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Newsletter

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2024 Year of Prayer

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Fifth Week in Ordinary Time Vol I, psalter week I

TODAY'S MASS

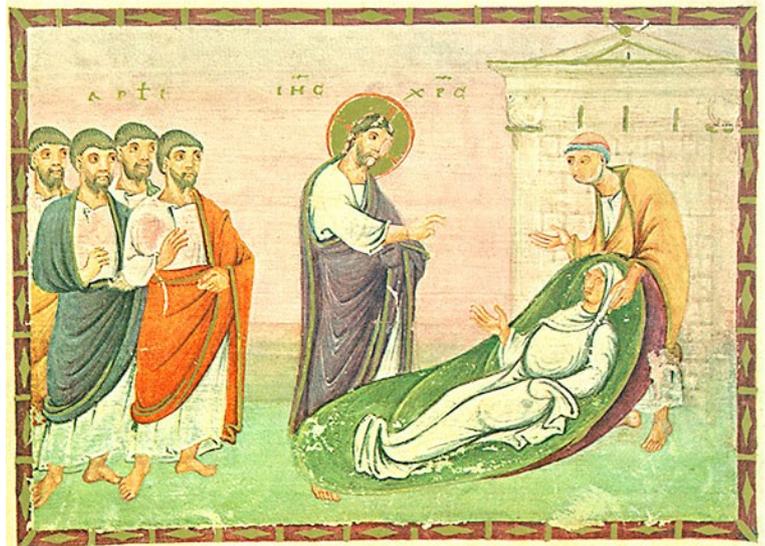
First Reading: (Job 7:1-4.6-7) Job complains of hard labour, sleepless nights, illness, and the shortness of his hopeless life. For him, all of life is a fever. In today's *Gospel* Jesus heals Simon Peter's mother-in-law of the fever.

Psalm: (Ps 146:1-6.R.v3) A hymn of praise to God, who brings back exiles, heals the broken-hearted, and raise the lowly.

Second Reading: (1 Corinthians 9:16-19.22-23) St Paul's calling was to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, even if he doesn't get paid for doing it. His reward is simply to win converts. Although a Jew, he is prepared to live as a gentile among the gentiles in order to convert people to Christ.

Gospel: (Mark 1:29-39) Jesus proclaims the kingdom of God by teaching, preaching, and healing various people of various conditions. That Simon's mother-in-law "began to wait on them" might seem like casual sexism. In fact, she is portrayed by Mark as a good example of a disciple, showing the discipleship of service.

Fr David



Healing Peter's Mother-in-law, from the Codex Egberti, 10th century

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; there are two groups providing the children with an adapted Liturgy of the Word during the 10am Mass.

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

ANTHONY BOOTH RIP

Funeral Mass in Church on Tuesday at 12.30pm, followed by Cremation at the Northeast Surrey Crematorium.

DAY FOR VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING

Thursday - the optional memorial of St Josephine Bakhita - is a Day for Victims of Trafficking. Please pray for such victims and for those who work to combat it.

MONTHLY DHM MASS

Mass at 8.00am on Thursday in the Convent, 41 Murray Road SW19. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

MARGARET BRENNAN RIP

Margaret's body will be received into Church on Thursday at 5.15pm. Funeral Mass on Friday at 11.30am followed by burial in Manchester. There will be no Exposition on Friday morning.

PARISH OFFICE THIS WEEK

As Thelma will be attending the Funeral of her brother she will not be in the Office on Thursday & Friday this week. For routine matters please contact her on other days.

EOHSJ MASS

On Saturday we welcome the Southwark Section of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem for Mass at 11.00am. The preacher will be Rt Rev'd Kenneth Nowakowski, KC*HS, the Ukrainian Eparchy (Bishop) of Great Britain. The Papal Order supports by prayer, pilgrimage and financial means the Christians in the Holy Land. All parishioners are most welcome to attend the Mass to pray for peace in the Holy Land.

Those who are concerned by the events in Ukraine may wish to come to show

solidarity with the Bishop and the people of Ukraine; feel free to speak to him after the Mass.

HOLY MATRIMONY

The Wedding of Annicah Reginald and Danistan Patpanathan is on Saturday at 1.00pm.

PANCAKE PARTY

Everyone is invited to pancakes and refreshments on Saturday at 7.30pm after the evening Mass. There is no charge (although donations will always be accepted), please let us know if you are coming - either by the form on the website or completing the form to be found at the back of church - for catering purposes; gluten free and dairy free pancakes will be available.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday is World Day for the Sick and also Day for the Unemployed.

Lent

ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent begins on Wednesday 14th February. Holy Mass with imposition of ashes at 10.00am, 6.30 and 8.00pm. Lent is a solemn period in the Church's calendar. Due to its penitential significance, Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence.

14th February is the traditional St Valentine's Day. If you are planning a romantic dinner à deux you should do it on the Tuesday evening instead of Wednesday!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On Fridays in Lent at 7.15pm after the 6.30pm Mass, starting on Friday 16th February.

LENT TALKS

A series of Lent talks on Tuesdays in the Upper Hall, with refreshments at 7.00pm and the talk and questions from 7.30 - 8.30pm. The overall theme is '*Let us remember the past with gratitude, live the present with enthusiasm, and look forward to the future with confidence*' from *Novo Millennio Inveniente* of John

Paul II). The talks are separate, you can attend one or as many as you wish:

[Tuesday 27th February](#)

Dr Caroline Hull, Director of *Aid to the Church in Need UK*

[Tuesday 5th March](#)

Fr Michael Holman SJ

[Tuesday 12th March](#)

Mr Martin Kuchanski, Creator of *Universalis* and author

[Tuesday 19th March](#)

Mr John Coleby, Project Manager, Caritas Southwark

Parish Notices

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. Register on the Confirmation page of the Parish website. Registration closes on Monday 19th February, and the course starts after the February half term break.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office in the Presbytery is open Monday to Friday, 9.00am – 4.00pm. Call in or phone for all routine matters such as Mass Intentions, Hall bookings, Baptism enquiries and so on.

FINANCE

The December First Collection (including cash, the card reading machine and Standing Orders) was £34,413.59.

Thank you for your generosity.

NEW TO THE PARISH?

Welcome!

Please register on the Parish website (<https://www.sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/>) and introduce yourself to the Clergy. You will find full information about the Parish on the website.

Diocesan and other Notices

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.

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.

NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK

The 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/>

NEWMAN CIRCLE

Wednesday 28 February at 7.30pm in the Parish Lounge: Subject 'Love the Stranger - a Catholic response to migrants & refugees' by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales

Speaker: Liam Allmark, Head of Communications, Fundraising & Advocacy for the Jesuit Refugee Service UK. Liam has spent 8 years as an adviser on international affairs & migration to the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales. In this role he travelled with the bishops to support the Church's work with displaced people in many parts of the world including Palestine, Iraq, Myanmar & Thailand.

The talk will cover, inter alia, topics like the background of the document 'Love the stranger..', how it relates to questions relevant in the UK; the migration act/Rwanda plan; the situation in the Channel; how Catholics can practically respond. A stimulating talk - do not miss it!

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.

PRAYER INTENTION

In February, during the month in which the Church observes the liturgical memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes, on 11th of February, the World Day of the Sick, Pope Francis invites everyone to pray for the terminally ill and their families. Pope Francis explains that 'when some people talk about terminal illnesses, there are two words they often confuse: incurable and un-curable. But they are not the same.' He cites his predecessor Pope St. John Paul II, in saying, 'Cure if it is possible; always take care.' Pope Francis explains that even when little chance for a cure exists, 'every sick person has the right to medical, psychological, spiritual and human assistance. [...] Healing is not always possible, but we can always care for the sick person.' And this is where palliative care comes in. It guarantees the patient not only medical attention, but also human assistance and closeness. 'Let us pray that the terminally ill and their families always receive the necessary medical and human care and assistance.'

Exploring our Faith

VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR WOMEN

Vocations weekend for women (20s & 30s) Theme: Discerning God's Call in your life, 16th-18th February in Liverpool: Jesus invites each of us to 'Come and See', the weekend is organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) and 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. Please contact

Sr Lynne fcj at fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com or visit www.fcjsisters.org

KNOCK PILGRIMAGE

Escorted Tour to Knock & Co Mayo, 10th - 15th March. £899.00 per person; price includes flights, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with dinner, Bed & Breakfast, lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visits to Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle. Single supplement on enquiry. Contact: email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com for more information and booking.

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)

Kathleen Kirkland (wimbledonsg2@safeguard.rcaos.org.uk)

Siobhán Heffron (wimbledonsg3@safeguard.rcaos.org.uk)

CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

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

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Anna Mirkos, Lillian Krajenka, Victor D'Costa, Rose Marie Grall, Fr Anthony Symondson SJ, Marion Rose Blech, Catherine Mullen, Donna Lakey, John Byrne, Anthony Booth, Catherine Mullen and Margaret Brennan

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Howard Philpott, Frank Mondelli, Winifred Bogt, Sheena Wilson, Jacinto Cordeiro, Carine French, Peter Stephens, Kenechukwu Awokoye and Len Hay

The sick: Philoja Bangras, 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 5 February St Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

10.00am Sheena Wilson RIP
6.30pm Celine McDaid Ints.

Tuesday 6 February SS Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

10.00am Bernard Cosgrove RIP
12.30pm Funeral Mass for Anthony Booth
6.30pm Savita DeSouza Ints.

Wednesday 7 February Feria

10.00am Malachy Cavanagh RIP
6.30pm Ben & Martin Lyons Ints.

Thursday 8 February St Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

8.00am Monthly DHM Mass, Murray Road
10.00am Sean Burns RIP
6.30pm Mr & Mrs Bennett Ints.

Friday 9 February Feria

10.00am Thanksgiving Panaligan
11.30am Funeral Mass for Margaret Brennan
6.30pm Joaquim Pires RIP

Saturday 10 January St Scholastica, Virgin

10.00am Jill Brand RIP
11.00am Mass of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem
6.30pm Len Hay 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

Solemn Latin Mass

K/S/B/A *Missa brevis*, Andrea Gabrieli

Offertory motet: *Senex puerum portabat*, William Byrd

Communion motet: *Ave verum corpus*, William Byrd

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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

First Reading Lev 13:1-2.44-46
Responsorial Psalm Ps 31:1-2.5.11
Second Reading 1 Cor 10:31-11:1
Gospel Acclamation Lk 7:16
Gospel Mark 1:40-45

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.

