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## Newsletter

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2024 Year of Prayer

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**

Peace Day

Second Week in Ordinary Time Vol 1, psalter week 2

Readings: Samuel 3:3-10. 19 Psalm 39:2.4-10.R.v8.9 I Corinthians 6:13-15 17-20 John 1:35-42

### TODAY'S MASS

Thanks to the lunar calendar Easter is early this year, and so this year we only have five 'green Sundays' before Ash Wednesday. Today is Peace Day, when we are asked to pray for Peace on Earth.

The **First Reading** - the calling of Samuel to be a great prophet - is chosen to shed light on the calling of the disciples in the *Gospel*. Like Samuel, the disciple of Christ is called to be a spokesperson for God.

Like Samuel (and the disciples in the *Gospel*) we recite the **Psalm** to indicate our willing acceptance of the call to do God's will.



**Second Reading:** this begins a series of readings from St Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. As our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, we should avoid fornication, which "*is to sin against your own body*".

**Gospel:** although Year B is the year of Mark - as St Mark's Gospel is short - on some Sundays like today the *Gospel* reading is from John. Today we hear John's account of the calling of the first disciples, but as usual with John the main point is not history but theology: this is a summary of Christian vocation and discipleship. Is Jesus truly the teacher (rabbi) and Anointed One (Messiah) whom you follow wholeheartedly? Do you truly 'live with Christ'?

The invitation to Holy Communion - *Behold the Lamb of God ...* - is taken from this *Gospel*, a good example of the fact that almost all of our Mass texts are Scripture based.

Fr David

### PEACE SUNDAY

The theme this year chosen by Pope Francis is 'Artificial Intelligence and Peace'. The Catholic movement for Peace in England & Wales is *Pax Christi*. Its work is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Rooted in the Catholic Church *Pax Christi* works with all who share our values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice. Visit <https://paxchristi.org.uk/> for more information on Pax Christi, for the Pope's Message for Peace, and to make a donation to its work.

### 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

Faith Minister: Rob Hitchcock

## This Week

### THOMAS KINSELLA RIP

Tom's Funeral Mass is at the 10.00am Mass on Monday, followed by Interment at the Putney Vale Cemetery.

### DONHEAD & URSULINE PREP'S MASS

A joint Mass in Church for Donhead Prep and Ursuline Prep Schools on Wednesday at 11.00am. Parents and family members are especially invited.

### EXPOSITION

#### OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Because of the above Mass, Exposition on Wednesday will be from 5.25-6.25pm only, but not in the morning. Exposition on Friday is at the normal times, after the 10.00am Mass and at 5.25pm.

### WIMBLEDON COLLEGE

Founders' Day Mass on Thursday. Parents, please check the times with the College.

### CHURCH UNITY OCTAVE

From Thursday 18th until Thursday 25th January the Church observes an octave of prayer for Christian Unity.

## Next Sunday

### SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

The theme this year, taken from John 8:31 is 'Abide in my Word'. This annual Sunday is intended "to enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his

Word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world." Pope Francis, *Aperuit Illis* 2).

### CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE

It is our turn this year to hold the annual Unity Service for Churches Together

in West Wimbledon. It will be at 6.30pm next Sunday.

Please make every effort to attend and to pray for Christian Unity.

## Parish Notices

### 2024 FIRST SACRAMENTS PROGRAMME

We are pleased to announce that Rob Hitchcock, our new Faith Minister, has put in place arrangements for this programme, and parents should have received an email giving the details. If you haven't received it, please contact Thelma in the Parish Office. Rob can be contacted by email at [wimbledonpfm@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:wimbledonpfm@rcaos.org.uk) or by phone at 020 8946 0305.

There will be sessions for the children in the Upper Hall on Wednesdays and Fridays at 4.00pm and on Sundays at 11.15am and 3.30pm (starting from Wednesday 24th January); parents are asked to sign up for one of the four. Parents will also be given the dates of the First Confessions, and are reminded that they (if Catholic) should also make their own Confession at the same time.

### PARISH SAFEGUARDING TEAM

We are also pleased to announce that our team of Parish Safeguarding Reps is also now very much up and running. They will be checking that Parish organisations and users of our halls comply with all the relevant Safeguarding

regulations and will be processing DBS checks for volunteers.

For general queries and non-urgent cases contact either

Victoria Wheatley at [wimbledonsg1@safeguardingrcaos.org.uk](mailto:wimbledonsg1@safeguardingrcaos.org.uk),

Kathleen Kirkland at [wimbledonsg2@safeguardingrcaos.org.uk](mailto:wimbledonsg2@safeguardingrcaos.org.uk),

or Siobhán Heffron at [wimbledonsg3@safeguardingrcaos.org.uk](mailto:wimbledonsg3@safeguardingrcaos.org.uk).

The Parish Safeguarding Reps are all volunteers. Consequently their work is spread over the course of the week, and there is a possibility your email may not be seen within 24 hours.

For Safeguarding advice, training and urgent situations, contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Office on 020 7251 1606.

If you think a child or vulnerable adult is at immediate risk, dial 999 and ask for the Police Safeguarding Officer.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Children's Liturgy Group runs a wonderful programme for the children of the parish during the 10.00am Mass. There are two groups, the *Doves* for children in school year 2 and below: their session takes place in the Lower Hall and the children must be

accompanied by an adult; and the *Eagles* for children in years 3-6: they are in the Lounge and are accompanied by the catechists. All children return to the Church during the Offertory.

The dates of the liturgy sessions are as follows:

21st January

4th & 25th February

3rd & 17th March

21st & 28th April

12th May

9th & 23rd June

7th & 14th July

For more information please contact Elizabeth Bottriell at [elizabethbottriell@hotmail.com](mailto:elizabethbottriell@hotmail.com).

### SACRED HEART DEVOTION

There will be Eucharistic Adoration on the first Friday of the month, 2nd February (Feast of the Presentation of The Lord) after the 6.30pm Mass in the Church.

## Parish Organisations

### EDGE HILL PLAYERS' PANTO

Wakey, wakey, it's Panto time again (oh yes, it is)! The Edge Hill Players present ***Sleeping Beauty*** on Saturdays 27th January and 3rd February at 2.30pm and 7.00pm in the Upper Hall. For tickets and further information please visit [www.edgehillplayers.com](http://www.edgehillplayers.com) or call 07742 230 493.

### FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Friday 2nd February at 2.30pm in the Lounge; Film: *Genevieve* (1953) starring Kenneth More, Kay Kendall, John Gregson and Dinah Sheridan; Ice Creams. Tea and Biscuits. All are welcome!

## Diocesan and other Notices

### THE CATHOLIC UNION

The Catholic Union of Great Britain is seeking to appoint a new Director. Visit <https://catholicunion.org.uk/> and click on 'Jobs at the Catholic Union'; but hurry, the closing date is tomorrow.

### MARCH FOR LIFE UK

Would you like to connect locally, in-person, with other people who support the pro-life cause? *March for Life UK* are inviting people to be part of a new initiative called 'Connect' which will help establish local pro-life groups to pray, fundraise,

socialise, educate and get involved in outreach. To find out more and be part of an initial online meeting please email Isabel at [info@marchforlife.co.uk](mailto:info@marchforlife.co.uk).

### SPECIAL MASS

The diocesan Racial and Cultural Inclusion Commission invites you to the celebration of Racial Justice Sunday on 28th January. Archbishop John Wilson will be celebrating the event at St George's Cathedral, London SE1 7HY at the 10am Mass (everyone is gently requested to be seated by 9.45am).

## Exploring our Faith

### LOVE HEALS BODY MIND AND SPIRIT

You are invited to come to a 1-day retreat of quiet reflection on Saturday 3rd February, 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 information, please visit [www.lovehealsbodymindspirit.com](http://www.lovehealsbodymindspirit.com).

### A DAY WITH MARY

You are invited to a *Day with Mary*, a day of instruction, devotion and intercession, on Saturday 20th January at Our Lady of Lourdes and St Vincent de Paul, Harrow Rd,

W9 3RB, 8.45am-5.30pm; celebrant & preacher: Fr Michael Jarmulowicz; sermons on Our Lady by Mgr Keith Barltro; Exposition & Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, Meditations on the Passion of Our Lord, Silent Prayers ([www adaywithmary.com](http://www adaywithmary.com)).

### PILGRIMAGE 2024 CAMINO DE SANTIAGO

A great opportunity for young adults (20s & 30s), and an invitation to join the British Province of Carmelites on pilgrimage, Easter week 2024 (exact details/dates to be confirmed as flights have not yet been released). The 5 day walk starts from Sarria on the *Camino Francés* (70 miles to Santiago de Compostela), staying in hostels each evening. For further details and to register interest please visit <https://carmelite.org/camino-2024/> or [hello@carmelite.org](mailto:hello@carmelite.org).

### 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.

### \*\*\*MISSING\*\*\*

Would the person who borrowed the two interactive life-like cats from the Lower Hall storage cupboard please return them *immediately*. These cats are much-loved companions to a number of Memory Lane Club members with dementia and we need them back.

### SURPLUS GIFTS

Parishioners are invited to donate their surplus Christmas gifts and bring them to the Parish Office until the end of the month. Unwanted Christmas presents will be donated to a charity, some presents will be raffled to raise money for the crib appeal. All donations are welcome!

### CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WEST WIMBLEDON

A performance at the Lantern Arts Centre on Saturday 20th January, 7.30pm, when Paul Kerenza gives a 'recreation' of the BBC's very first religious broadcast. Tickets (£10) available on the Lantern Arts Centre website.

### 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.

Parish Safeguarding Reps:

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### CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

6.30pm (Sat) Fr David Gibbons  
8.00am Fr Matthew Donnelly  
10.00am Fr Jackson Sebastian & Deacon Julian Burling  
12 noon Fr David Gibbons  
5.00pm Fr Matthew Donnelly  
8.00pm Fr Jackson Sebastian & Deacon Julian Burling

### WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

**Those who have died recently:** John Higgins, Chris Mapleton, Susan Roehrig (née Degnan) Maureen May, John Abreo, Tom Kinsella and Finuala Holford  
**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Andre Roland Helene, Maria Keaveney Jessiman, Ekenedilichukwu Igbozbioku, Nick Carew Hunt, Charmain Bourbon, Christopher O'Brien, Bertha Mary Ruddland, John Penny, Mary O'Keefe and Jerzy Owoc  
**The sick:** Olivia Chiemielka, Frances Barden, Jason & Kevin Moreno, Ken Wogan, Jane McVeigh, Harriette Cahill, Martin Moretti, Hui Lee Ng, Audra Wamsteker, Paul Stromborg, Luca Buttaci, 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.



### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

**Monday 15 January** Feria  
10.00am Funeral Mass for Thomas Kinsella RIP  
6.30pm Eloide Ints.  
**Tuesday 16 January** Feria  
10.00am Christopher O'Brien RIP  
6.30pm Olaf Meyer RIP  
**Wednesday 17 January** St Anthony, Abbot  
10.00am Peter Lennon RIP  
6.30pm Corrado & Bruna Manili RIP  
**Thursday 18 January** Feria (Church Unity Octave begins)  
10.00am Anton Benedict RIP  
6.30pm Richard Sabin RIP  
**Friday 19 January** Feria/Mass for the Unity of the Church  
10.00am Audrey Pereira RIP  
6.30pm Mark Fudakowski RIP  
**Saturday 20 January** The Blessed Virgin Mary  
10.00am Miriam Fernandes RIP  
6.30pm Pauline Matarasso RIP

### 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)

### MUSIC AT THE 12 NOON MASS

Entry hymn: 22 *All people that on earth do dwell*

Kyrie/Gloria: 459/460

Offertory motet: *Jubilate Deo, Orlando Lassus*

Communion motet: *O sacrum convivium, Giuseppe Bernabei*

Communion hymn: 546: *O perfect love*

### 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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

First Reading       Jonah 3:1-5.10  
Responsorial Psalm   Ps 24:4-9  
Second Reading     1 Cor 7:29-31  
Gospel Acclamation   Mark 1:15  
Gospel                Mark 1:14-20

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.

