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Newsletter

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Fifth Sunday (A)

**Fifth Week
in Ordinary Time**

Vol I. Psalter week I

Salt and Light



Next Sunday's Readings

- Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20
- Psalm 118:1-2.4-5.17-18.33-34
- I Corinthians 2:6-10
- Matthew 5:17-37

Upcoming Events

Saturday 4 February

- Edge Hill Players, Panto, *Jack and the Beanstalk*, 2.30 & 7pm, Upper Hall; see p. 3

Sunday 5 February

- Children's Liturgy during the 10am Mass
- Racial Justice Mass, 10am, St. George's Cathedral

Friday 10 February

- Devotion Group meeting after 10am Mass, SH Chapel

Sunday 12 February

- Continental Breakfast after the 8am Mass - noon

As salt sharpens the flavour of food and light let us see what is in a room, so sharpened in taste by the salt of the Gospel, and enlightened by the Spirit, we can respond better to God. What does it mean to be 'salt and light'? When they share the Gospel with others his disciples do not add anything totally new, but they help people to recognise and value what they already are, as creatures of God, redeemed by Jesus. What the disciple says and does should be like a candle set on a lampstand to give light

to the house. And that is his purpose in choosing his followers.

'So, your light must shine, so that they may see your goodness in action and give praise to your heavenly Father'. Through today's gospel, I too am being called to be light and salt, enabling others to see and experience how much love God has invested in me. What about you, can you do the same?

Fr Joseph Donkor

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, 5 February, is Racial Justice Day; the 2nd collection will be in support of the Catholic Association for Racial Justice, to promote racial justice in our schools, parishes and in wider society.

THANK YOU

The beneficiary of the Crib Appeal 2022, the charity *Care4Calais*, who looks after refugees, including many children living in our area, would like to thank parishioners for their generosity at a time when money is understandably tight. The charity welcomes volunteers (particularly if available during the day) to work with asylum seekers, either in direct contact (conditions apply) or to help sorting donations & other tasks. Please contact David (dhurst52@gmail.com) for more details.

MARRIAGE WEEK

This annual event takes place from February 7-14. If you are fortunate enough to be in a marriage you should look after it - and there are several ways of doing just that: visit <https://marriage-week.org.uk/>

BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE

How to get the marriage you want out of the marriage you have. This morning online course on Saturday 18 February is aimed at couples who would like to improve their relationship further and gain insights into their communication and the call of the Church to the married. There is no personal sharing between couples. For more details please email Carole on mflkent@rcaos.org.uk or phone 07983 524 727.

Parish News

PARISH BUDGET 2023

The Finance Committee have set a budget for this year which, based on current income levels, is estimated to result in a deficit of £46,000 by the end of the year. Details are published on the parish website at https://www.sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/Articles/653789/_Finances_2023.aspx.

DIGITAL PLATE DONATIONS

We are changing the permanent display on the Digital Giving Plates at the church door to include an option for those attending Baptisms and Weddings wishing to make a donation to the officiating priest. In the past this had been done by inviting cash

donations. To make a donation to the parish, opt for: 'Parish-General Donation-Priests-Baptism-Wedding' and the usual options for giving will be displayed.

Announcements

POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION

You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for his special intention in February: *'We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.'*

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

All are invited to the Racial Justice Sunday Mass celebrated by Archbishop John Wilson at St George's Cathedral this Sunday 5 February at 10am. The Mass will also be live-streamed (<https://bit.ly/RJS2023>).

Those attending Mass in person are encouraged to wear cultural dress and are asked to be seated by 9.45am.

ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

February 8 is the feast day of St Josephine Bakhita, who was kidnapped as a child and sold into slavery in Sudan and Italy. Once Josephine was freed, she became a Canossian nun and dedicated her life to sharing her testament of deliverance from slavery and comforting the poor and suffering. She was declared a Saint in 2000. On February 8, Catholics all over the world are encouraged to host or attend prayer services to create greater awareness

about this phenomenon. Through prayer, we not only reflect on the experiences of those that have suffered through this affront to human dignity, but also comfort, strengthen and help empower survivors.

SACRED HEART DEVOTION

On Friday 10 February the Devotion Group will meet to pray at the Sacred Heart Chapel after the 10am Mass. All are welcome.

CONTL. BREAKFAST

We will meet again for a continental breakfast on Sunday 12 February after the 8am Mass until noon in the Lower Hall. Come and join us for lovely croissants, tea & coffee and a chat.

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 & different activities. For info please ring Jenny (07906 856 183).

SCHOOL OF COMMUNITY

This 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 to help develop the experience of the encounter with Christ throughout the charism of

CL in the Church. For more information contact school-of-community-wimbledon@googlegroups.com

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!* Again this Saturday 4 February, 2.30pm at 7pm, Upper Hall, tickets are available from www.edgehillplayers.com or tel: 07742 230 493.

CHRISTIAN CARE

Christian Care are looking for a Children's and families' activities coordinator: *Christian Care* is offering you an exciting volunteering role where you can make a real difference.... Do you have a heart for children? Do you have the vision to develop the work our team already does through carefully chosen birthday presents, out-

ings, Polka Theatre workshops, activity camps and holidays to give these youngsters new opportunities and to help them know that they are special?

To find out more please visit <https://www.christiancaremerton.org.uk/volunteering> or phone the *Christian Care* coordinator (07932 628 840).

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.

Exploring our Faith

TAKING LITURGY SERIOUSLY

Following the Society of St Gregory's successful TLS1 course, a general introduction to Catholic Liturgy, the 2023 modular study course, taking place on Thursday (9, 16, & 23 February) evenings via Zoom, will focus on all aspects of Eucharist. The next module will comprise three 1-hour sessions, 7.30-8.30pm, offering time for discussion & comments. The course is aimed at all who wish to develop a deeper knowledge of liturgy. In his Apostolic Letter *Desiderio Desideravi*, Pope Francis has once more highlighted the vital importance of the liturgy for the life of the Church by stressing the urgent need to return to the theological and spiritual sense of Christian celebration and how the faithful are formed both by and for the liturgy. All info & booking can be found at <https://www.ssg.org.uk/taking->

[liturgy-seriously-2-ssg-study-course/](https://www.ssg.org.uk/taking-liturgy-seriously-2-ssg-study-course/)

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The CPG will be meeting again on Thursday 9 February evening from 7.30pm in the Lounge. Praise & worship, scripture sharing, tea & coffee. For more info and future dates, please visit their page on the parish website.

A DAY WITH MARY

You are invited to a *Day with Mary*, a day of instruction, devotion and intercession on Saturday 11 February (Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes) at St Joseph's Church, Orchard Road, BR1 2PR, from 9.30am-5pm; celebrant and preacher: Fr Peter Murphy; sermons on Our Lady by Frs Andrew Byrne and Peter Littleton; Silent Adoration, Meditations on the Passion of Our Lord. Please visit adaywithmary.org for further dates and detailed information.

LOVE HEALS BODY MIND AND SPIRIT

You are welcome to come to a half-day retreat of quiet reflection, on Saturday 11 February, 10.30am - 1pm in the Parish Lounge; Holy Rosary, talk based on Scripture, Christian meditation, healing prayers; starting with tea and coffee. Visit www.lovehealsbodymindspirit.com, email lovehealsbodymindspirit@gmail.com or call 020 8542 2476 for more info.

SOLID FOUNDATIONS COURSE

A 7-lesson course, Part I/III of the *Solid Foundations Course*, an introduction into spiritual life, will be offered by the School of Mary during Lent at St. Mary of the Angels in Bayswater on Tuesday evenings 6-8pm, starting on 21 February. The suggested contribution is £12 per lesson. Please contact hildateng@yahoo.co.uk for more information or visit www.schoolofmary.org.

OPEN EVENT

Donhead Preparatory School: Parents are welcome to visit the school on Friday 10 February to witness the boys in action and to experience the spirit, warmth, and ethos in the Donhead community. The morning will start at 9am with an introductory talk from the Headteacher, followed by a tour of the school with our Year 6 pupils. To register, please visit <https://www.donhead.org.uk/admissions/open-morning-registration>

RICHARD CHALLONER SCHOOL DRAMA PRODUCTION

Richard Challoner School will present their drama production 'Constellations' written by Nick Payne and directed by Tommy Rodger, at the Drama Studio, Richard Challoner School, Manor Drive North, New Malden, KT3 5PE on Wed 1, Thu 2 and Fri 3 March at 7.30pm.

Ticket Prices: Adult - £6 / Student or child - £3 (buy on the door).

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 4 6.30pm Sisters of St Anne Ints.
Mon 6 10.00am Gerald Micet & Phylise Micet
6.30pm Rita Ryan RIP
Tue 7 10.00am Funeral of Andre Roland Helene RIP
6.30pm Ann O'Brien RIP
Wed 8 10.00am Sup.Gen. Daughters of the Heart of Mary
6.30pm Peace in Ukraine
Thu 9 10.00am Barbara McCall Ints.
6.30pm The Goodsell Family Ints.
Fri 10 10.00am Philip McDermott RIP
6.30pm Len Hay RIP
Sat 11 10.00am Louise, Alice and Jules 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: Sr Mary Cecilia Houlihan, Mireille Taylor, Dominic Sammons, John Abbiss, Christopher O'Brien, Nick Carew Hunt and Andre Helene

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Joselina Machado, Winifred Bogt, Saverio Calise, Sheena Wilson, Rubertina De Souza, Carine French, Kenekwuwu Nwokoye, Mary Louise Nolan, Howard Philpott and Len Hay

The sick: Martin Moretti, Anne McHale, David Fry, Paul Stromborg, Mike Greene, Jacinto Cordeiro, Teresa Escalona, Donal Weir, Giovanni Baldacchino, 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 5 Feb Racial Justice Sunday
Mon 6 Feb Ss Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs
Wed 8 Feb St Jerome Emiliani OR;
St Josephine Bakhita, Virgin, Day for Victims of Trafficking
Fri 10 Feb St Scholastica, Virgin, Memorial
Sat 11 Feb Our Lady of Lourdes; World day for the Sick

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

Kyrie/Sanctus/Agnus: *Missa concertata*,
Teodoro Casati
Offertory motet: *Laudate Pueri*, Felix
Mendelssohn

Communion motet: *Senex pueram
portabat*, William 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 / 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.