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## Newsletter

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### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Third Week in Ordinary Time Vol 1, psalter week 3

#### TODAY'S MASS

**First Reading** (Jonah 3:1-5.10): The book of *Jonah* is not history or prophecy. It is fictional, a story about a man called Jonah who was called by God to preach repentance to the people of Nineveh, who respond positively. It has a place in the canon of Scripture in order to encourage us to renounce evil behaviour, to fast, and to repent of our sins. This passage is placed in today's Readings to reinforce the first message preached by Jesus - "Repent" - in the *Gospel*.

Let us mean it when we recite the **Psalm** (24: 4-9. R.v4): "Lord, make me know your ways".

**Second Reading** (1 Corinthians 7:29-31): In the middle of a long passage about marriage and celibacy, St Paul suggests that as Christian disciples we should lead our lives *sub specie aeternitatis*, that is with our eyes fixed on eternity, on the next life rather than this passing life.

**Gospel** (Mark 1:14-20): This is the first of a series of *Gospels* from Mark. The preacher is spoilt for choice as there are three major themes in such a short reading:

- At the beginning of His public ministry, Jesus' first message is about the closeness of the kingdom of God and the need to repent and believe the Good News;
- He calls the first of His disciples, who immediately leave their previous lives to follow Him;
- Once called the follower of Christ is to be a 'fisher of men'; in other words the Christian's first responsibility is to evangelize, to spread the Good News.

Fr David

#### SUNDAY of the WORD of GOD

The theme this year is *Remain in my Word* (from John 8.31). "The Word of God is a love letter written for us by Him who knows us like no one else: by reading it, we hear His voice again and receive His message for us" (His Beatitude Pierbattista Cardinal Pizzaballa, Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem). This day is a reminder of the centrality of the Word of God in the life of the Church.

Today we pray for and thank those who proclaim the Word of God in our Parish: not just our Mass Readers but also our Priests and Deacons, our psalmists, cantors and choirs, and Children's Liturgy of the Word catechists. What do YOU do to study the Word of God? Perhaps as a family you can study the previous Sunday's Readings, or you can do so individually, asking the Holy Spirit to guide your meditation on the Scripture.

#### CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE

If you possibly can, please come to Sacred Heart today at 6.30pm for the annual Unity Service, which it is our turn to host. We shall celebrate Vespers, and refreshments in the Lower Hall will follow. You can gain a partial Indulgence by fulfilling the usual conditions (sacramental Confession, Holy Communion, and prayer for the Pope's Intention) and praying the following prayer:

*Almighty and eternal God,  
you gather the scattered sheep  
and watch over those you have gathered.  
Look kindly on all who follow Jesus, your Son.  
You have marked them with the seal of one Baptism;  
now make them one in the fulness of faith  
and unite them in the bond of love.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

#### 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

### OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Octave concludes on Thursday (the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul). Do continue to pray this week for Unity.

### URSULINE HIGH SCHOOL MASSES

At 11.15am on Tuesday in the School, at 11.15am and 1.45pm on Wednesday in

Church, and 12.45pm on Friday in Church, the School celebrate their 'St Angela' Masses. Parents and family members welcome.

### NO EXPOSITION

No morning Exposition on Wednesday because of the Mass mentioned above.

### SHIRLEY WARD RIP

Funeral Mass on Tuesday at 11.30am, followed by Cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium.

### NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday is Racial Justice Sunday.

## Parish Notices

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children who have not yet received their first Holy Communion are invited to go out to the Children's Liturgy of the Word today at the 10.00am Mass.

### 2024 FIRST SACRAMENTS PROGRAMME

The first Penance and first Holy Communion programme starts on Wednesday this week, for those who have registered. If parents have not yet done so they should contact Thelma in the Parish Office as soon as possible to book for one of the four weekly sessions. Please contact Rob Hitchcock at [wimbledonpfm@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:wimbledonpfm@rcaos.org.uk) if you have any queries.

### 2024 CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

Registration is now open for this year's Confirmation programme. All those who have made their first Holy Communion and are in Year 8 or above who have not been Confirmed should register for this programme. You can register online via the Parish Website. The course will start after the February half term break.

### EQUESTRIAN ORDER OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE OF JERUSALEM

The Knights and Dames of the Order will be celebrating Holy Mass in Sacred

Heart Church at 11am on Saturday 10th February. The principal Celebrant will be Archbishop Emeritus Kevin McDonald KC\*HS. All parishioners are very welcome to attend this Mass. The main role of the Order is to support the Church in the Holy Land, by prayer, financial help, and pilgrimage to the Holy Places; the Order supports parishes, schools, clinics and hospitals etc in the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem. Any parishioner (male or female) interested in joining please speak to Fr David.

### CARD READING MACHINES

You now have the option to contribute to the Second Collection on the card readers. The income received from the Saturday to the following Friday will go to the announced Second Collection. Please note that if a donation is made in a week when there isn't a Second Collection it will be allocated to the First Collection.

### BIBLE STUDY

There used to be Bible Study in the Parish, but which ceased in the COVID pandemic and has not restarted. It seems appropriate on Word of God Sunday to ask if anyone would like to start a Bible Study group up again. Contact Thelma or Fr David if you are

interested in helping to form a group to study Sacred Scripture.

### 27 JANUARY ST ANGELA MERICI

On the Feast of St Angela Merici who founded the Company of St. Ursula, in which women dedicated their lives to the service of the Church through the education of girls, we wish the Ursuline Sisters and the many parishioners who attend/attended the Ursuline School in our Parish a very happy feast!

### 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.

### EDGEWAYS RETURNS

A limited number of printed *Edgeways*, our Parish magazine, are now available at the back of the church.

### ADVANCE NOTICE: ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent this year begins on Wednesday 14th February. Holy Mass with the imposition of ashes will be at 10.00am, 6.30pm and 8.00pm that day. Put the date in your diary now so you don't forget it.

## 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 on Saturday 27th January from 10.30-11.30am, in the

Parish Lounge. For more information, please email [bereavement@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](mailto:bereavement@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk).

### 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

## CATHOLIC MEDICAL ETHICS ONLINE LECTURE SERIES

For current university students of the healthcare professions interested in the Church's response to difficult ethical questions. Please visit the *Events* page of the Archdiocese of Southwark's website for more information or to sign up.

## SOUTHWARK SPIRITUALITY FORUM - ZOOM MEETINGS

The aim of the Forum is to create a space where those who share a passion for fostering prayer and spiritual growth can meet and explore ways of supporting one another. The first Zoom meeting is on Tuesday 6th February. Please visit the *Events* page of the Archdiocesan website.

## HIGHER EDUCATION CHAPLAINCY

Current university students and staff are invited to a Q&A with the Archbishop on Saturday 3rd February in St George's Cathedral, Amigo Hall: 3.45pm gather for Cathedral tour (4-4.45pm), 4.45pm Q&A with the Archbishop, 6.00pm Mass, 7.00pm pizza. Visit <https://fb.me/e/4PmFDo5ll> or contact Sr Anouska FCJ ([anouskarobinsonbiggin@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:anouskarobinsonbiggin@rcaos.org.uk)) to register by Monday 29th January.

## NET MINISTRIES: RETREAT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Saturday 17th February, for those aged 13-17, at St George's Cathedral Primary

School. Visit the *Events* page of the Archdiocesan website: [www.rcsouthwark.co.uk](http://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk).

## MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE S-W LONDON

Please find out more about events organised by the Southwark diocesan MFL :

### Dealing with Divorce

People suffering from relationship breakdown are the focus of *Restored Lives* which runs non-denominational online and face-to-face courses to help adults and their children deal with trauma of separation and divorce. Their next online course starts on Monday 22nd January, for details please visit: <https://www.restoredlives.org>

### National Marriage Week

This national event runs from 7th-14th February. For a rich resource of information, prayers and events please visit the Bishops' Conference website: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/marriage-week-2024/>

## 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 & get involved in outreach; contact Isabel at [info@marchforlife.co.uk](mailto:info@marchforlife.co.uk) if you would like to get involved.

## 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.

## EDGE HILL PLAYERS' PANTO

The Edge Hill Players present *Sleeping Beauty* on Saturdays 27th January & 3rd February at 2.30pm and 7.00pm in the Upper Hall. Tickets from [www.edgehillplayers.com](http://www.edgehillplayers.com) or 07742 230 493. Get your ticket before they all go!

## SURPLUS GIFTS

There is still time to donate your 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!

# Exploring our Faith

## VOCATIONS WEEKEND

Vocations Weekend for women (20s & 30s) Theme: *Discerning God's Call in your life*. Dates: from Friday 16th - Sunday 18th February in Liverpool; the weekend is organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). Jesus invites each of us to 'Come and See' - this weekend will give the opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life and to reflect on God's call to you. If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious

life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them. For more information contact Sr Lynne FCJ at [fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com](mailto:fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com) or visit [www.fcjsisters.org](http://www.fcjsisters.org).

## \*\*\*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.

## 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:  
Victoria Wheatley ([wimbledonsg1@safeguard.rcaos.org.uk](mailto:wimbledonsg1@safeguard.rcaos.org.uk))  
Kathleen Kirkland ([wimbledonsg2@safeguard.rcaos.org.uk](mailto:wimbledonsg2@safeguard.rcaos.org.uk))  
Siobhán Heffron ([wimbledonsg3@safeguard.rcaos.org.uk](mailto:wimbledonsg3@safeguard.rcaos.org.uk))

### CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

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

### WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

**Those who have died recently:** Donna Lakey, John Byrne, Shirley Ward, Maureen May, Anthony Booth, Catherine Mullen and Margaret Brennan

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Barbara Johnston, Dorothy Windeler, Andrew Lawrence and Angela Byrne

**The sick:** Sherlyn Titton, Geoffrey Norris, Anne Lander, Olivia Chiemielska, Frances Barden, Jason & Kevin Moreno, Ken Wogan, Jane McVeigh, Harriette Cahill, 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 22 January Feria

10.00am Cherry Cheung Ints.  
6.30pm Saechang Key (Paul) RIP

#### Tuesday 23 January Feria

10.00am Martin Mc Carney RIP  
11.30am Funeral Mass for Shirley Ward RIP  
6.30pm Joe Estella RIP

#### Wednesday 24 January St Frances de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

10.00am Holy Souls  
11.15am Ursuline School Mass  
1.45pm Ursuline School Mass  
6.30pm Maria Selina De Sa Ints.

#### Thursday 25 January The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle

10.00am Angela McGovern RIP  
6.30pm Queen of Peace

#### Friday 26 January SS Timothy and Titus, Bishops

10.00am Pauline Matarasso RIP  
12.45pm Ursuline School Mass  
6.30pm Hugh Friel RIP

#### Saturday 27 January The Blessed Virgin Mary

10.00am Jean Suggitt RIP  
6.30pm Mary-Ann Salvatore Ints.

### 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: 738 *Thou whose almighty Word*

Kyrie/Gloria: 459/460

Offertory motet: *Cantate Domino* à 4, Hans Leo Hassler

Communion motet: *O salutaris hostia*, Fernand Laloux

Communion hymn: 143 *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*

### 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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

First Reading Deut 18:15-20  
Responsorial Psalm Ps 94:1-2,6-9  
Second Reading 1 Cor 7:32-35  
Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:16  
Gospel Mark 1:21-28

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.

