'. All are welcome.

PAX CHRISTI

'No one can be saved alone. Combatting Covid-19 together, embarking together on paths of peace...' For the 56th World Day of Peace this Sunday 15 January Pope Francis sends a

message that can be read in full at <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/documents/20221208-messaggio-56giornatamondiale-pace-2023.html>

CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK: ABIDE IN CHRIST'S LOVE

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is kept between 18 and 25 January. During this octave we come together as a global Christian family through daily meditations, prayers and events. The Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland has provided the theme for this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 'Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit' (John 15: 5-9) This monastic Community brings together Sisters from different churches and

countries. They've prepared meditations & prayers for the Week of Christian Unity; their daily reflections and texts aim to nurture closer communion with our brothers and sisters in Christ, and greater solidarity with the whole of Creation. All the resources, including an Ecumenical Order of Service, can be found on the website of the Pontifical Council (https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/pontifical_councils/index.htm).

You are invited to an ecumenical Service, organised by the Community Church but held at St. Saviour's at 6.30pm on Sunday 22 January, Grand Drive, Raynes Park, London SW20 9DL.

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.

ENCOUNTER YOUTH GROUP

Our youth group for those in year seven and above will resume this Sunday, 15 January, in the Youth Room from 6 - 7pm.

SCHOOL OF COMMUNITY

Families with kids of any age are invited for an afternoon of games, songs and dinner together on Saturday 21 January, starting from 4pm in

the Upper Hall. For more details and registration please contact Giovanni at giovanniperuzzo@gmail.com

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Friday 3 February at 2.30pm in the Parish Lounge: talk by Simon Potter. 'The Happiest Days of our Lives?', a humorous look at schooling from 1960. Tea and Cakes. All welcome.

Social & Cultural

EDGE HILL PLAYERS 2023 PANTO

Jack and the Beanstalk

Leave the January Blues at home and come and have a giggle at the Edge Hill Players Panto, *Jack and the Beanstalk*. Saturday 28 January and Saturday 4 February, 2.30pm at 7pm, Upper Hall. Tickets are available from www.edgehillplayers.com or tel: 07742 230 493.

VOLUNTEERING FOR CAFOD

The Church relies on people getting involved. Our Church, our world needs you. Could your New Year's resolution be getting more involved in the life of our Church? What aspects of Church brings you life or

joy? Could you give a bit of time to help those parts flourish? CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are looking for people to give some time and join them in their mission. Could you help in your parish, bringing people together to help build a better world or by visiting local schools? Or raise a voice and campaign for justice or perhaps speak for CAFOD throughout the diocese? Could you support local volunteers or share your office skills to help CAFOD keep costs low? We believe that everybody has unique gifts and talents and we want to support you to use these

gifts to serve the parish community and our brothers and sisters across the world. Training and support are provided. See cafod.org.uk/Volunteer for more info or get in touch with Celeste & Sarah (southwark@cafod.org.uk) and let's transform the world in 2023 together!

VACANCY

Wimbledon College Inclusion Supervisor and Deputy DSL vacancy: for further information visit www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk under 'about us'/'job opportunities' or apply by online application form via eteach website.

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.

CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS

Coronation History Walk on Sat 21 & 28 Jan: meet at 3pm, steps of Westminster Cathedral, London SW1P 1QW. Discover the traditions and heritage of the Coronation ceremony that dates back over a 1000 years... The walk will include Buckingham Palace and St James Park and will finish at Westminster Abbey; (<https://www.catholichistorywalks.com/>).

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT COURSE

Marriage Encounter England and Wales are promoting an upcoming *Experience* in Hendon on the Saturday 11 & Sunday 12 February at St Joseph's Pastoral Centre, St Joseph's Grove, The Burroughs, Hendon, London, NW4 4TY. The marriage enrichment courses offer a unique opportunity for couples to rekindle their relationships and focus on what is important to them. Please visit <https://wwme.org.uk> for further info & to book an *Experience*.

Exploring our Faith

DIVINE MERCY RETREAT

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London, is holding a Divine Mercy Retreat on Saturday 28 January from 2-4.30pm at St Georges Cathedral, Cathedral House, London SE1 7HY. The retreat will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration, Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All Welcome. Please call Millie on 07957 594 646 for more info.

LOVE HEALS BODY MIND AND SPIRIT

You are welcome to come to a 1-day retreat of quiet reflection on Sat 28 Jan from 11am-4.30pm, at the Catholic Church of our Lady of Assumption & St Gregory, Piccadilly, W1F 9JR; Holy Rosary, Latin Mass in the Extraordinary Form (Celebrant Priest: Fr Mark Elliott Smith); lunch break (please bring your own lunch, tea & coffee available); talk based on Scripture, Catholic Christian Meditation, Blessed Adoration – Divine Mercy, Individual Healing

Prayers. For more information, please visit www.lovehealsbodymindspirit.com.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The CPG will be meeting fortnightly on Thursday evening from 7.30pm in the Lounge. Praise & worship, scripture sharing, tea & coffee. The next meeting is on Thursday 19 January. For more info and future dates, please visit their page on the parish website.

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 14 6.30pm Pat McManus RIP
Mon 16 10.00am Gabriel Lyons Ints.
6.30pm Olaf Joseph Meyer RIP
Tue 17 10.00am Peter Lennon RIP
6.30pm Maxine Madrigal
Wed 18 10.00am Ben & Martin Lyons Ints.
2.00pm Funeral of Treasa Mary Hearty
6.30pm Christian Elson
Thu 19 10.00am Christine Engle RIP
6.30pm Theo Morris Ints.
Fri 20 10.00am Cathy Dickenson
11.30am Funeral of Neil Calvert
6.30pm Miriam Fernandes RIP
Sat 21 10.00am Maria Chandra Birthday 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)

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: John Abbiss, Dominic Sammons, Eileen Ridge, Janet Mitchell, Gaetano Bonello, Fr Michael Beattie SJ, Tom Butters, Michael Kelly, Neil Calvert, Jacqueline Newson, Treasa May Hearty, Joseph Hanna and Edward Holden

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mark Fudakowski, Jerzy Owoc, Claude Bonnichou, Maria Jessiman, Karl Igbozbifoku, Charmain Bombon, Bertha Mary Ruddland, John Perry, Mary O Keefe, Barbara Johnston, Dorothy Windeler

The sick: Paul Stromborg, Mike Greene, Jacinto Cordeiro, Teresa Escalona, Donal Weir, Giovanni Baldacchino, Kate O'Brien, Kim Carr, Patricia Small, Luca Buttaci, Nancy Drapper, David Steele, Shanu Mathew, Maureen May, Ryan Lyndsey, Samar Staussi, Emily Grey and Andrew Tan.

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 15 Jan Day of Prayer for Peace on Earth
Tue 17 Jan St Anthony, Abbot, Memorial
Wed 18 Jan From the 18th until 25th Jan the Church observes eight days' prayer for Christian Unity
Thu 19 Jan St Wulstan, Bishop
Fri 20 Jan St Fabian, Pope and Martyr or St Sebastian, Martyr
Sat 21 Jan St Agnes, Virgin 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

Entry hymn: 285 *I the Lord of Sea and Sky*
Kyrie/Gloria: 459/460
Offertory motet: *Agnus Dei*, Thomas Morley
Sanctus: 433
Communion motet: *Ave verum corpus*, WA Mozart
183 *Forth in the peace of Christ*

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, for 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.