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Newsletter

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Sixth Sunday (A)

Sixth Week
in Ordinary Time

Vol I. Psalter week 2

Next Sunday's Readings

- Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18
- Psalm 102:1-4,8,10,12-13
- I Corinthians 3:16-23
- Matthew 5:38-48

Upcoming Events

Saturday 11 February

- Love Heals Body Mind and Spirit, half-day retreat, 10.30am - 1pm, Lounge

Sunday 12 February

- Continental Breakfast after the 8am Mass - noon

Thursday 23 February

- First of the series of Lent talks, 7.30-8.30pm, Upper Hall

A New Vision

In our gospel reading this Sunday we learn from Matthew how Jesus came to complete, to fulfil, rather than abolish, the teaching in the Old Testament - both the Law in the Pentateuch (the first five books) and the teachings of the Prophets. That Law was and still is regarded by the Jewish people as a gift from God, and its observance a response to the Covenant, not a burden. The context of this part of Jesus's great Sermon on the Mount was a debate within Judaism at that time about the correct interpretation of the Torah, and, at the time when Matthew was writing, criticism by the official Jewish leadership of Jesus's teachings as destroying what was fundamental in Judaism.

Matthew records a series of "antitheses" adopted by Jesus for his followers (a standard rabbinical practice) - "*You have learnt how it was said . . . , but I say this to you*". Jesus speaks with authority and at the end of the Sermon on the Mount his audience show their recognition of that. Jesus goes to the root of the commands; he sharpens them. As in the Beatitudes, he focuses on dispositions. Thus, anger is very often the cause of murder, so avoid it. Do not insult people, stoking up your own contempt and provoking violent reaction. "Brother" here has a wider meaning than biological sibling. Reconciliation is more important than sacrifice.

A lustful look is the first step towards adultery, at that time defined as sexual relations between a married or engaged woman and a man other than her husband; and the look may also lead to breach of the ninth commandment. So, it is better to lose the offending eye than to be tempted into adultery.

At that time there was a rabbinical dispute about the grounds on which a man could divorce his wife, one rabbi in the more liberal school permitting it merely if the wife had spoiled a dish, she had made for him, the other school restricting it to where there had been sexual misconduct. Jesus, however, prohibits divorce altogether (subject to one exception, the meaning of which is still debated).

The fourth "antithesis" is against using oaths at all. Jesus demands a truthfulness that makes oaths unnecessary.

These antitheses all deal with important and perennial topics. We shall hear more antitheses next week.

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

TURKEY-SYRIA EARTH- QUAKE EMERGENCY APPEAL

As all of you will know, two catastrophic earthquakes and over 70 aftershocks struck Syria and Turkey on 6 February, causing thousands of deaths and massive destruction. Jesuit Missions has launched an emergency appeal to provide immediate and long-term assistance to these victims, through their partners on the ground. Within minutes, these people had lost everything, and their needs are immense. They urgently need our support! If you wish to help, please follow the link to make your donation <https://jesuitmissions.org.uk/turkey-syria-earthquake-2023-how-to-help-the-victims/>

MANNA SOCIETY COLLECTION

Next weekend, 18/19 February, the Manna Society will be holding an appeal at all Masses: if you wish to support this good cause, please **only** bring dry goods eg. pasta, sugar, tinned tomatoes, biscuits... Collection boxes will be placed in the church porch. Thank you!

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.

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

CYMFED FLAME

The CYMFed Flame Congress for young people, the biggest Catholic youth event in the UK, is returning to London on Saturday 4 March. Sacred Heart has a limited number of places still available for young people in year 9 and above to join them once again for an inspirational day of worship, inspiring music and speakers on the theme 'Rise Up'. To find out more and to sign up please email Eleanor by Wednesday 22 February (eleanor@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk)

CONTL. BREAKFAST

We will meet again for a continental breakfast this 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.

LENT TALKS

Join us this Lent as we explore the significance and importance of reconciliation in our faith. We will meet each Thursday during Lent from 7.30-8.30pm in the Upper Hall, and - using the book *The Return of the Prodigal Son* - unpack, reflect and discuss the importance of the story of the Prodigal Son.

ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK LENT RETREAT 2023

'Renewed in Hope': Make some space to develop your relationship with God this Lent. Sign up for the

Diocesan Lent Retreat 'Renewed in Hope'. Every week you will receive an email with links to a 20-minute video in which Archbishop John will introduce the theme and the reading, Chris Chapman will deliver the retreat programme and a witness will speak of the relevance in their daily life. You will also receive materials to use in your own prayer and reflection. All you have to do is sign up at <http://eepurl.com/hVT7Dv> and set aside what space you can for reflection and join us in being Renewed in Hope!

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).

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Friday 3 March at 2.30 pm in the Lounge, Film: *A Room With a View*, (1985) starring Helena Bonham Carter and Daniel Day Lewis. Tea and biscuits, ice creams. All welcome

SCHOOL OF COMMUNITY

This is the catechesis proposed by *Communion and Liberation* (CL) local commu-

nity 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

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND

The Friends of the Holy Land invite you to join them at 7.30pm on Thursday 16 February for an evening of uplifting music to raise spirits for the year ahead, whilst raising funds for brothers and sisters most in need in the Holy Land. Enjoy an evening of virtuoso singing and entertainment featuring the London Welsh Male Voice Choir supported by 'The Priests' in Westminster Cathedral. More info & booking at <https://bit.ly/FHLConcert2023> or search on Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lwmc-concert-atwestminster-cathedral-tickets-470924316307>.

ACADEMY CHOIR WIMBLEDON

The Academy Choir Wimbledon will be performing Beethoven's Mass in C on Saturday 25 March at 7pm at St John's Spencer Hill, Wimbledon, SW19 4NZ alongside two masterpieces by Brahms - the *Alto Rhapsody* and *Song of Destiny*. Accompanied by the London Mozart Players and a starry line up of soloists, the concert is conducted by Matthew Best. For tickets visit www.academychoirwimbledon.co.uk

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, outings, 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).

Exploring our Faith

LOVE HEALS BODY MIND AND SPIRIT

You are welcome to come to a half-day retreat of quiet reflection, this 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.

A DAY WITH MARY

You are invited to a *Day with Mary*, a day of instruction, devotion and intercession on Saturday 18 February at Church of Mary, Mother of

God, Nags Head Rd, Ponders End, EN3 7AR, from 9.30am-4.30pm; celebrant and preacher: Fr John Shewring; sermons on Our Lady by Frs Daniel Isah and John Shewring; Silent Adoration, Meditations on the Passion of Our Lord. Please visit adaywithmary.org for further dates and detailed information.

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 info or visit www.schoolofmary.org.

GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER

Sycamore is an online course exploring our Catholic faith and suitable for individuals and couples alike. It runs throughout Lent, with weekly one-hour sessions on Tuesday evenings from 8-9pm starting on Tuesday 28 February. For more details or to register, please visit the website: Growing in Faith Together - Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis (rcaos.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.

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).

HOMES FOR UKRAINE

The young mother and her father of the Ukrainian family for whom the parish is providing accommodation this year are looking for employment. Olga is qualified in logistics (inventory management). Vitali is a qualified electrician in Ukraine and is very handy in a range of maintenance skills. Do you have connections to help steer family member towards a job of their choosing? Please contact Alain van West vanwest31@gmail.com if you can help.

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 11 6.30pm Fr Joe Ints.
Sun 12 12noon Leon Keens Douglas 1st Anniv. RIP
Mon 13 10.00am Neil Calvert RIP
12noon Funeral Mass for Dominic Sammons
6.30pm Roddy & Brieghe Connolly
Tue 14 10.00am Elizabeth Carr RIP
6.30pm Mary McDaid
Wed 15 10.00am Hyacinth Suarez Francis Birthday Ints.
6.30pm Cecilia Rossi RIP
Thu 16 10.00am Peter & Mary O'Hara RIP
6.30pm Bridie McManus Ints.
Fri 17 10.00am Cynthia Rebello Ints.
6.30pm Mabel Ryan RIP
Sat 18 10.00am Dominic Lindsay 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)

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: 529 *O God, thy people gather*
Kyrie/Gloria: 459/460
Offertory motet: *Teach me O Lord, William Byrd*
Communion motet: *Lord, we beseech thee, Adrian Batten*
Post-communion hymn: 380 *Lord for tomorrow and its needs*

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

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Jacinto Cordeiro, Nancy Drapper, Sr Mary Cecilia Houlihan, Mireille Taylor, Dominic Sammons, John Abbiss, Christopher O'Brien, Nick Carew Hunt and

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Leon Keens Douglas, Patrick Barry, Jeanette Braganza and Cecilia Florence Segers Hawken

The sick: Anne McHale, David Fry, Paul Stromborg, Mike Greene, Teresa Escalona, Donal Weir, Giovanni Baldacchino, Kim Carr, Patricia Small, Luca Buttaci, 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.



We would like to bring the list of prayers for the sick of our parish up to date and kindly ask parishioners to notify the Parish Office if they want to have names mentioned in the newsletter & bidding prayers. Thank you.

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Tue 14 Feb Ss Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop, patrons of Europe, Feast;
(St Valentine, Priest and Martyr)
Wed 15 Feb (St Claude de la Columbière, Priest)
Fri 17 Feb The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
Sat 18 Feb The Blessed Virgin Mary

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.