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Newsletter

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2024 Year of Prayer

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Racial Justice Day

Fourth Week in Ordinary Time Vol I, psalter week 4

Readings: Deut 18:15-20 Ps 94:1-2,6-9 I Cor 7:32-35 Mark 1:21-28

TODAY'S MASS

First Reading: the prophet Moses foretells of a prophet who will be the authoritative voice of God. For Christians, of course, that is Jesus Christ.

Today's **Psalm** warns us not to forget the disobedience of our ancestors (see *Exodus 17*). 'Meribah' means 'strife', 'dispute', while 'Massah' means 'testing'.

Second Reading: in answer to the Corinthians' suggestion that a disciple of Christ should abstain from all sexual relationships and should not get married, St Paul (amongst other points) says that the important thing, rather, is to give one's "undivided attention to the Lord".

Gospel: the main significance of today's *Gospel* is Jesus' authority in word and in deed. Jesus taught with authority and confirmed His words with His actions. How can we in the Church be channels for the living, authoritative word of Jesus Christ?

Fr David



RACIAL JUSTICE

Today is Racial Justice Day. The theme this year is 'Seeing one another in the life of the Church'. Please pray today for racial justice, for all who suffer the evil of racial injustice, and for those who work for the dignity of all our brothers and sisters.

CANON DAVID GIBBONS

Our warmest congratulations go to Fr David, who has been appointed by the Archbishop an Honorary Canon of St George's Cathedral, Southwark. This honour is for his work for the diocese as Chair of the Art & Architecture Committee for 21 years and now Chair of the Historic Churches Committee, and for a number of years Director of the diocesan Formation Centre.

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

You are invited to breakfast after the 8:00am and 10:00am Masses today, in the Lower Hall. Follow the aroma of coffee and bacon!

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

MAUREEN MAY RIP

Memorial Mass at 11:30am on Monday.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

meets on Monday evening at 7:00pm.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

meets on Thursday evening at 8:00pm.

FRIDAY: CANDLEMAS

Friday is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, commonly known as Candlemas. Both Masses on Friday will start with the Blessing of Candles and the Procession to the Sanctuary. If you have candles to be Blessed, please bring them to Mass.

SATURDAY: BLESSING OF THROATS

Saturday is the Memorial in this diocese of St Laurence of Canterbury. In the General Calendar it is the Memorial of St Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, and the day when throats are traditionally blessed. The Blessing of throats will take place immediately after the 10:00am Mass on Saturday morning.

Parish Notices

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Exposition as usual on Wednesday, after the 10:00am Mass until 12:00 noon and from 5:25pm - 6:25pm. Friday is the First Friday, and there will be Exposition after the 10:00am Mass until 12:00 noon, from 5:25pm - 6:25pm, and after the 6:30pm Mass until 9:00am.

The First Fridays devotion has its origin in the apparitions of Christ by St Margaret Mary Alacoque in Paray-le-Monial in France. St Margaret Mary was one of the instigators of the Feast of and devotion to Our Lord's Sacred Heart. The devotion is especially to offer reparation for sin, and prayer before the Blessed Sacrament exposed is a key apart. Can YOU spare an hour on Friday to pray before Our Lord on the Altar?

CONFIRMATION 2024

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 on the Confirmation page of the Parish website. Registration closes on Monday 19th February, and the course will start after the February half term break on Sunday afternoons.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Two new Ministers of Holy Communion from the Parish will be commissioned on Saturday in the Cathedral. We welcome Primi Moretti and Oliver de Montfort to our team.

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.

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. Put the date in your diary now so you don't forget it.

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.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

The grand total collected was £23,612.22.

Fathers David, Matthew and Jackson thank you for your generosity.

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 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!

PANCAKE PARTY

We invite everyone to join us on Saturday 10 February to mark the start of the Lenten season with pancakes and refreshments at 7.30pm after the evening Mass. If you plan to attend, please do let us know so we can ensure appropriate catering using this form -

<https://forms.gle/Wj7nU4r9p9rpcigG6>

Diocesan and other Notices

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/>

CATHOLIC MARRIAGE CARE

FOR HEALTHY COUPLE RELATIONSHIPS, AND SUPPORT WHEN THEY'RE NOT

Catholic Marriage Care offers:

- Confidential, low-cost, accredited relationship counselling to all who approach us.
- Approved marriage preparation courses

Contact : www.marriagecare.org.uk or call 0800 389 3801

PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING WITH US!

Receive excellent training, and make a real difference. Contact as above or local Centre contact: 07815 854007 and 0208 393 1607 'Volunteering with Marriage Care is one of the most rewarding and worthwhile things I do'

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.

SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC YOUTH DAYS 2024

A series of Youth Days for 10 - 14 year olds will be held across the diocese, including Saturday 9th March at Richard Challoner School, New Malden. Go to the Events page of the diocesan website (<https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/>) for more details and how to sign up.

JOB VACANCY

Full-Time Caretaker position available at Wimbledon College, Edge Hill (35hrs p/w, 52weeks p/a). **Application closing date: Wed 7th February at 9am.**

For more info and to apply please follow the Eteach link: <https://www.eteach.com/job/full-time-school-caretaker-1399231> or see the College website: www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk/jobopportunities

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.

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!

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.

EDGEWAYS RETURNS

For parishioners who cannot use the internet there are a limited number of printed copies of Edgeways, our Parish magazine, available in the reception office and at the back of the church.

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.

A DAY WITH MARY

Saturday 17th February at Our Lady, Help of Christians, Mottingham, SE9 4ST. Entry Procession at 9:30am, finish 5:00pm. Also at St Elphege, Wallington, SM6 9AY on Saturday 24th February. Full information at www adaywithmary.org.

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 (VWimbledonsg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk)

Kathleen Kirkland (VWimbledonsg2@safeguardrcaos.org.uk)

Siobhán Heffron (VWimbledonsg3@safeguardrcaos.org.uk)

CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

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

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Victor D'Costa, James Self, Donna Lakey, John Byrne, Maureen May, Anthony Booth, Catherine Mullen and Margaret Brennan

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Kazimiera Owoc, Cyril Williams, Mireille Taylor, Margaret Moran, John Clancy, Nora Wood, Dermot Louis Mulvihill, Rita Latham, Angela Roots, John Pannell, Diana Ferrari, and Elizabeth Oliver

The sick: Elizabeth Cooling, Dorothy Horrocks, Olivia Chiemlienska, 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 29 January Feria
10.00am Mary Cogan, Ints
11.30am Maureen May, Memorial Mass
6.30pm Sheelah Flanagan RIP

Tuesday 30 January Feria
10.00am Tom Kinsella & Lena Shields RIP
6.30pm Francis Gracias RIP

Wednesday 31 January St John Bosco, Pr
10.00am Brian O'Connell RIP
6.30pm Eileen Parnell RIP

Thursday 1 February Feria
10.00am John Wilson, Birthday Ints
6.30pm Alina Hancock RIP Birthday

Friday 2 January The PRESENTATION of the LORD
10.00am Victor De Costa RIP
6.30pm Gabriel Lyons Int

Saturday 3 February S Laurence of Canterbury, B
10.00am Holy Souls
6.30pm Margaret O'Malley 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: 88 *Blest are the pure in heart*
Kyrie/Sanctus: *Missa in simplicitate* Antonio Lotti
Offertory motet: *Alma redemptoris mater* Peter Philips
Communion motet: *Lead me Lord* SS Wesley
Communion hymn: 323 *Jesus Christ is waiting*

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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

First Reading Job 7:1-4,6-7
Responsorial Psalm Ps 146:1-6
Second Reading 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23
Gospel Acclamation Mark 8:17
Gospel Mark 1:29-39

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.

