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## Newsletter

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### Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (A)

Solemnity

Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Vol III, psalter week 2

**Readings:** Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17 Psalm 22:1-3,5-6 1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28 Matthew 25:31-46

**Second Collection:** This collection supports the work of the Southwark Catholic Youth Service, which is re-launching several activities in 2024 for those aged 10-35. For more details about what is on offer, please see their website: [tinyurl.com/scysl](http://tinyurl.com/scysl), and to sign up to the network to receive regular updates please visit [tinyurl.com/scysnetwork](http://tinyurl.com/scysnetwork).

**Manna Society Collection:** Please place dry or tinned goods – such as pasta, sugar, tinned tomatoes, biscuits, etc - in the collection boxes in the church porch.

### TODAY'S MASS

The Readings for this last Sunday of the liturgical year can be found in the *Lectionary* after the 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday (Vol I p 729); the other texts in the *Missal*, however, are found with the Solemnities of the Lord (p 543).

**First Reading:** God may be a good shepherd, but a good shepherd is one who is also a judge: bad and weak sheep may be discarded so as to retain the good sheep.

**Psalm:** as you pray this psalm, pray to be among those who enter heaven at the Day of Judgement.

**Second Reading:** today's Preface at the beginning of the Eucharistic Prayer recalls the thesis of this passage, that by His death on the cross Christ conquered death, that His resurrection precedes the resurrection of the faithful, and that this will be a cosmic transformation of the universe, in which all things will be subject to Him.

**Gospel:** in this Year of Matthew (Year A) the *Gospel* focuses on Christ as the Judge on the last day. And we shall be judged not so much on the sins we have committed (adultery, dishonesty, and so on) but on the good deeds for the poor and needy we have failed to do (welcoming the stranger, visiting the sick, etc).

We were anointed with the Oil of Chrism at our Baptism, as priest, prophet, and king. The better we understand the Feast of Christ the King the better we shall understand our own vocation. Fr David

### Upcoming Events

#### Saturday 25 November

- Bereavement Mass, 10.00am

#### Tuesday 28 November

- Talk on Child Trafficking, followed by Adoration, 7.15pm, Lower Hall (p.2)

#### Wednesday 29 November

- Newman Circle, 7.30pm, Lounge

#### Friday 1 December

- Friendship Group, 2.30pm, Lounge

#### Sunday 3 December

- Children's Liturgy during the 10.00am Mass

#### Friday 8 December

- Monthly Convent Mass DHM, 8.00am (see p. 2)

### THIS WEEK

**Wednesday:** no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 10.00am Mass until 12noon

**Thursday:** Mass at 9.00am at Sacred Heart School, parishioners are welcome to attend these school Masses.

**Friday:** - Ursuline Prep School Carol Service: 5.00pm in the church; no Exposition during the day (because of rehearsals for/and the Carol Service itself)

- First Friday of the month Exposition and Adoration after the 6.30pm Mass until 8.45pm.

### 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

FROM

FR MICHAEL BARNES SJ

*'Can I offer a humble and heartfelt word of thanks to the parish of the Sacred Heart for the wonderful reception you gave me at the 6.30pm Mass last Saturday. I was expecting a modest congregation and perhaps a few hymns to keep us going. Instead, I was faced with a packed church, standing room only, the choir in wonderful, good voice - and everyone, as always, listening attentively to my few words. The book-token is the perfect farewell gift; Jesuits never stop collecting books and in my case it's a matter of investing in a few volumes that will support the writing I am doing at the moment.*

*Thank you for making me think every week about the Gospel and for sharing your reactions with such generosity. The Sacred Heart has given me and my family so much over the years. I am enormously grateful to you all.*

*As the parish moves forward into a new phase for our Church, you will remain very much in my thoughts and prayers.' Fr Michael Barnes SJ*

### PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

Cathy Lynch has served the Finance Committee for some 10 years reporting on the parish finances. With Cathy moving out of the parish we are looking for someone with accountancy skills to replace her. The role involves liaising with Amy Lam, our Finance Assistant, and presenting accounts and other relevant information at monthly committee meetings.

If you are interested in helping, please contact, the Committee Chair, Chris Woodward, at [finance@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](mailto:finance@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk) to arrange a chat.

## Parish Notices

### WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER

This Advent's *Week of Guided Prayer* begins with a meeting for all participants next Sunday 3 December at 4.00pm in the Lounge.

### CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Invitation forms are available at the back of the church. Please return them

to Thelma in the Parish Office. Please pass a form on to someone you know who might otherwise be alone on Christmas Day.

### PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

The Clergy and the Parish Pastoral Council would like to plan two social events for the whole parish in 2024. We

are looking to form a group to support this and invite expressions of interest from everyone. To find out more, please email Ruth Naylor, Chair of the PPC ([ppc@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](mailto:ppc@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk)).

### CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas Cards and diaries are now on sale at the Presbytery Reception.

## Other Notices

### HOLY COMMUNION AT THE SUNDAY 10.00am MASS

To avoid gridlock at Holy Communion, please observe the following:

- do not join the Communion Procession too soon; in particular, if you are seated at the sides, please wait patiently before joining the queue and do not let the queue go back beyond the back pew in the centre aisle. What is happening now is that everyone immediately rises and stands, in the side aisles as well as the central aisle, and this blocks those who have received Holy Communion from returning, thus causing the gridlock.

- use all four Ministers of Holy Communion: when you near the Altar look to see which Minister is free and go straight to them.

Thank you. This will most likely apply to many of the Christmas Masses as well.

### TRAVELLING NATIVITY

This Advent will see the return of the *Travelling Nativity*. Throughout Advent, starting on Sunday 3 December, a different household from the parish will have the Nativity figures present in their home for one evening and pass them on to the next household until Christmas Eve. If you would like your family to have the travelling nativity, please collect a form from the back of the church and return it to the Presbytery for the attention of Thelma or Sr Dorothy no later than this Sunday.

### FORM SIGNING FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS

The closing date for Primary School applications for a place in Year R is in mid-January 2024. Fr David will be in the Lower Hall to countersign supplementary forms for Sacred Heart

School and other Catholic Primary Schools on Tuesday 9 January. Parents should attend bringing the child concerned and the form(s). Please ensure you have completed all the parents' sections of the form beforehand. Do not hand the forms to the Clergy or to the Presbytery in advance, as we shall not forward them to the school.

### MONTHLY CONVENT MASS

Starting next month, there will be a monthly Mass at 8.00am at the Daughters of the Heart of Mary convent (41 Murray Road), on or about the 9th of each month. In December this will be on Friday 8 December (the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception). Parishioners are welcome to attend these Masses.

## Parish Organisations

### FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Friday 1 December, 2.30pm, Lounge: Christmas Singalong with Songs on Wheels, Sherry, tea & cakes, mince pies. Everyone welcome!

### YOUNG ADULTS

A group of young parishioners invite you to join them on Tuesday 28 November after the 6.30pm Mass in the Lower Hall for

an event raising awareness of child trafficking: there will be a talk on child trafficking, time for networking and exchange, all followed by Adoration in the church.

## Social & Cultural

### NEWMAN CIRCLE

The next Wimbledon Newman Circle meeting, a repeat of Julian Burling's talk 'The History of the Church in the British Isles' will be on Wednesday 29 November at 7.30pm in the Parish Lounge. All those who were unable to attend the meeting in September are most welcome to this excellent talk.

### WEST BARNES SINGERS

The West Barnes Singers invite you to their Christmas Concert: an evening with *Händel's Zadok the Priest*, Mozart's *Mass in C* and, of course, Christmas Carols on Saturday 2 December at 7.30pm, St Saviours Church, Grand Drive SW20 9DL. Tickets £15, children free.

### JESUIT JUSTICE AT COP28 CAMPAIGN

You can find out about and join this campaign at <https://jesuitmissions.org.uk/campaign/justice-at-cop28/> or on social media (<https://linktr.ee/JesuitMissions>). In particular, Jesuit Missions encourage you to write to your MP,

using their template. You are invited to their COP28 Prayers & March at 10.00am on Sunday 9 December at the London Jesuit Centre: go to <https://chat.whatsapp.com/KgcUom85XCylaiKAOlKKu5> for their WhatsApp group.

In *Laudate Deum* Pope Francis (-who will attend the COP28 climate conference starting this week in Dubai-) has made it clear that we are 'near breaking point', so Jesuit Missions hope you will join them in campaigning for Climate Justice.

### JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICE

You are invited to this year's JRS Advent Service, at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, W1K 3AH on Friday 15 December at 7.00pm. Please RSVP to Loddan Othman by 8 December ([loddan.othman@jrs.net](mailto:loddan.othman@jrs.net)) if you wish to attend.

### JESUIT MISSIONS CHRISTMAS CARDS

Following the Ignatian call to go where the need is great-

est, Jesuit Missions are working in areas such as anti-human trafficking, educational access, and environmental sustainability in places like India, S-Sudan and Ethiopia. By buying JM Christmas cards, you make their work possible. <https://www.charitycardshop.com/JM>. Thank you for supporting this good cause!

### A HISTORY OF THE CHRISTMAS CRIB

This new book by parishioner Tim Everson covers the history of the Nativity scene from the Gospel stories through to the present day.

It traces the artistic depictions and the development of the Christmas liturgy up to the time of St Francis and his service at Greccio 800 years ago which inspired the first cribs. It then follows the development and spread of cribs throughout Europe and beyond. Illustrated with 130 colour pictures, it is priced at £14.99 (£4.99 of which goes to church funds) and is available from the Presbytery Reception.

## 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.

### EDGEWAYS NEEDS HELP

After over two years away, monthly Edgeways will return with the first edition on Friday 1 December - this time by email only. With lots of relevant new content, we now need someone to design this into a pdf colour file. If you have the skills, please email David at [dthurst52@gmail.com](mailto:dthurst52@gmail.com).

### CHRISTMAS ALONE

The Sacred Heart SVP Conference would like to distribute gift packages to housebound residents in the area, Catholics or otherwise, who would be spending Christmas on their own. Please let us know if you are aware of someone in this situation. We need their name, gender, address and approximate age and any information which could be relevant to what we gift. Reply in confidence to [president190704@svp.org.uk](mailto:president190704@svp.org.uk) or leave a message with the parish office (020 8946 0305).

## Exploring our Faith

### LOVE HEALS BODY MIND AND SPIRIT

You are welcome to come to a 1-day retreat of quiet reflection this Saturday 25 November, 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. For more info, please visit [www.lovehealsbodymindspirit.com](http://www.lovehealsbodymindspirit.com).

### YOUNG ADULT ADVENT RETREAT

Advent retreat for young adults aged 18-35 Advent, time to reflect & pray to

prepare ourselves for the coming of the Prince of Peace; Saturday 16 Dec. 10.30am-2.30pm at FCJ Spirituality Centre, 32 Phoenix Rd, NW1 1TA; facilitated by Sr Anouska Robinson-Biggin FCJ (The Faithful Companions of Jesus); cost by donation. More information [bookings.fcjcentre@fcjhouse-somerstown.co.uk](mailto:bookings.fcjcentre@fcjhouse-somerstown.co.uk)

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

### WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

**Those who have died recently:** Angelino Uggias Nalon, Stephen Eaton, Brenda Park, Philomena Dobinson, Patricia Brady and Anais Del Maestro

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** John Granahan, James Westbrook, Terry Coyle and Lady Jeanette Brandon

**The sick:** Tom Kinsella, Finuala Holford, Sandrine D'Unienville, John Wall, 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

**Monday 27 November** Feria

10.00am Cyril Maidment 90<sup>th</sup> birthday  
6.30pm James Westbrook RIP

**Tuesday 28 November** Feria

10.00am Mario Cura RIP  
6.30pm Deceased members of the Međugorje Group

**Wednesday 29 November** Feria

10.00am Denis Quinn RIP  
6.30pm Edward Hogan RIP

**Thursday 30 November** St Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland

9.00am Mass at Sacred Heart School  
10.00am Peter Honeyman Birthday  
6.30pm Joaquim Caetano Fernandes RIP

**Friday 1 December** Ss Edmund Campion SJ, Ralph Sherwin & Alexander Briant SJ, Priests & Martyrs

10.00am Emily Gray and family Ints.  
6.30pm Thanksgiving

**Saturday 2 December** The Blessed Virgin Mary

10.00am Doreen Gothard RIP  
6.30pm John & Mary Grenahan

### COLLECTIONS

- The second collection (Archbishop's Appeal) on Sunday 12 November raised **£719.62**.
- Total for the Oct-23 Offertory comes to: **£35,092.55**

**Thank you for your generosity!**

### MUSIC AT THE 12 NOON MASS

Entry hymn: 239 *Hail Redeemer, King divine*

Kyrie/Gloria: 459/460

Offertory motet: *Let all the world*, Ralph Vaughan Williams

Sanctus: 433

Communion: (116) *Christus vincit* (plainsong)

### 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

First Sunday of Advent (B)

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 24:1-3

First Reading Is 63:16-17;  
64:1.3-8

Responsorial Psalm Ps 79:2-3.15-16.18

Second Reading 1 Cor 1:3-9

Gospel Acclamation Ps 84:8

Gospel Mark 13:33-37

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](mailto:newsletter@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk) / [wimparish@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

