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Newsletter

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Thirtieth Sunday (A)

Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time
Vol III, psalter week 2

Readings: Exodus 22:20-26 Psalm 17:2-4.47.51 1Thessalonians 1:5-10 Matthew 22:34-40

Collection for JRS: The Jesuit Refugee Service supports destitute refugees, who are in particular need of adult trainers and puffer jackets in good condition. Please drop off donations at the church entrance this weekend.

Continental Breakfast: after the 8.00pm Mass until noon, Lower Hall

TODAY'S MASS

First Reading: this is part of the Sinai covenant God established with Moses, one of the covenants referred to in the phrase *'time and again you offered them covenants'* in Eucharistic Prayer IV. Old Testament religion was not just about ritual; there was a strong ethical component, especially concerning justice and economic assistance for the poor.

Psalm: this psalm of praise of God is also - mysteriously - found almost word for word in *2 Samuel 22*.

Second Reading: St Paul praises the faith of the Thessalonian Christians, who have converted from their former idolatry. The strength of their faith *'has spread everywhere'*.

Gospel: Jesus summarises the Law in the double commandment of love: we must love God and love one's neighbour, the two are inextricable. St John Chrysostom said: *'to love God is to love one's neighbour'*. Perhaps we might take some time this week to reflect on our own love of God and of one's neighbour.

Fr David

THIS WEEK

Wednesday: All Saints' Day

This Solemnity - also known as All Hallows or in England as Halloween - celebrates all the saints who have entered heaven, including those canonised by the Church and those who are not, and is a Holy Day of Obligation, that is a day when you should attend Holy Mass if at all possible. It is especially important to attend Holy Mass on All Saints' Day, to counteract the pervasive pagan and American 'Halloween'.

Holy Mass: Tuesday 6.30pm, Wednesday 9.00am (in Sacred Heart School), 10.00am, 6.30pm and 8.00pm.

Thursday: All Souls' Day

Thursday is the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed. Requiem Mass at 10.00am, 6.30pm and 8.00pm. On All Souls' Day there are no flowers at the altar; the use of the organ and other musical instruments is permitted only to sustain the singing.

Upcoming Events

Saturday 28 October

- Bereavement Support, 10.30am, Lounge

Friday 3 November

- Friendship Group, 2.30pm, Lounge

Sunday 5 November

- Children's Liturgy during the 10.00am Mass

PLENARY INDULGENCE

A Plenary Indulgence, applicable to the holy souls, may be gained once in any church - either today or next Sunday or on All Souls' Day - on the usual conditions: praying the *Our Father* and *Creed* in church, sacramental confession (at any time during the week), Holy Communion, and prayer for the Holy Father's Intention.

Those who visit a cemetery between 1 - 8 November and pray for the faithful departed may obtain a plenary indulgence, applicable to the holy souls.

THE PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr David Gibbons, KCHS

Parish Clergy: Fr Matthew Donnelly, Fr Jackson Sebastian and Deacon Julian Burling

Team member: Sr Dorothy Perrott OSU

THANK YOU

Missionaries of Africa appeal: Fr Tom Ryan, SMA has written to thank everyone for the mission appeal: *'There was an exceptionally generous response on the part of the people towards the appeal. I am so very grateful. Thanks also to Fr David for allowing me to use the card reader. The result was truly generous.'*

#REDWEDNESDAY

Last Sunday Bishop Oliver Dashe Doeme launched this year's #RedWednesday Rosary Campaign. Aid to the Church in Need is calling on UK Christians to taking part in 'Rosary campaign and #RedWednesday/£100k/MatchedChallenge4Africa'. Their aim is to raise £100K4Africa and reach pledges of 100,000 decades of the rosary for persecuted Christians in Africa - incl. the 45,000 Christians killed since 2010 and the four million refugees in Nigeria who have lost homes, jobs and family members in appalling acts of violence and injustice because of their faith in Christ. With your help ACN can make a real difference providing food, shelter and trauma counselling for vulnerable families. To find out more, make a gift, to pledge your rosary decades, or see events (incl. #RedWednesday Mass at St George's Cathedral) please visit www.acnuk.org/redwednesday.

JESUIT MISSIONS STAMP CUTTING

Volunteers welcome to help trim & sort used stamps to raise money for Jesuit Missions: next meeting will be on Thursday 2 November from 9.30am-12.30pm - coffee provided, please bring your own scissors. 11 Edge Hill, SW19 4 LR.

Parish Notices

HOLY ROSARY

We continue to meet on Saturdays at 9.30am before the 10.00am Mass when the Rosary is offered for World Peace. Do come and join in this very powerful prayer.

HOLY SOULS IN NOVEMBER

If you would like to have your deceased family members remembered in the Masses during November, write their names on a paper and put them into the Holy Souls envelopes provided at the back of the church. They will be placed in a box at the altar during Masses this month. Any donations enclosed will go towards Masses for the Holy Souls during the year.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

The annual Blessing of Graves at the Garth Road Cemeteries is next Sunday (5 November). There will be a short service at 3.00pm outside the chapel at the Merton and Sutton joint Cemetery, followed by the Blessing of individual graves. The Clergy will then go the North East Surrey Crematorium for further prayers there.

CHURCH MAIN ENTRANCE

In cold weather please use the side doors at the main Entrance, not the central doors. In this way we can keep the heat in (and save on heating bills) and keep the cold out. Thanks for your co-operation.

CALL FOR CHRISTMAS VOLUNTEERS!

Every year the Sacred Heart Parish has been pleased to organise a lunch on Christmas Day for all those who may find themselves on their own for the festive season. We want to do the same again this year, but we very much need volunteers to cook and prepare the lunch and someone to fulfil the role of co-ordinator. If you think you could help and join us in this wonderful tradition, please contact Thelma in the Parish Office on 020 8946 0305.

Other Notices

SPECIAL MASS

Catholic Women Praying Together: You are invited to a special Mass on Wednesday 15 November at 2.00pm Mass at St George's Cathedral, London, SE1 7HY; theme: *'Affirming the Church's teaching on marriage and family'*. All are welcome! Preacher: Rev Canon Michael Branch, Dean of St George's. Mass followed by tea & light refreshments in the Amigo

Hall (more information at www.catholicwomenprayingtogether.com).

SOUTHWARK ARUNDEL & BRIGHTON BROTHERS

This charity (number 1203417) supports priests in the two dioceses who are in need of treatment or who are retired. If you can help, please send a donation to 3 Birch Way Warlingham, CR6 9DA (cheques payable

to Southwark Arundel & Brighton Brethren CIO) or ring 07939 654 522 to obtain the bank account details.

SUNDAY COOK

The priests are looking for volunteers to help with cooking their Sunday lunch one Sunday per month in the Presbytery kitchen. Please contact Thelma in the Parish Office (020 8946 0305) if you are able to help.

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 28 October 10.30-11.30am, in the Parish Lounge. For more information, please email

bereavement@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Friday 3 November at 2.30pm in the Lounge: We have invited Fr David to join us for tea. Everyone is welcome!

MEMORY LANE CLUB

This popular club for people with dementia and their carers is open every Wednesday, 10.30am-12.30pm, in the Parish Lounge with tea, coffee & cake along with lots of chat, laughter, snooker and different activities; (contact: Jenny/07906 856 183).

Social & Cultural

SYRIAN MEAL

Join *Churches Together in West Wimbledon* (CTWW) on Thursday 16 November at 7.00pm for a Syrian Meal, followed by 'scriptural reasoning' on how different faiths view the concept of home. Venue: Morden Salvation Army, 21 Crown Lane, SM4 5BY.

Reserve free space via Eventbrite or contact Cathy Dickenson (CMMD@duck.com).

SELF DEFENCE COURSE

PC Suzanne D'Cruze, the Faith Engagement Officer for our area has offered to organise free self-defence courses for parishioners using the services of a Police Fitness Instructor. The course(s) could be tailored to our needs. If you are interested please let Thelma D'Costa know (thelma@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk) the number of people, by

gender and age who would like to be included and if they would prefer mixed or single sessions.

IRISH IN BRITAIN

'Look Back to Look Forward' - Irish in Britain's exhibition to portray the Irish community's resilience, diversity and contribution to modern Britain will be at the Irish Cultural Centre, London W6 9DT from 1-5 November. For more details, please visit www.irishinbritain.org.

175 YEARS ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL

The Cathedral choirs of St George's present an evening of choral music to commemorate the 175th anniversary of the Cathedral on Friday 3 November at 7.30pm. The concert will map the history of the cathedral in music, with singing interspersed with historical reflections from Joanna Bogle (Catholic History Walks). Repertoire

will include well-known favourites by William Byrd and Anton Bruckner, Meyer Lutz and the *Wisdom of Christ* by Frederick Stocken, which was commissioned for this anniversary year. Entrance free, concert will last 1 hour.

HISTORY BEHIND CATHOLIC RELICS

With unprecedented access to holy sites across the world, *Mysteries of the Faith* explores the secrets of Christianity's most legendary treasures. From the Crown of Thorns to the iconic Holy Grail, these cherished relics have inspired millions for centuries. Now, for the first time, global audiences can witness the hidden power and evolving mystique of these sacred objects in a documentary launching on 1 November, to view the trailer follow the link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hCdZ1aAtt5I>

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.

VACANCY CCA

New Executive Manager for *Christian Care Association (CCA)* required: Are you someone with an awareness of and a real concern about the deep poverty that exists in Merton which is often thought to be a wealthy London borough? Are you a leader, able to organise and coordinate a team of volunteers and to oversee a varied range of activities and manage them for the wellbeing of families in need? If so, please get in touch as Christian CARE Association (CCA) needs an Executive Manager to oversee the day to day running of CCA. This will be its first paid employee and in the first instance a one-year contract is on offer, at the rate of £24/h for a 21-hour week spread over 3-5 days. Closing date 23 November 2023. Full details available on CCA website <https://christiancaremerton.org.uk> or from Pat Spencer, the Hon. Secretary at pat.spencer@christiancaremerton.org.uk.

Exploring our Faith

LOVE HEALS BODY MIND AND SPIRIT

You are welcome to come to a 1-day retreat of quiet reflection this Saturday 28 October, 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; talk based on Scripture, Catholic Christian Meditation, Blessed Adoration - Divine Mercy, Individual Healing

Prayers (please visit www.lovehealsbodymindspirit.com email lovehealsbodymindspirit@gmail.com, 020 8542 2476).

LONDON JESUIT CENTRE

Art & Soul, A Creative Day Retreat with Sheila Jones: an in-person 1-day retreat which offers a space of prayer and reflection with scripture, poetry, music and the opportunity to engage creatively with mixed media art forms (such as collage) as

a way of exploring and expressing the deep movements of your soul. No artistic skills are required and all materials are provided. With time for guided & silent prayer and the opportunity to share with others. Saturday 11 November 10.30am-4.30pm Suggested contribution £30; London Jesuit Centre, London W1K 3AH, to find out and to register please visit <https://londonjesuitcentre.churchsuite.com/events/jo6qouyj>.

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

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: John Jinks and Tom Pilkington

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Elena and Ramonito Ferraris, John Davies, Okhai Michael Akhigbe, Mary Robinson, Angela Sims, Desmond McGrath, Alina Hancock, Emily Thompson, Cecilia Wiggins, Gerald Platts and Marie Vincent,

The sick: John Wall, Margaret Duffy, Sylvia May, Zachary Roberts, Audra Wamsteker, Penelope Sewell, Hui Lee Ng, 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)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 28 October

6.30pm Maureen O'Donnell RIP

Monday 30 October Feria

10.00am Kathleen Kelly & family Ints.

6.30pm Alina Hancock RIP

Tuesday 31 October Feria

10.00am Gemma Birthday Ints.

6.30pm Ginetta Gazzi RIP

Wednesday 1 November All Saints, Solemnity

10.00am Emily Grey & family

6.30pm Susan Kiernan RIP

8.00pm Rebecca Colaco Birthday Ints.

Thursday 2 November The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

10.00am Nora Quinn RIP

6.30pm Neville Newton RIP

8.00pm Hilary Fernandes Ints.

Friday 3 November Feria

10.00am Peter Charman Ints.

6.30pm Holy Souls

Saturday 4 November St Charles Borromeo, Bishop

10.00am Dolores Breathnach RIP

MUSIC AT THE 12 NOON MASS

Entry hymn: 620 *Rejoice today with one accord*

Kyrie/Gloria: 459/460

Offertory motet: *O Lord, increase my faith*, Orlando Gibbons

Sanctus: 433

Communion motet: *Ubi caritas*, Maurice Duruflé

Communion hymn: 4 *A new commandment*

COLLECTIONS

Last week's 2nd collection for *Missio* raised £788.54.

Thank you for your generosity.

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 37:22-23

First Reading MI 1:14-2:2.8-10

Responsorial Psalm Ps 130

Second Reading I Th 2:7-9.13

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 23:9.10

Gospel Matthew 23:1-12

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.

