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Newsletter

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2024 Year of Prayer

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time Vol. III psalter week 3

TODAY'S MASS:

First Reading (Ezk 17:22-24): Ezekiel predicts God's restoration of Judah, using the imagery of planting a cedar tree. These Old Testament texts provide the background for Jesus' words in the Gospel.

Psalm (Ps 91:2-3.13-16): This psalm, which has been described as 'the song of a happy man', picks up the image of the cedar tree from the *First Reading*.

Second Reading (2 Cor 5:6-10): For the next few Sundays we hear St Paul's *Second Letter to the Corinthians*. It seems that the church in Corinth was beset by various problems, including disunity, and Paul had to write to them twice. In today's extract the contrast between our present, bodily desires and our future fulfilment in Christ is typical of St Paul.

Gospel (Mk 4:26-34): Jesus speaks to the crowds about the kingdom of God in parables. Parables are little stories, which reveal some aspect of God and his kingdom, and which invite us to reflect upon them and apply them to our own situation. The parables of the seed growing of itself and of the mustard seed should give us hope and encouragement in our efforts at spreading the Good News.

Fr David



DAY FOR LIFE

This is the day in the Church's life dedicated to celebrating the sacredness of human life. The theme this year is *The Lord is my shepherd - Compassion and Hope at the End of Life*, providing an invitation for us to reflect on end-of-life care in the midst of the national debate regarding assisted suicide. The Day for Life has received a special blessing from the Holy Father, which may be found via this link: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/pope-francis-gives-his-blessing-to-day-for-life/>. The Second Collection is the annual Day for Life collection.

CAFÉ

All are invited to the Parish Lounge after the 10.00am Mass for coffee, tea or chocolate and biscuits.

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

FR JACKSON & CANON DAVID

Fr Jackson will be attending a mandatory Diocesan Clergy Conference from Monday - Friday this week, at the Maison Diocésaine in Merville/Northern France. Canon David has a minor operation scheduled for Wednesday of this week and may be convalescing for a day or two afterwards. Fr Matthew will be holding the fort on his own for a couple of days, so please defer any non-urgent communications.

TUESDAY: NEWMAN CIRCLE

On Tuesday at 7.30pm in the Parish Lounge, Canon David, KCHS, will talk

about the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, of which he is an Ecclesiastic Knight Commander. He will describe the history of the Order, explain its main work, and will also talk about the present situation in the Holy Land. All are welcome, especially anyone who may be interested in becoming a Knight or a Dame.

SACRED HEART CHORUS & ORCHESTRA CONCERT

On Saturday at 8.00pm. The concert will include Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 3 in Cm (soloist Giles Kennedy) and Puccini's *Messa di Gloria* and *Mottetto per*

San Paulino (soloists John Upperton and Nick Marsden). Tickets will be available this Sunday after the 10.00am and 12.00noon Masses (£20 full price, £15/concessions, free for under 18s) or via the website: <https://www.sacredheartmusic.co.uk/concerts/>.

For anyone not able to come to the concert in support of *Faith in Action - Merton Homeless Project*, the Second Collection at all Masses next weekend, 22nd/23rd June, will be for this local charity; please visit <http://www.mertonfaithinaction.org/> to learn more about the essential work of this charity.

Parish Notices

SACRED HEART FEAST CELEBRATION

The 8.00pm Mass on the Friday of the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus was well attended, and we experienced a grace filled Mass. Four new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion were commissioned by Canon Gerard Bradley: Adelita Thursby-Pelham, Fidelma Corea, Niamh O'Brien and Theresa-Mary Morton. We thank Canon Gerard for his inspiring homily, and we thank the choir who performed the world premiere of a *Litany of the Sacred Heart* by Mark Bellis. We also thank the choir for singing the second specially commissioned piece, *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*, at the 12.00 noon Mass on the Sunday.

The Celebration last Sunday was very well attended, the food and drink flowed, and everyone had a very good

time. Enormous thanks are due to the large number of volunteers who helped in advance and on the day, with catering, manning stalls, providing entertainment, etc. Especial thanks are owed to Ruth Naylor, Chair of the PPC, for her co-ordination of the event and to Thelma, for making many of the arrangements. Next year the Feast Day itself will be on Friday 27th June and the Celebration on Sunday 29th June. Book the dates in now so you don't miss out!

URSULINE HIGH SCHOOL - OPEN EVENTS

Join one of the Main School open events to hear from the Headteacher why Ursuline High School, an outstanding Catholic school, may be the right choice for your child, take a tour of the school, and meet staff and students. There will also be information about the prospectus, the application process, and other

important information. Sign up from 9th July (ticketed entry only) at www.ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk/admissions/open-events.

The Open Events for Year 7 2025 entry are:

- Open Evening, Wednesday 25th September, 6.00-8.30pm, for Y5 and Y6 students and parents/carers (Y4 & Y5 in the current academic year);
- Open Mornings, Monday 30th September - Friday 4th October, 9.00am or 11.00am, for Y6 students and parents/carers (Y5 in the current academic year).

PARISH PRAYERS BOOK

Write your prayer intentions and requests in the black book at the back of the Church, and we will regularly pray for those intentions at Mass and at Adoration.

Diocesan Notices

"SUMMERTIME 2024"

A Summer break for Altar Servers aged 11 - 16 of the Southwark Diocese: meet from 29th July - 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.stanselm.dartford.wordpress.com

CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

(Incorporating the Archdiocese of Southwark & Stonyhurst College.) 23rd-30th August. Anyone interested in visit-

ing 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 01732 886 666; for information specific to the Archdiocese contact Canon Edward Perera (edwardperera@rcaos.org.uk). Financial assistance for assisted pilgrims/helpers available.

Other Notices

GENERAL ELECTION

The General Election 2024 web resources from the Bishops' Conference are online and may be found here: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/>.

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.

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 call 020 8241 9703).

OLIVE WOOD CARVINGS

The Nottingham based branch of the Good Shepherd Company from the Holy Land (Bethlehem) aims to support and help Christian families in the Holy Land to stay at work. Olive wood carving is one of the

most important sources of income for them. Selling their produce (rosaries, crosses, cribs and religious statues) here in the UK in their behalf will help prevent Christians from leaving their country in search of better work opportunities elsewhere. There will be a sale of olive wood carvings from the Holy Land on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd June after all Masses outside the Church. Please come and support this good cause.

SPECIAL MASS

On Wednesday 10th July at 11.00am, Fr Peter Gallagher SJ, the new Jesuit Provincial, will be celebrating Mass alongside Fr Michael Barnes SJ for all of Donhead School community as part of his visitation. As Fr Peter used to be a parish priest at Sacred Heart, Donhead would like to extend the invitation to all the parishioners of Sacred Heart who would like to attend this Mass.

DONHEAD 90TH CELEBRATION AND ALUMNI LAUNCH

Donhead Preparatory School is inviting all ex pupils, their families and current and ex staff to join them in celebrating their 90th Anniversary on Friday 12th July from 6pm; drinks and nibbles will be available. Please register at www.donhead.org.uk/our-community/alumni.

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.

YOUNG ADULTS SUMMER BALL

Parishioners at Sacred Heart are organising a ball for Catholic young adults in the Upper Hall on Saturday 13th July. They will be dancing jive, cha cha cha, tango and waltz. There is no need to bring a dancing partner. It will be a great opportunity to dress up, have a celebration and meet other young Catholics from the surrounding area. It is a ticketed event, tickets (£30 incl. a drink and buffet) are available at www.tinyurl.com/sacredheartball, or simply scan the QR code below.

Exploring Our Faith

DIVINE MERCY RETREAT

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London, is holding a Divine Mercy Retreat on Saturday 20th July from 1.30 - 4.30pm at St Sebastian and St Pancras R.C. Church, 22 Hay Lane, Kingsbury NW9 0NG. The retreat will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All Welcome. Please call Millie on 07957 594 646 for more information.

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.



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

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

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

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Louise Dray, Michael Devereaux, Ron Williams and John Slattery

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

We would like to bring the list of prayers for the sick of our parish up to date and kindly ask parishioners to notify the Parish Office if they want to have names mentioned in the newsletter & bidding prayers; names will otherwise be removed from the list by the end of this month. Thank you.



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)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 15 June

6.30pm Sean Paton RIP

Monday 17 June Feria

10.00am Paul Helm RIP

6.30pm Electa Almeida Thanksgiving

Tuesday 18 June Feria

10.00am Marianna Mundim RIP

6.30pm Electa Almeida's Friends Ints.

Wednesday 19 June St John Rigby, Martyr

10.00am Mark Ints.

6.30pm Vic DeCosta Birthday Ints.

Thursday 20 June St Alban, Protomartyr of Britain

10.00am Martine Loli & the General Council Ints.

6.30pm Claire Murphy RIP

Friday 21 June St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

10.00am Luca Buttaci RIP

6.30pm Roxana Genis RIP

Saturday 22 June SS John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs

10.00am Jeanette Smith Thanksgiving

MUSIC AT THE 12 NOON MASS

Introit: *O Lord hear my voice, choir*

Kyrie/Gloria: 467 Missa de Angelis

Offertory: *Ave Maria, Louis Vierne*

Communion motet: *Tantum ergo, Louis Vierne*

Communion hymn: 738 *Thou whose almighty word*

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

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

First Reading	Job 38:1.8-11
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 106:23-26.28-31
	R.vl
Second Reading	2 Cor 5:14-17
Gospel Acclamation	Lk 7:16
Gospel	Mk 4:35-41

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.

