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Newsletter

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**Fourteenth Sunday
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**Fourteenth Week
in Ordinary Time**

Vol III, psalter week 2

Next Sunday's Readings

- Isaiah 9:9-10
- Psalm 64:10-14
- Romans 8:18-23
- Matthew 13:1-23

Upcoming Events

Sunday 9 July

- Children's Liturgy during the 10am Mass (last session until September)
- Second collection in support of *Stella Maris*

My yoke is easy and my burden light

To know somebody means to experience something of what they experience. This form of knowledge is not speculative, abstract or merely notional. This knowledge is personal, it is inspired by love. To love is not only to know somebody from the outside, but to desire to know what they experience on the inside; because to discover a shared experience between myself and another produces a deeper affinity with that person - and so love discovers ever new ways of loving by seeking shared experience in order to know the deeper reality of the other, and therefore be able to love them more.

Why because, love seeks out the hidden places in the other where an ever deeper communion can take place - there can be no secrets between true lovers - and that communion happens through a shared experience of suffering; because to know where the one I love suffers gives me the opportunity to provide for what is lacking in the other in order to alleviate their suffering and to share their joy.

This is the level of intimacy that Jesus asks of us in the gospel. In fact, Jesus thanks the Father for revealing the hidden depths of God's mystery to mere children, so that knowing the hidden depths of God, they might love Him. Humility and acceptance are the marks of children who are totally reliant on others for their welfare.

The whole point of our faith is to know God in order to love Him and thereby enter into the mystery of divine life itself - the mystery of the Trinity. But to do this, Jesus insists that we become little children, because the reality of God is expressed by God as the relationship of a family unit. The Son expresses his knowledge and love for the Father and so to be caught up in this divine relationship we too must learn again to be children. Accepting the Words of Jesus, and accepting what he asks of us, allows us to be joined to the family of God of which God the Father is head.

Children accept the relationships into which they are born without questioning, and so this precondition to knowing the Father through Jesus, by becoming little children, i.e. brothers and sisters of Jesus, is the key not only to our salvation but our happiness in the realisation of our potential as children of God made in his image and likeness.

When we learn to take the yoke of Jesus' Word, and specifically His command to love; then we can lay down the burdens we've made for ourselves - the accumulation of so much baggage we have placed on our own shoulders as adults: the sense of entitlement we've garnered from the spirit of the world, taking ourselves too seriously, being self-regarding and judgemental in our outlook, expecting others to measure up, and reserving unreasonable expectations of ourselves, placing pressure where it is not needed. When we can lay down this yoke and take up the cross of Jesus in gentleness and humility then we can taste and see that the life the Father has planned for us as disciples of Jesus, is a life that is sweet, and whose burden is light.

Fr Matthew Donnelly

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

PRAYERS

We are deeply sorry to hear about the tragic incident at The Study Prep School in Wimbledon on Thursday morning. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families, pupils, staff and community involved; we pray that God will grant them strength and comfort in this difficult time.

SECOND COLLECTION

This Sunday, 9 July, is Sea Sunday, the 2nd collection will be in support of Stella Maris, a Catholic charity supporting seafarers worldwide. Through their network they provide practical and pastoral care to all seafarers, regardless of nationality, belief or race. Port chaplains and volunteer ship-visitors welcome seafarers and fishers, offer welfare service and advice, practical help, care and friendship. Stella Maris relies wholly on voluntary contributions, and can only continue its works through the generous donations of its supporters, particularly this collection.

THE CHURCH'S MISSION

'The Church has a mission but what is it? And how should we do it?' Cardinal Tagle of the Philippines has responsibilities for evangelisation & mission in the Vatican and was President of Caritas Intl. and is a fantastic speaker. You can join his talk online on *'Mission Unleashed: Embracing the Social Dimension of Evangelisation'* in which Cardinal Tagle will speak on the Church's mission and the fundamental links between evangelisation and social action: Friday 14 July 7-8.30pm. Please click [here for more information and to book your place](#) for this webinar hosted by CAFOD.

Parish News

YOUTH MINISTER - ELEANOR BOWMAN

As we begin to wind down now for the summer, and before we get going for the new September start, we wanted to let you know that Eleanor has decided to move on from her role as our youth minister. We would like to express our sincere gratitude for all she has done while working with us at Sacred Heart. We will be very sorry to see her go, and we do wish her well in her new endeavours. When our new Parish Priest - Fr David Gibbons - arrives in September, we

will begin the process of appointing a new Youth Minister to succeed Eleanor.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

To register for the First Holy Communion Programme 2023/24 please take a form from the table at the back of the church and when completed place it in the box provided. Last day for applications is Monday 17 July.

PARISH APPEAL

A big 'thank you' to parishioners who have already responded to our important appeal. It is not too late to increase your regular dona-

tion. Leaflets with details and options for giving are available at the back of the church. Completed paper forms for submitting a standing order or gift aid declaration 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.

NEWSLETTER

Please note that the last Newsletter before the summer break will be distributed on the weekend of 23/24 July.

Announcements

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.

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 days of prayer and recreation. For more details contact Fr Stephen Boyle, chaplain to the Guild of St Stephen (01322 220075).

SAVE THE DATE

The Commission for Justice Peace and Integrity of Creation for the Archdiocese of Southwark will be holding an Autumn Assembly on Saturday 23 Sept. entitled: *The Right to Stay: Free to Choose*, Addressing the motivations that affect decisions taken to leave one's native land.

Everyone welcome - more information will follow shortly.

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.

SCHOOL OF COMMUNITY

Catechesis proposed by *Communion and Liberation*

local community on Fridays, 7.30pm in the Lounge. The meetings are simple involving reflection on a spiritual text and sharing on how it makes sense in one's own life, no requirement of formal membership (soc. wimbledon@gmail.com).

Social & Cultural

NOT ALL RIGHT ON THE NIGHT!

Simon Potter has directed 66 plays at Wimbledon College over 50 years. Many had problems! His Friendship Group talk 'Disasters in Luvviedom' has led to the hilarious 'Not All Right On The Night!' (Amazon £6.99 book, £2.99 Kindle), www.simonpotterauthor.com; all proceeds to Book Aid International (the charity that gives book to children).

VACANCIES

Wimbledon College:

Finance Admin Officer from September 2023. Further information is available at www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk, or please contact hr@wimbledoncollege.org.uk or 020 8879 9323. Closing date for applications is Wednesday 12 July.

The Kairos Retreat & Conference Centre, Roehampton:

FT Maintenance Officer, 37.5hrs Monday - Sunday across a rota. Full job specification can be found at <https://www.poor servants.org/recruitment/>. If you are interested, please email your CV to hrofficer@psmsg.org.uk or call HR on 020 8788 4351.

Christian Care: After more than 45 years Christian CARE Coordinator Gillian Thick will be stepping down at the end of the year. With the growth of activities within the charity, they are now seeking two people to continue her role, two leaders with a real concern for, and some experience of, working alongside those in poverty.

For more information, please see the leaflets on table at back of church or visit <https://christiancaremerton.org.uk> or contact Gillian on gillian.thick@christiancaremerton.org.uk

christiancaremerton.org.uk or our Chair Jane Savill on jane.savill@christiancaremerton.org.uk.

St John Fisher (RC) Primary School, West Wimbledon, SW20 9NA: 1) Site Manager, permanent, FT: position comes with onsite house; start date asap; link for application via eTeach website: <https://www.eteach.com/job/site-manager1350104>

2) Extended Services Manager, 30 hrs/week (term time + 1 week) Starting asap; link for application via eTeach website: <https://www.eteach.com/job/extendedservices-manager-1350107>

For further information or questions please contact School Business Manager on sbm@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk or call 020 8540 2637. Closing date for both vacancies: Saturday 8 July.

New to the Parish?

Please introduce yourself to a member of the Parish

Team after Mass and

register online at

[https://sacredheart](https://sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/)

wimbledon.org.uk/

or by filling in

a registration form,

available at the back of the

church.

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.

ENROL NOW: CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) provides parish leaders with knowledge and understanding of theology and the Catholic faith. Learn in person, by distance learning or online; for more information visit brs-ccrs.org.uk.

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 comeandsee@hcawithland.co.uk for any enquiry or registration.

PILGRIMAGE OF REPARATION

You are invited to join the

Pilgrimage of Reparation & Prayer for the Sanctity of Life, to Walsingham on Saturday 5 August, led by Archbishop Kevin McDonald. For details, please see the poster on the noticeboard, or visit www.prolifepilgrimage.org. Please join in the 'great prayer for life' asked for by Pope Saint John Paul II.

LOVE HEALS BODY MIND AND SPIRIT

You are welcome to come to a 1-day retreat of quiet reflection on Saturday 29 July 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); 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 info, please visit www.lovehealsbodymindspirit.com.

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 8 6.30pm John Whitehouse RIP
Mon 10 10.00am Pat Reynolds
6.30pm Murray Cowell RIP
Tue 11 10.00am Helen McCloskey Special Ints.
6.30pm Judy Thompstone RIP
Wed 12 10.00am Clarissa Nicholls RIP
12noon Funeral of Patricia Kathleen O'Donnell
6.30pm Fr John Fairhurst SJ RIP
Thu 13 10.00am Thanksgiving to St Anthony
6.30pm Bernie O'Toole RIP
Fri 14 10.00pm Superior General DHM
6.30pm Edel Griffin Special Ints.
Sat 15 10.00am Holy Souls.

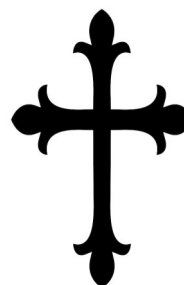
WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Noreen Devlin, Patricia O'Donnell, Cailean Taylor, Patrick Lauson, John O'Neill, Eileen Stockwell and Gianni Lazzari

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Peggy Gavin, Liam Gilsean, Tom Starkey, Zosia and Bolek Pawlik, Alexander and Joanna Russocki, Paul Marshall, John Whitehouse, Patricia Josephine Doyle, Monica Mary North, Maisie Clark, Jean Doody and Jean Marie Hook

The sick: Hui Lee Ng, 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.



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)

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Tue 11 July St Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe, Feast
Wed 12 July St John Jones, Priest and Martyr
Thu 13 July St Mildred, Abbess
Fri 14 July St Camillus de Lellis, Priest
Sat 15 July St Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

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: 31 *All ye who seek a comfort sure*
Kyrie 459/Gloria 460
Offertory motet: *Be still for the presence of the Lord*, Evans arr. Shepherd
Communion motet: *Let thy merciful ears*, Thomas Mudd
Post-communion hymn: 319 *Jesu, lover of my soul*

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.

