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Newsletter

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Twelfth Sunday
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Twelfth Week
in Ordinary Time

Vol III, psalter week 4

Do not be afraid ...



Next Sunday's Readings

- 2 Kings 4:8-11.14-16
- Psalm 88:2-3. 16-19
- Romans 6:3-4.8-11
- Matthew 10:37-42

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

Sundays 2, 9, 16 July

- Registration for 1st Holy Communion Programme, see p. 2

'Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing'. With these words of encouragement, we can confidently welcome 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time and renew our 'Yes' to our basic Christian vocation: 'to broadcast the gospel'. Of course, there isn't really such a thing as "ordinary" time, each moment of each day is unique; there has neither been, nor will there ever be another like it.

Each moment is therefore precious – a gift from God. We may interpret this as symbolic of the journey of our lives, which can be rent by sudden storms – tragedy, loss, anxiety, illness: we have to listen to the voice of Jesus, who is in the journey with us, he shares our anxiety and loss and we turn to hear him say to us: 'Do not be afraid'. Think about one thing you are concerned about today and say a prayer to Jesus about it but don't forget to say 'thank you' for the good times.

Remember that He is your friend, today and every day. *Fr Joseph Donkor*

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

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>.

SANCTA FAMILIA CATHOLIC ACADEMY TRUST

A group of 15 schools, including Ursuline High School, are currently consulting on conversion to Academy Status. The school proposes to join a newly established Catholic Academy Trust called Sancta Familia. To read more about the proposals and respond to the consultation please visit www.sanctafamilia.co.uk.

AYLESFORD CONFERENCE

1-3 August: you are invited to Aylesford for a 3-day conference/retreat with the title 'Dignitas Personae et Amor Dei: The Value of the Human Person and Divine Love; Meeting Edith Stein' that moves creatively into her wisdom, as we finally meet with Edith Stein on English soil. This will be one of the first intl. events of its kind, introducing new areas of study and stories, including issues surrounding disability. For more info please visit <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/july-events-celebrating-the-teaching-and-wisdom-of-edith-stein/> (or cgangemi.kairos@gmail.com; book admin@ocarm.org).

Parish News

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; Vigil Mass on Wednesday 28 June at 6.30pm.

NO CONFESSIONS

Please note that there are **no** morning confessions on Saturday 1 July as Confirmation will be celebrated at 10am and 2pm.

GIVEAWAY - SUNDAY 2 JULY

In preparation for Fr David's arrival, the Presbytery has had a clear out!

There will be a giveaway on Sunday 2 July, 10am-12noon in the Upper Hall. We invite everyone to take a look and take home what they might like.

THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) at Sacred Heart represents you. Members of the PPC are volunteers who meet monthly to discuss various aspects of parish life. The next meeting is on Thursday 6 July & everyone's thoughts are invited! If you have something you want discussed, please tell us here: <https://forms.gle/nDqE9TVeMidjd2Ef8> or email ppc@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk.

PARISH APPEAL

Did you miss last week's appeal to support the parish finances? If so, please pick up a leaflet at the back of the church with information and forms to increase your regular donation.

A big 'thank you' to parishioners who have already responded. 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. Any queries, please email Chris Woodward at finance@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk.

Announcements

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion: Registration for next year's programme will take place on Sundays 2, 9 & 16 July after the 10am, 12noon & 5pm Masses. We are adapting the way in which the programme runs and have a maximum of 100 places with no registrations being taken after July 16th. Please take one of the information booklets (available at the back of church this weekend and also from the parish primary schools: Sacred Heart, Donhead &

Ursuline Prep.) to familiarise yourself with the new programme model and allocation of places ahead of registering. We look forward to seeing you at one of the registration days!

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. The Apostolic Nuncio will impart the Apostolic Blessing.

SUMMERTIME 2023

Summertime for altar servers aged 11 - 17 years: from 1 - 4 August at the Oratory School in Reading; total cost £169 pp. Forms are available from the website www.stanselmsdartford.wordpress.com or email dartford@rcaos.org.uk. Come and spend brilliant few day of prayer and recreation. For more details contact Fr Stephen Boyle, chaplain to the Guild of St Stephen (01322 220075).

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 this Saturday 24 June from 10.30-11.30am, in the

Parish Lounge. For more information, please email bereavement@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk.

PARISH SOCIAL CLUB

The Parish Social Club will be holding its AGM on Friday 7 July at 7.30pm in the Youth

Room. All welcome!

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

This 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 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 Fe-

male 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 info & tickets available soon.

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.

SUMMER FAIR

Summer Fair at Sacred Heart School, Burlington Road, KT3 4ND: you are invited to an afternoon of fun on Saturday 1 July, from 12.30 - 15.30pm, with BBQ, chocolate and bottle tombola, a magic show, summer raffle, photo booth etc. During the fair, you can watch the school kids performing. All fundraising will go toward the school playground project.

New to the Parish?

Please introduce yourself to a member of the Parish Team after Mass and register online at <http://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 enquiries email admingen@ocarm.org.

VACANCIES

Holy Cross School: Clerk to the Governing Body, PT (6hrs/week), for a September start; to apply, please visit www.holycross.kingston.sch.uk, send your completed application form to Ms Silvana Saragosa-Voysey (apply@holycross.kingston.sch.uk); closing date 26 June.

Wimbledon College are looking to employ a PA to Headteacher. Further information is available at www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk, or please contact hr@wimbledoncollege.org.uk or 020 8879 9323. Closing date 10 July 10am

Exploring our Faith

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 comeandseehca@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 5016 or email searlearn@aol.com for more information. Pilgrimage dates this year are 18-25 August.

A DAY WITH MARY

You are invited to a *Day with Mary*, a day of instruction, devotion and intercession, on Saturday 8 July, at Our Lady of the Rosary, Blackfen, DA15 8LW, 9.30am-5pm; celebrant & preacher: Fr Pius Collins O.Praem; sermons on Our Lady by Fr Stephen Boyle; Exposition & Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, Meditations on the Passion of Our Lord, Silent Prayers; www.adaywithmary.org

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 24 6.30pm Tony D'Costa (Birthday Ints)
Mon 26 10.00am Sr Ita RIP
6.30pm Queen of Peace
Tue 27 10.00am Tom Starkey RIP
6.30pm Leven Viajar Ints.
Wed 28 10.00am Patricia Bridle RIP
6.30pm George Mirandah RIP
Thu 29 10.00am Fr Lee RIP
6.30pm Canon Clark Ints.
8.00pm Pauline Lye Personal Ints.
Fri 30 10.00pm Holy Souls
11.30pm Funeral of John Slattery RIP
6.30pm Clive Gilmartin Ints.
Sat 1 10.00am Emily Grey & Family 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: 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)

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: 158 *Father, hear the prayer we offer*
Offertory motet: *O praise the Lord*, Adrian Batten
Communion motet: *Deliver us, O Lord our God*, Adrian Batten
Post-communion: 233 *Guide me, O thou great redeemer*

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.

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

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

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Percy Batunitage, Gladys Phibbs, John Smith, Stephanie Groz and Brian Meehan

The sick: Edwar Wassef, 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.



COLLECTIONS

Last week's collection for *The Day for Life* raised £605.14.
Thank you for your generosity.

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Mon 26 June St Thomas Garnet, Priest and Martyr
Tue 27 June St Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Wed 28 June St Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr and Doctor of the Church, Memorial
Thu 29 June Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles, Solemnity, Holyday of Obligation
Fri 30 June The First Martyrs of Holy Roman Church
Sat 1 July St Oliver Plunket, Bishop and Martyr

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.

