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Newsletter

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**Eleventh Sunday
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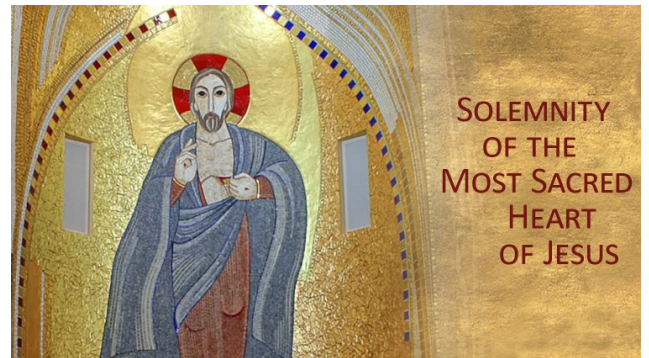
**Eleventh Week in Ordinary
Time**

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The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Happy Feast Day!

Friday the 16th June marked the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the patronage of our parish. This feast marks our devotion to Jesus and his love for all. It is also a symbol of both the divine and human love Jesus has not only for God the Father but for us, his disciples. We see this love at its fullest on the cross, where Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice. The extent of the love of Jesus for us can be overwhelming and we cannot come close to understanding it so we turn to the symbol of the Sacred Heart and see it pointing us to the true reality of divine and human love. The Sacred Heart of Jesus is



a true embodiment of the virtues we are called to exemplify in our lives – love, mercy, forgiveness, humility, patience and hope.

This Sunday also marks Father's Day where we celebrate all those with a fatherly influence in our lives. Those who provide this influence are called to show God's love and forgiveness and similar to the way God cares for us, our earthly fathers are there to help us

work through life's challenges and support us when we struggle. We remember the strength, their guidance, wisdom and help that they provide to us. Today, let us be grateful and pray especially that they will be guided by the love of the Father to journey alongside us and help us to live out the virtues shown by Jesus.

Eleanor Bowman

Next Sunday's Readings

- Jeremiah 20:10-13
- Psalm 68:8-10.14.17.33-35
- Romans 5:12-15
- Matthew 10:26-33

Upcoming Events

Saturday 24 June

- Bereavement Support, 10.30am, Lounge
- Sacred Heart Chorus & Orchestra Concert, 8pm, Church; see p. 3

Thursday 29 June

- Ss Peter and Paul, Solemnity, Masses at 10am, 6.30 and 8pm

Friday 7 July

- 2.30pm, Friendship Group, Lounge, see p. 2

THE PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Acting Parish Priest: Fr Joseph Donkor

Parish Clergy: 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

Today, 18 June, the second collection will be a *Day for Life* collection; *Day for Life* is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition, to celebrating the sacredness of life. The proceeds from the *Day for Life* collection provide core funding for the Ascombe Bioethics Centre and assist other life related activities supported by the Church, usually by means of grants made to support Catholic charities working in the particular field. Their activities are determined by the theme of the year 'Listen to Her', focusing on post-abortion trauma and the impact of abortion primarily on women, but also men and others.

Thank you for your support! Please visit <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/dfl23-prayers/> for prayers for the intercession of St Joseph, patron of the unborn and defender of life.

MARCH FOR LIFE 2023

2 September: Many are concerned about restrictions on freedom but it is often not until these restrictions affect us personally that we speak up. Abortion destroys the most fundamental freedom, the freedom to live – and it leaves so many women and men deeply wounded. Join thousands of others at this family-friendly event to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves. Please find full details at <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk>.

Parish News

FR JOSEPH DONKOR

Once Fr David Gibbons, our new Parish Priest, has arrived and settled in, Fr Joseph, who has been at Sacred Heart since 2018, will move to our Diocesan Cathedral - St George's at Southwark to join the clergy team as sub-dean. This move will take place in the autumn. Here, at Sacred Heart, Fr Jackson Sebastian will succeed Fr Joseph. Fr Jackson Sebastian is currently the Assistant Priest at Our Lady of the Annunciation Parish, Addiscombe. Much gratitude is owed to Fr Joe for all he has done at

Sacred Heart, and he will be greatly missed. There will definitely be an opportunity for a proper farewell for Fr Joseph in the autumn - but in the meantime, it's business as usual!

Let us keep Fr Joseph and Fr Jackson in our prayers!

PARISH APPEAL

A big 'thank you' to parishioners who have already responded to our appeal to increase parish income. If you are using paper forms to submit a standing order or gift aid declaration, the completed forms can be left in the box provided at the back of

the church or at the presbytery. If you missed the appeal last week, leaflets with forms are available at the back of the church.

SOLEMNITY OF SS PETER & PAUL

Thursday 29 June is the Solemnity of Ss Peter & Paul, a holy day of obligation. There will be a 8pm Mass in addition to our usual 10am and 6.30pm.

CAR PARK

Please note that our park will be busy on Wednesday 21 June (diocesan event in the Upper Hall), so parishioners attending Masses should be mindful of this.

Announcements

ANNIVERSARY MASS

You are invited to a Solemn Mass to mark the 175th anniversary of St George's Cathedral, Southwark on Tuesday 4 July at 6pm, celebrated by Archbishop John Wilson and at which the Apostolic Nuncio will impart the Apostolic Blessing.

ANNUAL MARRIAGE MASS AT ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL

Are you celebrating your 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or any later wedding anniversary this year? If so, you are invited to join in celebrating a Mass for

married couples at 3pm on Saturday 23 September at St George's Cathedral (chief celebrant Bishop Paul Hendricks). You can apply for a written personal invitation to the Mass from Archbishop John Wilson (invitation also covers a small number of family guests). To book & for details please email mflsw@rcaos.org.uk by 31 July.

FR STAN SWAMY SJ - CLEAR HIS NAME!

A demonstration and vigil will be taking place on Tuesday 20 June: Fr Stan stood with the excluded and

Jesuit Missions is asking you to stand with Stan. For more information about Fr Swamy and the petition to clear his name, please see <https://jesuitmissions.org.uk/justice-for-fr-stan-swamy-sj-clear-his-name-of-unjust-charges/>. You are kindly encouraged to sign the petition and to share it with others!

Those who are planning to attend the vigil are invited to contact Lynn McWilliams at lynn@jesuitmissions.org.uk (to have a clearer idea of numbers).

Thank you for your support.

Parish Organisations

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 Saturday 24 June

from 10.30-11.30am, in the Parish Lounge. For more information, please email bereavement@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Friday 7 July at 2.30pm Do join us in the Lounge to watch some tennis from Wimbledon with Pimms and strawberries and cream. All are welcome!

Social & Cultural

SACRED HEART CONCERT

Saturday 24 June 8pm: Sacred Heart Chorus & Orchestra (conductor Bob Rathbone) perform Anton Bruckner's dramatic setting of the *Te Deum*, Poulenc's joyous and sometimes hauntingly beautiful setting of the *Gloria* (with Katy Lees as soprano soloist) and the Overture to Wagner's only comic opera, *Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg*. Tickets are now available at sacredheartmusic.co.uk.

In aid of Jesuit Missions and MyTime Carers' charity.

EDGE HILL PLAYERS

Edge Hill Players award success! Congratulations to the Edge Hill Players for their recent success at the NODA London awards. The group picked up two awards for last September's production of the Sound of Music, namely Best Musical and Best Female Character in a Musical

(Tempe Nell as Maria). In the meantime, rehearsals are well underway for *Oliver!* which will be performed in Mid-September. Further information and tickets will be available soon.

REFUGEE WEEK EVENT

Refugee Week runs from 19-25 June and parishioners are invited to a Merton Citizens' celebration of the positive contribution of refugees to our community, with music & stories on the theme of compassion; Chaucer Centre, Canterbury Rd SM4 5PX on Tuesday 20 June, 2pm. Merton Council committed to becoming a 'Borough of Sanctuary' enabling refugees to feel safe and welcome in our borough. For more info, please contact David at dthurst52@gmail.com.

WIMBLEDON CATENIANS

Wimbledon Catenians warmly invite all men and

their partners to come and enjoy a Quiz night on Thursday 29 June at 7.30pm in the Parish Lounge. A meal will be provided by an excellent chef, £15 total cost (pay on the evening). Come and spend a very enjoyable evening and make new friends, based on our Catholic Faith and Family. Please reply by email, text or call to confirm you are coming to either Tom Conlon (07837 778 247 tomconlonuk@gmail.com) or Des O'Brien (07736 424 111 des@boxofcolours.com).

LIFE OF CHRIST

The Life of Christ is a passion play and affords spectators the opportunity to watch as hundreds of actors bring the story of Jesus to life in an open-air epic production set in stunning Surrey countryside; 27 June - 1 July. For more details please visit: www.wintershall.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.

DAY OF CELEBRATION AT AYLESFORD PRIORY

A day exploring creative prayer for those with disabilities and special needs on Sunday 2 July from 12noon - 6pm: building on the value that Edith Stein gave to all people, you are invited to spend time as a parish group, or individual in reflection, fun & creative prayer. All are guaranteed a warm welcome, for further enquiries email admingen@ocarm.org.

VACANCIES

The Society for the Protection of the Unborn Children (SPUC) wishes to recruit a PT Executive Assistant (21hrs/w); for full job description & application please email jobs@spuc.org.uk or call 020 7091 7091. Closing date 15 July.

Marymount Intl. School, an independent Catholic day and boarding school for girls is seeking a School Transport driver for a 9 seater vehicle to take over an existing route in the Kew/Richmond area on a term-time only basis starting in September 2023. For more details, please see: <https://www.marymountlondon.com/employment-opportunities/>

Exploring our Faith

A DAY WITH MARY

You are invited to a *Day with Mary*, a day of instruction, devotion and intercession, this Saturday 17 June, the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, at St Joseph, Roehampton, SW15 4LE, 9.30am-5pm; celebrant & preacher: Fr Louis Kouevi MCCJ; sermons on Our Lady by Fr Serafino Lanzetta; Exposition & Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, Meditations on the Passion of Our Lord, Silent Prayers.

COME & SEE WEEKENDS

Friday 11 - Monday 14 August (and then 20 - 23 October): the Cistercian Nuns at Holy Cross Abbey are inviting single Catholic women, ages 25-45, who are discerning a vocation to experience monastic life during one of the above weekends. Please visit www.hcawithland.co.uk or email comeandseehc@gmail.com for any enquiry or registration.

RAPHAEL PILGRIMAGE REUNION

The Raphael Pilgrimage to Lourdes annual reunion will take place on Saturday 1 July starting with Mass at 6.30pm followed by a meal in the Parish Lounge, cost £15 per head. Raffle prizes welcome. Please contact Angela on 020 8337 4016 or email searlearn@aol.com for more information. Pilgrimage dates this year are 18-25 August.

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 17 6.30pm Matthew Korybut-Das Kiewicz RIP
Mon 19 10.00am Superior General DHM
6.30pm Victor D'Costa (Birthday Ints)
Tue 20 10.00am Private Intentions
6.30pm John Redwood RIP
Wed 21 10.00am Deceased members of Philpott family
6.30pm Declan Barry RIP
Thu 22 10.00am Patrick Doherty RIP
6.30pm Dorrie Killen RIP
Fri 23 10.00pm Pat Reynolds
6.30pm Brian Breathnach RIP
Sat 24 10.00am Nicholas Simon 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: Fr Peter Littleton (020 8725 3069 or 020 8672 1255)

St Heliers and Epsom Hospital: Fr Philip Pak (020 8296 2000)

Kingston Hospital: Fr Tony Oleh (020 8546 7711)

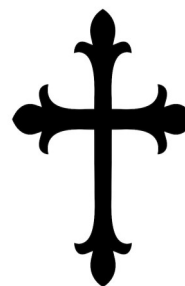
WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Patrick Lauson, Cailean Taylor, Neville DeSouza, Matthew Abbey and Patricia Kathleen O'Donnell

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Marie Louise Xuereb and Patricia Paice

The sick: Nicky Steiner, Alexia Graham, Natalie Williams, Karolina Masica, David Fry, Paul Stromborg, Mike Greene, Teresa Escalona, Donal Weir, Giovanni Baldacchino, Kim Carr, 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.



FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Mon 19 June St John Rigby, Martyr, Memorial
Tue 20 June St Alban, Martyr, Protomartyr of Britain, Memorial
Wed 21 June St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious, Memorial
Thu 22 June Ss John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs, Feast
Fri 23 June St Etheldreda (Audrey), Abbess
Sat 24 June The Nativity of St John the Baptist, Solemnity

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: 22 *All people that on earth do dwell*

Offertory motet: *Ave Maria*, TL da Victoria

Communion motet: *Jesu dulcis memoria*, TL da Victoria

Post-communion hymn: 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 confidentiality. Leave contact details with the parish office or email presidentA190704@svp.org.uk.

For donations, please scan the QR Code with your phone; your donation will help fund the wide range of liturgical, spiritual and cultural activities which run in the parish. Thank you.

