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Newsletter

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Twenty-Fourth Sunday
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Twenty-Fourth Week
in Ordinary Time

Vol III, psalter week 4

Next Sunday's Readings

- Isaiah 55:6-9
- Psalm 144:2-3.8-9.17-18
- Philippians 1:20-24.27
- Matthew 20:1-16

Upcoming Events

15 & 16 September

- Musical *Oliver!* (see p.3), 7pm, Upper Hall

Sunday 17 September

- Continental Breakfast after the 8am Mass, Lower Hall

Tuesday 26 September

- Induction Mass for Fr David Gibbons, 6.30pm, Church

Wednesday 27 September

- Newman Circle, Talk (see p.3), 7.30pm, Parish Lounge

Thursday 28 September

- Wimbledon Catenians, Race Night, 7pm, Lounge

Saturday 30 September

- 6.30pm Farewell Mass for Fr Joe, followed by reception Upper Hall

'...unless you forgive others from your heart.'

*"...unless you forgive others from your heart."
Mt 18:35*



For the past Sundays, Peter's voice has been heard consistently. Sometimes, he gets it right; but other times he gets it wrong. His faith journey shows to us the Christian life in Baptism. Sometimes the way is smooth and easy; but other times, it is steep and difficult.

One aspect of this challenge is addressed in today's gospel when Peter openly asks Jesus 'how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Instead of answering Peter directly, Jesus as usual tells a story. One clear mes-

sage emerges from the story - forgiveness received is for passing on to others. This is what we pray each time we say the Lord's Prayer: *"forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."* Genuine forgiveness is from the heart. Today we are invited to act like people who are infinitely loved and infinitely forgiven by God. Sometimes our

hurts and burdens can be heavy to carry through life. To forgive can lighten some of the weight. Forgiveness, like love, is a mystery. It cannot be measured or counted. In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus tells us to forgive again and again so that our hearts may be enriched beyond all understanding.

Fr Joseph Donkor

THE PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr David Gibbons

Parish Clergy: Fr Joseph Donkor, Fr Matthew Donnelly, Deacon Julian Burling and Deacon Shaun Crocker

Team members: Sr Dorothy Perrott OSU, Sr Francis SSA

EVANGELII GAUDIUM SUNDAY

This day supports the work of the Mission Directorate on behalf of the Bishops' Conference. A key focus of work for the next few years is responding to Pope Francis' calling of a Jubilee Year in 2025 with the theme of *Pilgrims of Hope*. The Holy Father has invited the whole Church to prepare for the Jubilee through

- reflecting on the four Constitutions of the 2nd Vatican Council in 2023
- deepening our prayer life, with a special focus on the Lord's Prayer, in 2024.

Please support the Mission Directorate through prayer and giving to the Second Collection. However much you give, big or small, it will go directly to support this important work to bring the joy of the Gospel to all.

VACANCY - PARISH FAITH MINISTER FOR YOUTH

A replacement for Eleanor Bowman is sought as the Parish Faith Minister for Children, Young Persons and Families. The person appointed will assist the Parish Priest to promote the mission of the Church to the children and young people of the parish, based on the principle of parents as first educators. The post is open to committed and practising Catholics, an enhanced DBS check required, salary: £29,736/year for 35hrs/week.

Please contact wimbledon@rcaos.org.uk for a job description and a person specification. Further information may be obtained from Fr David.

Closing date:
Monday 16 October

Parish News

INDUCTION MASS

Fr David Gibbons, will be inducted into our Church of the Sacred Heart by Bishop Philip Moger on Tuesday 26 September during the 6.30pm Mass.

Refreshments will be served after Mass in the Upper Hall, and all are welcome.

FAREWELL TO FR JOE

Sadly, we are saying farewell to Fr Joe; to celebrate his time at Sacred Heart, everyone is invited to Mass at 6.30pm on Saturday 30 September followed by a 'bring a plate' reception in the Upper Hall.

The collection that weekend will be for Fr Joe.

ANTIPHON SHEETS

On the table just inside the church you find weekly Antiphon Sheets. At week-

day Masses please take one and join in the Entrance and Communion Antiphons. The Entrance Antiphon is said after the Priest genuflects, as he enters the Sanctuary. The Communion Antiphon is said after the bell rings to signify his reception of Holy Communion. The Antiphons are recited at these points in accord with the directions of the *Roman Missal*. The sheet also contains the Psalm response, and the Alleluia, to assist you in saying them. Please replace the sheets after Mass.

CALLING ALL GARDENERS

What to donate: Flowers (anything home grown but no more than 5/7 stems per garden, e.g. dahlias, hydrangeas, amaranths, Michaelmas daisies, sedums, and grasses or any flowering annuals; Foliage,

e.g. viburnum, pittosporum, camelia leaves and eucalyptus, just a few stems, as long as possible).

The flowers (buckets will be placed in the baptistry) can be delivered to the church on Thursday 28 or Friday 29 September when the church is open.

COOK REQUIRED

The Priests are looking for someone to cook Sunday Lunch in the Presbytery. Please contact Thelma in the Parish Office if you are interested in doing this.

PRESBYTERY RECEPTION

Help is needed to cover Tuesday afternoon at the Reception of the Presbytery. Thank you for contacting Thelma at 020 8946 0305 if you are in a position to help out.

Announcements

SIGNING OF SCHOOL FORMS

Please note that the signing of School Forms will **only** take place on Friday 29 September at 6.30-8pm in the Upper Hall. No forms will be signed after this date.

COMMUNION/ CONFIRMATION – NOTICE

Please be assured that we are in the process of making arrangements for the reception of the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. The information about the new

programmes will be advertised in the Newsletter.

CONTL. BREAKFAST

We will meet again for a continental breakfast this Sunday 17 September after the 8am Mass until noon in the Lower Hall. Come and join us for lovely croissants, tea & coffee and a chat.

MANNA SOCIETY COLLECTION

Next weekend 23/24 Sept the Manna Society will be holding a collection after all Masses. If you wish to support this good cause,

please (only) bring dry or canned goods eg pasta, sugar, tinned tomatoes, biscuits etc... (no clothes). Collection boxes will be placed in the church porch. Thank you for your support!

PEACE SERVICE

A Peace Service will be held on Thursday 21 Sept 7.15pm followed by a talk at 8pm, during the Pax Christi's World Week for Peace in Palestine & Israel & UN Intl. Day of Peace, at St John Fisher Church, 207 Cannon Hill Lane, SW20 9DS.

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

and different activities. For more information please ring Jenny on 07906 856 183.

Social & Cultural

EDGE HILL PLAYERS - OLIVER!

The multi award-winning Edge Hill Players are back with their stunning new production of Lionel Bart's *Oliver!* This is the rags to riches story based on one of Charles Dickens' most beloved novels. Performances on Fri 15 & Sat 16 Sept at 7pm in the Upper Hall. Tickets: www.edgehillplayers.com or 07742 230 493.

WIMBLEDON NEWMAN CIRCLE

Wednesday 27 September at 7.30pm in the Parish Lounge: Julian Burling, permanent deacon and practising barrister, will speak on 'The History of the Catholic Church in the British Isles', including Roman Britain, Celtic and Roman missions, the establishment of the Church in Anglo-Saxon England, medieval England, the Reformation, penal times, Catholic relief and emancipation, the re-establishment of the Catholic hierarchy, respectability. All are welcome!

THE WIMBLEDON CATENIANS

The Wimbledon Catenians

invite you to a Race Night on Thur 28 Sept from 7pm in the Lounge, races start at 7.30pm. Please RSVP to the contacts below. The profits from the evening will go to Sands (sands.org.uk - a Neonatal Charity supporting bereaved families) and to the Sacred Heart Church. Ticket is £25, payable on the night. (Tom Conlon: tomconlon.uk@gmail.com 07837 778 247; Des O'Brien des@boxofcolours.com 07736 424111).

ing Reception & Boarding Support, Transport Driver, Lettings Co-ordinator) available at Marymount Intl. School London, Kingston KT2 7PE, please visit <https://www.marymountlondon.com/employment-opportunities/> for more information.

OPEN EVENTS

Ursuline Prep School, Wimbledon: Saturday 23 September from 9.30am, sign up at: www.ursulineprep.org/admissions/open-events

Wimbledon College: Open evening (for admission into Year 7 in September 2024) on Thu 23 September 5.30-8.30pm; open mornings and (for current Year 6 pupils only) Mon 2 - Wed 4 Oct at 9am, including booking tickets, is available at www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk/openevents

Marymount Intl. School, All-Girls Catholic Day and Boarding School: Open Day: Saturday 23 September 2023
Sixth Form IB Open Evening: Monday 9 October 2023
Book places online at marymountlondon.com.

MERTON CITIZENS LISTENS

With mayoral & general elections due in 2024, parishioners are invited to 'Coffee & Chat' to share issues of concern and help to shape local priorities in the Borough of Merton. Join local Citizens' organizer, Vitoria Russo & David Hurst in the Parish Lounge from 10.45am on Sun 17 Sept and have your voice heard. To learn more, email Vitoria (vitoria.russo-gaino@citizens.org.uk)

VACANCIES

Various vacancies (Residential Boarding Support, Even-

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.

WINTER NIGHT SHELTER

The parish would like to continue the support of the Merton Winter Night Shelter run by *Faith in Action*, providing around 15 homeless people with food and secure shelter over 14 weeks from Dec-Mar. Most of last years' clients have been successfully re-housed, some are in employment now. Your help is desperately needed with prayers, but as importantly, time and money. Our parish will be involved 1 day/week for 7 weeks (other days supported by other Christian churches, the Synagogue, Mosque and Hindu temple). For the designated 7 days volunteers are needed for tasks like cooking/serving dinners & breakfasts, sleeping over in the Lower Hall, driving luggage, doing laundry. Even if you could do one of those tasks just once, it would be greatly appreciated (current valid DBS required for client-facing activities). Finance is needed for grocery shopping for food & toiletries etc. There will be a special collection after all Masses on 24 September. Thank you so much for your generous support of this cause. Contact: Nandita Nelson or Suzie Wallat-Vago at sacredheartWNS@hotmail.com.

Exploring our Faith

LOVE HEALS BODY MIND AND SPIRIT

You are welcome to come to a 1-day retreat of quiet reflection on Saturday 30 September 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 information, please visit www.lovehealsbodymindspirit.com; email: lovehealsbodymindspirit@gmail.com, 020 8542 2476.

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 David Gibbons
10.00am Fr Matthew Donnelly
12 noon Fr Joseph Donkor & Deacon Julian Burling
5.00pm Fr David Gibbons & Deacon Julian Burling
8.00pm Fr Matthew Donnelly

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 16 6.30pm De Lima Family Ints.
Mon 18 10.00am Maureen Stromberg RIP
6.30pm Greta Cameron RIP
Tue 19 10.00am Edward Platel RIP
6.30pm Rev. John Kimbartin RIP
Wed 20 10.00am William Holder RIP
6.30pm Sr Patricia SSA Ints.
Thu 21 10.00am Sr Mary Bolan
6.30pm Kate Neville RIP
Fri 22 10.00am Fiona Blair-Watson RIP
6.30pm Bernie O'Toole RIP
Sat 23 10.00am Thanksgiving Wednesday Prayer Group

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: Pamela Hannigan and Andrew Given

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Zulema Walliker, Alexander Smith, Maureen Stromborg and Kenneth Eager

The sick: Penelope Sewell, Hui Lee Ng, 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.

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.



FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Mon 18 Sept Feria

Tue 19 Sept Feria

Wed 20 Sept St Andrew Kim Tae-gön, Priest and Paul Chöng Ha-sang & Companions, Martyrs, Memorial

Thu 21 Sept St Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist, Feast

Fri 22 Sept Feria

Sat 23 Sept St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Priest, Memorial

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

Entrance hymn: 215 *God is love, his the care*
Kyrie/Sanctus: Kenneth Leighton in D
Gloria: 460
Offertory motet: *Prevent us, O Lord*, William Byrd
Communion: *O Lamb of God*, from Leighton in D

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.

