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Newsletter

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2024 Year of Prayer

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Tenth Week in Ordinary Time Vol. III psalter week 2

TODAY'S MASS:

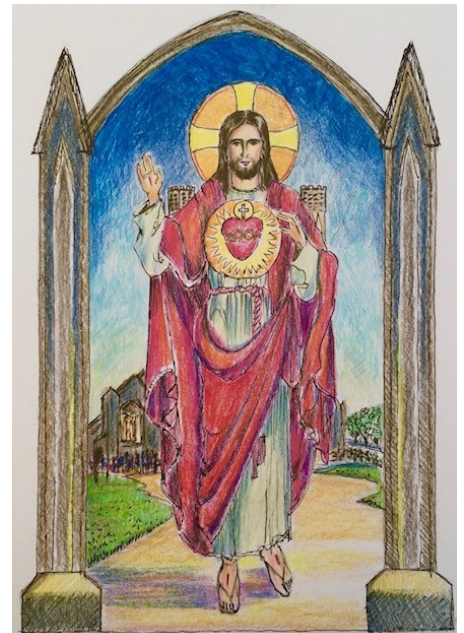
First Reading (Gn 3:9-15): There is a common thread in today's Readings of Satan, evil, sin, and division. The First Reading recalls the 'original sin' - of disobedience - of the first man and woman. Somewhat amusingly, the man blames the woman, and the woman blames the serpent. We should not take the details too literally (I have never come across a talking snake): what is important is the disobedience of mankind and our attempt to be like God. To put it another way, this is not history but rather an analysis of our ongoing human tendency to sin and play at being gods.

Psalms (Ps 129 (130) R.v7): If only we are prepared to turn back to God he is ready, in his mercy, to forgive us. Have you been to Confession recently?

Second Reading (2 Cor 4:13-5:1): St Paul writes this letter to the church in Corinth as he prepares for his third visit to them, as he is concerned about their divisions and disunity. Paul insists that the message he brought them is the true message of Jesus Christ. The reference to our earthly tent is an in-joke: Paul was a tent maker by profession.

Gospel (Mk 3:20-35): Jesus' family think he is 'out of his mind', while the scribes accuse Him of casting out devils through the power of the Devil, or Beelzebub. Jesus refutes this. Why is blasphemy against the Holy Spirit alone of all sins not forgivable? What Jesus is referring to is the deliberate assertion that the Spirit of God working in Jesus is evil, which is equivalent to rejecting Jesus.

Fr David



The Sacred Heart, drawing by Moya Hogarth

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

There will be a special Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 10.00am Mass today: please follow the instructions at the beginning of Mass.

SACRED HEART FEAST CELEBRATION

12.30 - 4.00pm this afternoon in the Church grounds. Free entry, free food, free drink, games, stalls, entertainment (including Sacred Heart School choir). Don't miss this celebration for the whole Parish family. Come and join the fun of our main social event of the year. There will also be an Exhibition in the Parish Lounge on the remarkable Catholic witness of Takashi Nagai, who survived the atomic bomb on Nagasaki.

Please note that car parking is available from 11.00am - 5.00pm at the Wimbledon College today.

THE PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Parish Priest: Canon 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

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Burlington Road, KT3 4ND
school@sacredheart.merton.sch.uk
Headteacher: Lorraine Dolan-Walsh

This Week

TERESA SMITH RIP

Funeral Mass at 12.00 noon on Monday, followed by burial at the Merton & Sutton Cemetery.

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITY

The parish CLC group meets every two weeks to pray and share. If you think this might be for you, you are welcome to come to a taster evening on Tuesday 11th June at 8.00pm, Youth Room; or contact Ruth Kelly (ruthkelly@yahoo.co.uk).

NEXT SUNDAY: DAY FOR LIFE

This is the day in the Church's life dedicated to celebrating the sacredness of life. The proceeds from the Second Collection provide core funding for the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and to assist other life related activities supported by the Church, usually by means of grants made to support Catholic charities working in the field of life. This year's theme is *The Lord is my shepherd - Compassion and Hope at the end of Life*.

End-of-life issues have been in the headlines in recent months with calls for assisted suicide (euphemistically called 'assisted dying') being expressed, especially by celebrities, a view that opposes the Catholic view that life is a gift and that we are called to care for others at the end of their lives. More information and prayers - including the Pope's message and Blessing for the Day for Life - can be found on the website of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales.

Parish Notices

CATECHISTS

We are still in need of people to volunteer to assist Rob Hitchcock in catechising on the First Holy Communion and Confirmation programmes. Please contact Rob (wimbledonpfm@rcaos.org.uk) if YOU can do this; don't be shy; training will be given.

SACRED HEART CHORUS CONCERT

Saturday 22nd June: tickets for Puccini's *Missa di Gloria* and Beethoven's Piano Concerto No3 (pianist Giles Kennedy) are available after the 10am and 12noon Masses this Sunday or at www.sacredheartmusic.co.uk/concerts (small booking fee).

FINANCE

The total Offertory (First Collection) banked in April was £34,990.71. Thank you for your generosity!

NEWMAN CIRCLE

The next Newman Circle meeting will take place on Tuesday 18th June at 7.30pm in the Parish Lounge. All are welcome when Canon David Gibbons KCHS will talk about the History of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem; Some of you may wonder what the Capital Letters (KCHS) at the end of Canon David's name actually stand for. The answer is "Knight Commander of the Equestrian Order of

the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem" which is one of two equestrian orders recognised and supported by the Holy See. Ecclesiastic Knights are in effect chaplains to the Order which dates to 1099 but was re-founded in 1868 by Pius IX. Later, in 1888 Pope Leo XIII extended the Order to include women (Dames) as well as men (Knights) The main function of the Order is to support the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, which is done mainly by financial assistance and pilgrimages to the Holy Land.

Diocesan Notices

"SUMMERTIME 2024"

A Summer break for Altar Servers aged 11 - 16 of the Southwark Diocese: meet from Monday 29th July - Thursday 1st August in a holiday atmosphere at the Westminster Youth Ministry Retreat Centre, Pinner, HA5 3EP; activities include talks, discussions, prayer, daily Mass, as well as sport, Thorpe Park visit and swimming. Cost £189 covers all board and lodging and Thorpe Park. Contact Fr Stephen Boyle for more details (01322 220075 or dartford@rcaos.org.uk); download the application form from www.stanselsdartford.wordpress.com

"CALLED TO BE PEACEMAKERS"

Our Bishops have issued a new document offering a Catholic approach to arms control and disarmament, titled *Called to be Peacemakers*. It argues that if Catholics are to take up the call to stand as peacemakers in our troubled world, an integral part of this mission involves working to limit the proliferation of weapons and to advance the cause of global disarmament. The document stresses that every human life lost to violence and conflict is a tragedy for our universal family. It can be read or downloaded from <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/>.

CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

(Incorporating the Archdiocese of Southwark and Stonyhurst College.) 23rd-30th August. Anyone interested in visiting the beautiful shrine of Our Lady in Lourdes, as a pilgrim, an assisted pilgrim (sick or with a disability) or as a helper (new or experienced, nurse, doctor or general volunteer) please contact chiefs@catholicassociation.co.uk or ring 01732 886 666. For information specific to the Archdiocese contact Canon Edward Perera at edwardperera@rcaos.org.uk. Financial assistance for assisted pilgrims and helpers may be available.

Other Notices

THE YEAR OF JUBILEE 2025

The Holy Father has decided that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee, which happens every 25 years. The Papal Bull of Indiction for the Holy Year (*Spes Non Confundit - Hope does not disappoint*, Rom 5:5) was proclaimed on the Solemnity of the Ascension. The theme is *Pilgrims of Hope*. This virtue is sourced in the grace of God and His mercy. Thus, the signs of the times, which reflect the yearning of human hearts for God's saving presence, should encourage us to become signs of hope in a world which longs for God, whether it recognises it or not.

A Plenary Indulgence will be available, under the usual conditions, by

1. undertaking a pious pilgrimage and visiting sacred Jubilee sites,
2. participating in Holy Mass, engaging in Eucharistic Adoration, meditation or other liturgical celebrations at Jubilee sites,
3. carrying out acts of charity or mercy, both corporal and spiritual.

You can also obtain the Indulgence by observing penitential practices, such as

abstaining from food or donating to the poor.

Find more detailed information about the Jubilee at <https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/it.html> (click on 'En' for the English version).

GENERAL ELECTION

For information and guidance on key issues of importance to us, as Catholics, to help inform how we vote go to <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/>. If you haven't registered to vote you must do so by Tuesday 18th June: you can do so at gov.uk/register-to-vote. Photo ID will be necessary in order to vote.

CONSULTATION FOR NEW FREE SCHOOLS

The Education Secretary has decided to lift the 50% cap on faith-based admissions for new free schools in England and to allow Catholic special academies, subject to a consultation which closes on 20th June. It is important to support this move: please act now by going to <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/faith-schools-consultation-response/>. Help spread the word by sharing this campaign.

Exploring Our Faith

LOVE HEALS BODY, MIND AND SPIRIT

Half-day retreat of quiet reflection in the Parish Lounge on Saturday 15th June from 10.30am - 1.00pm; Holy Rosary, Video Talk & discussion, Christian Meditation, Healing Prayers; please visit www.lovehealsbodymindspirit.com for more information.

A DAY WITH MARY

You are invited to a *Day with Mary*, a day of instruction, devotion and intercession, on Saturday 6th July, at St Mary of the Crays, 111 Old Road, Crayford, Kent DA1, from 10.00am-5.30pm; Mass in honour of Our Lady at 10.00am, celebrant & preacher Fr David Gummett, sermons on Our Lady by

Frs Stephen Boyle and Henry Mukasa; Exposition & Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, Silent Adoration and Prayers (<http://www adaywithmary.org/>).

A DAY OF CELEBRATION

A day to celebrate people who experience disability on Sunday 7th July at The Friars, Aylesford, Kent, from 12.00noon onwards. All are invited to come and enjoy creative prayer in the chapels, a workshop, Books Beyond Words, an Edith Stein Retreat, art activities, the Rosary Way. The day will end with Mass celebrated by Bishop Paul Hendricks at 4.00pm. Take a Packed Lunch or buy food in the Tea Room. No need to book, just turn up.

New to the Parish?

Please introduce yourself to a member of the Parish

Team after Mass and

register online at

www.sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk

or by filling in

a registration form,

available at

the back

of the church.

RAPHAEL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

70th Anniversary: Founded by Leonard Cheshire in 1954, the Raphael Pilgrimage team take frail and disabled people along with their own doctors, nurses and lay helpers to Lourdes from Friday 23rd - Friday 30th August, flights from/to Stansted, cost £975 (help with funding may be available). The week includes daily Mass, participation in processions, Stations of the Cross, a Water Ceremony and visits to the Grotto and Bartrès, social activities... Helpers of all disciplines are always welcome. Please contact pilgrimage director Paul Affleck on 020 8504 9138 for more information.

RAPHAEL PILGRIMAGE ANNUAL REUNION

This will take place on Saturday 6th July with Mass at 6.30pm followed by a meal in the Parish Lounge. Cost £15 p/p payable on the night. Raffle prizes welcome. To book your place please email Angela (SearleAM@aol.com) or Chris (christopherwoodward107@gmail.com or 020 8241 9703).

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)

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

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

CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

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

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Marian Spencer, Caroline Ann Elkins, Alana Russell-Gear, Odette Foulger, Rosanne Gomez and Teresa Smith

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Frances Clarke, Owen McGovern, Yvonne Patton, Elisabeth Carbery and Cailean Taylor

The sick: Maria Tinker, Thelma Lobo, Siobhan Williams, Judy Knapp, Samar Staussi, Gwen Desmier, Peter McGurk, Dorothy Ramos, Armando Ramos, Rena DeSouza, Electa Almeida, Margaret Duffy, Karolina Masica, Felicitas Nerée, Finley Kennedy, Pauline Grimes, Sherlyn Titton, Olivia Chiemieliska, Geoffrey Norris, Harriette Cahill, Hui Lee Ng, Paul Stromborg, Ryan Lyndsey and Emily Grey

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

Saturday 8 June

6.30pm Patricia Small RIP

Monday 10 June Feria

10.00am Anna & Andre Bastianpillai RIP
12.00noon Funeral Mass for Teresa Smith
6.30pm Eileen Helliwell Ints.

Tuesday 11 June St Barnabas, Apostle

10.00am Frank Murray & Dan Middleton Ints.
6.30pm Maria Sybil Tavares RIP

Wednesday 12 June Feria

10.00am Maria, Alexander and Janina Kuczynski RIP
6.30pm Julie & Jerry Murray Ints.

Thursday 13 June St Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church

10.00am Maureen Santey RIP
6.30pm Dymphna Brennan RIP

Friday 14 June Feria

10.00am Geraldine Bennett Birthday Ints.
6.30pm Inday Sing RIP

Saturday 15 June The Blessed Virgin Mary

10.00am Rena D'Souza Thanksgiving

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: 602 *Praise my soul the King of heaven*

Kyrie/Gloria: 459/460

Offertory: *Love Divine, all loves excelling*, Simon Mold (1st performance)

Communion: *Ave verum*, Edward Elgar

Communion hymn: 72 *Be still for the presence of the Lord*

Organ: Tuba Tune, Norman Cocker

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

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

First Reading Ezk 17:22-24
Responsorial Psalm Ps 91:2-3, 13-16
R.cf.v2
Second Reading 2 Cor 5:6-10
Gospel Mk 4:26-34

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.

