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## Newsletter

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### Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time Vol. III psalter week 4

#### TODAY'S MASS:

**First Reading** (Job 38:1.8-11): This is an extract (from chapter 38 of *Job*, not chapter 3 as it says in the Lectionary) from God's explanation to Job for his suffering. In describing his role in creating the waters, God uses the words of parental discipline: he is like a father who sets boundaries for his children.

**Psalm** (Ps 106:23-26.28-31): Despite our stormy passage through life, God's love is inexhaustible.

**Second Reading** (2 Cor 5:14-17): Eucharistic Prayer IV is very suitable today, as the phrase 'and that we might live no longer for ourselves but for him who died and rose again for us' is taken from this passage (however, our Missalette has a different Eucharistic Prayer).

**Gospel** (Mk 4:35-41): The familiar story of Christ stilling the storm can be interpreted in many different ways. If the boat is taken as representing the Church, this story reassures us that in times of persecution and distress Jesus is ruler of nature and history and is always present with us, in the midst of our troubles. Likewise, if we have difficulties in our own personal lives we can turn to the Lord for help. This miracle (not a healing one) gives us some insight into Jesus Christ's true nature, divine as well as human.



*Jesus dormiens in media tempestate,*  
Hitda Codex, ca. 1020

Fr David

#### SECOND COLLECTION

The Second Collection today is for Faith in Action. Please visit [www.mertonfaithinaction.org/](http://www.mertonfaithinaction.org/) for more information about the work of this local charity, especially its drop-in centre for the homeless.

#### HOLYLAND OLIVE WOOD CARVINGS

At the moment the Israeli government has blocked off the West Bank, which means that there are no pilgrims or tourists able to visit Bethlehem and buy locally carved olive wood items such as crucifixes and nativity scenes. So, in order to generate some income for Palestinian Christians many of these items will be on sale after Mass today.

#### CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Do come to the Lower Hall after the 8.00am or 10.00am Masses for tea and coffee, sausage and bacon rolls, and pastries.

#### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

At the 10.00am Mass. Please follow the instructions at the beginning of Mass.

#### FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

We welcome the four children receiving their first Holy Communion at the 10.00am Mass 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

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Headteacher: Lorraine Dolan-Walsh

## This Week

### FR MATTHEW

Fr Matthew will be away this week on a break; he returns on 1st July.

### WIMBLEDON COLLEGE LEAVERS' MASS

The Mass for Year 13 is on Monday afternoon in Church.

### URSULINE PREP SCHOOL

The Alumni Mass is at 2.00pm in the Church on Tuesday. Rt Rev Philip Moger, Auxiliary Bishop, will preside at the Mass, along with Canon David. All former students, parents and staff are invited to this 'last hurrah' before the school closes.

### SACRED HEART SCHOOL LEAVERS

Year 6 will attend the Merton & Sutton Deaneries' Leavers' Mass at the Cathedral, 10.00am on Wednesday.

### HOLY MATRIMONY

The Nuptial Mass of Alexander Augusti and Kamila Sielski is on Wednesday at 2.00pm. Please note that this will not be live-streamed.

### THURSDAY: SACRED HEART SCHOOL MASS

Thursday at 9.00am in the school hall, to mark the Solemnity of SS Peter & Paul. All parishioners are welcome to attend, as well as parents/carers.

### HOLY MATRIMONY

The Wedding of Leo Leclercq and Taylor Nguyen is on Saturday at 2.30pm. This will also not be live-streamed.

### NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday is the Solemnity of SS Peter and Paul. Please note that the

prayers and readings for the Vigil Mass (i.e. Saturday 6.30pm Mass) are different from those for the Mass of the Day on Sunday.

The Second Collection will be for *Peter's Pence* which is taken throughout the world and sent to Rome, to provide those means which the Holy Father and the Apostolic See need to exercise their service of the Universal Church. <https://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en/giornate-dell-obolo.html> gives full information about this collection.

## Parish Notices

### LEGION OF MARY PEREGRINATIO PRO CHRISTO

From 17th to 24th August twelve Legionaries will conduct a visitation project in the parish. Please pray for the success of the project.

We would also need accommodation for the volunteers for the week (just bed & breakfast, and they will pay for the accommodation). Please contact Thelma in the Parish Office if YOU can provide this. Thank you.

### RECEPTIONIST

We are currently looking for a volunteer to help out at the Presbytery

Reception on Wednesdays afternoons. If you can spare a few hours every week, please contact Thelma at the Parish Office. Thank you!

### 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 29 June from 10.30-11.30am, in the Parish Lounge. For more information, please email [bereavement@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](mailto:bereavement@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk).

### PARISH PANTOMIME

This year's parish pantomime is *Dick*

*Whittington and his Cat*. There is an early get together to tell any interested primary school children all about it on Thursday 4th July in the Upper Hall from 5.00pm till 6.30pm.

### FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Tennis and Strawberries! Come and join us for a glass of Pimm's, strawberries and cream and watch Wimbledon Tennis (optional) and a friendly chat, 2.30 on Friday 5th July in the Parish Lounge.

All welcome - just come along.

## Diocesan and Other Notices

### CARITAS SOUTHWARK

"Our Youth Event is on Saturday 29th June at London City Mission, London Bridge, 4.00-7.00pm. We would really like to see many young people attend with their youth leaders (if under 18), or individually, to what promises to be a very impactful event. The young people will have the opportunity to talk about any trauma they have experienced or witnessed due to Youth Violence and

engage in discussions and share views. In the last hour, there will be time to network and socialise with a free meal provided.

Knife crime and serious youth violence affects our communities and collectively, including hearing the voices of the youth, we can try to devise plans to eradicate this problem. For registration go to Youth Event of Trauma at

[www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com). We do hope you will attend and support our event."

### 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/>. Photo ID will be necessary in order to vote.

## Other Notices

### PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM IN REPARATION & PRAYER FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE

Saturday 3rd August, led by the Bishop of Northampton, commencing at the 12.00noon Pilgrim Mass in the Chapel of Reconciliation. For details, please go to [www.prolifepilgrimage.org](http://www.prolifepilgrimage.org) or call 01858 571242 / 07779 122 365, follow online at [youtube.com/c/WalsinghamCatholicTV](https://youtube.com/c/WalsinghamCatholicTV) or [walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/](http://walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/).

### 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](http://www.donhead.org.uk/our-community/alumni).

### JESUIT MISSIONS EVENT

Join Jesuit Missions on Monday 8th July at the London Jesuit Centre for a talk and Q+A with Professor Alpa Shah of the London School of Economics discussing her book *The Incarcerations: BK-16 and the Search for Democracy in India*, which considers the case of the Indian human rights advocate Fr Stan Swamy SJ. In 2020, Fr Swamy was arrested and jailed after being falsely accused of 'unlawful activities' against the state. He died ten months later while still in custody after contracting Covid-19.

The event is free to attend, refreshments provided; in addition, you will have an opportunity to purchase a copy of Professor Alpa Shah's book. For more information, please visit [jesuitmissions.org.uk/events](http://jesuitmissions.org.uk/events) or contact [info@jesuitmissions.org.uk](mailto:info@jesuitmissions.org.uk).

### GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

On Monday 24th of June, at 6.30pm there will be a special Mass for Tony and Sally D'Costa who will receive a wedding blessing on their 50th Wedding Anniversary. The couple were married at this Church 50 years ago by Fr Vincent Sermin SJ.

### New to the Parish?

Please introduce yourself to a member of the Parish Team after Mass and register online at [www.sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](http://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](http://www.tinyurl.com/sacredheartball).

### LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

St John's Lunchtime Concerts: 1.00pm on Friday 28th June. Local piano legend, Anthea Fry, playing variations by Mozart, Beethoven, Brahms and Mendelssohn. Refreshments from 12.30pm. Free entry. Retiring collection to support St John's Music Fund. SW19 4NZ.

## 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.

### LOVE HEALS BODY MIND AND SPIRIT

The next LHBMS retreat, a day of quiet reflection, will be on Saturday 6th July, 11.00am-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); talk based on Scripture, Catholic Christian Meditation, Blessed Adoration, Individual Healing Prayers ([www.lovehealsbodymindspirit.com](http://www.lovehealsbodymindspirit.com)).

### 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))

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

### WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

**Those who have died recently:** Lisa Chieruzzi, Levita Almeida, June Kennedy, Louis James, Alana Russell-Gear, Theresa Marion Spencer, John Harrison, Harry Evans and Teresa Kay

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Marie Louise Xuereb, Stephanie Groz, Percy Batunitage, John O'Neill and Gladys Phibbs

**The sick:** Peter McGurk, Finley Kennedy, Samar Staussi, Felicitas Nerée, Jim Tait, Maria Tinker, Thelma Lobo, Siobhan Williams, Judy Knapp, Dorothy Ramos, Armando Ramos, Rena DeSouza, Electa Almeida, Margaret Duffy, Karolina Masica, Pauline Grimes, Sherlyn Titton, Olivia Chiemieliska, 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.**



### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

#### Saturday 22 June

6.30pm Oliver Smith RIP

#### Monday 24 June The Nativity of St John the Baptist

10.00am Angela Ryan (Speedy Recovery)

6.30pm Tony & Sally D'Costa 50th Wedding Anniv.

#### Tuesday 25 June Feria

10.00am Queen of Peace

2.00pm Alumni Mass Ursuline Prep School, Church

6.30pm Ekassi Family Ints.

#### Wednesday 26 June St Thomas Garnet SJ, Priest and Martyr

10.00am Christine Wilson RIP

6.30pm St Anthony Thanksgiving

#### Thursday 27 June St John Southworth, Priest and Martyr

10.00am Mose & Ada Lucchetta RIP

9.00am Mass at Sacred Heart School

6.30pm Tom Starkey RIP

#### Friday 28 June St Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr and Doctor of the Church

10.00am Patricia Bridle RIP

6.30pm Thomas Lundy RIP

#### Saturday 29 June The Blessed Virgin Mary

10.00am Colin Schembri 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: 152 *Eternal father, strong to save*

Kyrie/Gloria: 459/460

Offertory motet: *Sicut cervus*, GP da Palestrina

Communion motet: *Oculi omnium*, Charles Wood

Communion hymn: 73 *Be still my soul*

### 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

Saints Peter and Paul (B)

First Reading Acts 12:1-11

Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-9 R.v5

Second Reading 2 Tim 4:6-8.17-18

Gospel Acclamation Mt 16:18

Gospel Mt 16:13-19

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.

