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Newsletter

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2024 Year of Prayer

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time Vol. III psalter week 2

TODAY'S MASS:

First Reading (Ezk 2:2-5): This is but one example of how throughout Old Testament times the people of God rejected the prophets he sent.

Psalm (Ps 122): Let us sing or say this psalm in acknowledgement that we have at times rejected God and his messengers.

Second Reading (2 Cor 12:7-10): St Paul mentions the 'thorn in the flesh' he received, to stop him becoming too proud. Maddeningly, we have no idea what this was.

Gospel (Mk 6:1-6): Jesus' inability to achieve much in His hometown, because of their unbelief, poses challenging questions to us as a parish, as a community of faith. Do we truly have faith in Jesus Christ? Do we recognise him when He comes among us? Are we open to Christ working in our midst?

Fr David



WIMBLEDON COLLEGE CHOIR

The Choir will sing at the Saturday evening Mass, in preparation for their annual tour, this year to Andalucía. After the Mass the choir will perform some of their repertoire, which parishioners are welcome to attend.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

CAFÉ AFTER 10.00am MASS

As usual, in the Lounge. Do come for coffee, biscuits and conversation.

First Holy Communion Programme 2024/25

Registration is now open for the First Confession and First Holy Communion programme for the next academic year. Parents, please go to the parish website to register your child, who should be in Year 3 or above. The closing date for registration is **16th September 2024**. Upon registration our Parish Faith Minister will send you the key dates. Numbers on this programme will be capped at 100; priority will be given to families who are registered parishioners.

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

HEADTEACHER COMMISSIONING

Eoin Kelly will be officially commissioned as Headteacher of the Ursuline High School at the 6.30pm Mass in Church on Monday.

JOHN HARRISON RIP

Funeral Mass on Tuesday at 11.40am, followed by Cremation at the Northeast Surrey Crematorium.

DONHEAD SCHOOL

End of Term Mass at 11.00am on Wednesday.

There will therefore be no morning Adoration that day.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL MASS

On Thursday at 9.00am in the School. The theme will be First Holy Commun-

ion. All parishioners are welcome to attend this Mass.

HARRY EVANS RIP

Funeral Mass at 1.30pm on Friday, followed by Cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium.

EQUESTRIAN ORDER OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE OF JERUSALEM

Fr David will be away on Friday and Saturday, attending the 70th anniversary of the Lieutenancy of England & Wales. This is taking place in Warwick, which coincidentally is Fr David's hometown.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR

On Saturday from 12.30-3.30pm in the School. Please join the PSA for an

afternoon of fun and entertainment: there will be games, food and drink, tombolas, raffle, 'pre-loved and adopt a teddy' stalls, a photobooth, a magician, guess the teacher from their baby photos challenge, demonstrations and performances. A variety of refreshments will be available. Entry fee: adults £2.50, children free.

NEXT SUNDAY: SEA SUNDAY

The Second Collection will be for *Stella Maris* (formerly the Apostleship of the Sea), the Catholic charity supporting seafarers worldwide, providing practical and pastoral care to seafarers via Port Chaplains and volunteers and offering welfare services, advice, and friendship. Thank you for supporting this good cause!

Parish Notices

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING SAVE THE DATE

All parish volunteers who have a DBS certificate are now required to do an online safeguarding training module, which has been sent out by email. However, those who would prefer to do the training as part of a group, can attend one of 2 sessions on Thursday 10th October, at 10.00am or 7.30pm. More details to follow in September.

THE HOLY ROSARY

The Rosary is prayed before the daily 10.00am Mass and before the 6.30pm Mass Monday - Friday. The best way to learn the practice of this great prayer is to join in with those reciting it.

SALE OF OLIVE WOOD CARVINGS

The organisers of the sale of olivewood carvings from the Holy Land have written to thank parishioners for their support, and to say they managed to raise around £2,000 from the sale.

FINANCE

The Second Collection for the *Day for Life* came to £848.51. This consisted of £592.86 in cash and £255.65 via the card reader. Thank you.

PARISH FINANCES

The parish accounts for 2023 have been posted on the noticeboard in the church and can also be viewed under the Finance Committee page of the website. If you have not yet reviewed your planned giving for 2024, it is not too late; forms are available at the back of the church.

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.

NEWSLETTER

Please note that next weekend's Parish Newsletter will be the last before the summer pause. The Newsletter will appear again on 31st August/1st September.

If you wish to include notices before the summer break you are encouraged to do so by Wednesday 10th July.

HOSPITAL ADMISSION

If you or someone you know goes into hospital, ask the Charge Nurse to inform the Catholic Chaplain, or contact the Chaplain yourself (see page 4). Chaplains are not clairvoyant: they can only visit for prayer, Holy Communion or the Anointing of the Sick if someone tells them the patient is there.

BAPTISM OF INFANTS

Parents wanting their infants baptised should download the application form from the Parish website and return it to Thelma in the Parish Office. When you receive the application form please do read the rules about godparents carefully.

CAR PARKING

Don't forget to register your car number plate if you park in the church car park, to avoid receiving a Parking Charge Notice. This doesn't apply on Sundays.

NEVER park in front of the priests' garages; they may need to get out urgently to give someone the Last Rites or they may be going to celebrate Mass elsewhere.

Other Notices

MEMORY LANE CLUB

This popular club for people with dementia and their carers is open every Wednesday from 10.30am - 12.30pm in the Parish Lounge with tea, coffee & cake along with lots of chat, laughter, snooker and different activities. For more information please ring Jenny on 07906 856 183.

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.

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

Saturday 3rd August 2024 marks the 40th anniversary of this pilgrimage to Walsingham. This year, it will be led by Bishop David Oakley, Bishop of Northampton commencing at the 12.00 noon Pilgrim Mass in the Chapel of Reconciliation. For details, please go to www.prolifepilgrimage.org or call 01858 571242 / 07779 122 365. Those

unable to travel can join the pilgrimage online at youtube.com/c/WalsinghamCatholicTV or walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/.

VACANCY

Love Heals Body Mind and Spirit Charity (Registered Charity Number: 1174317) is seeking a Treasurer/Trustee for our small Wimbledon based charity, this is a voluntary position, for a very worthwhile cause. If you are interested in this position, please contact David Brum, Chairperson, for more information at Love Heals Body Mind and Spirit (telephone nr: 020 8542 2476 or email: lovehealsbodymindspirit@gmail.com).

YOUNG ADULTS SUMMER BALL

Parishioners at Sacred Heart are organising a ball for Catholic young adults in the Upper Hall next 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.

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.

FOURTH WORLD DAY OF GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

'Do not cast me off in my old age' (cf. Ps 71:9): This sincere plea, taken from Psalm 71, is the theme of the Fourth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly taking place on Sunday 28th July. In his message Pope Francis recognizes the situation of many elderly people today and assures them: 'God never abandons His children, never.' He refers to the elderly as 'the firm foundation' on which 'new' stones can rest, in order to join in erecting a spiritual edifice (cf. 1 Peter 2:5). Both the 'certainty of God's closeness at every stage of life and the fear of abandonment, particularly in old age and in times of pain,' can be found in the Bible, Pope Francis writes. And these words 'reflect an utterly evident reality, [...] All too often, loneliness is the bleak companion of our lives as elderly persons and grandparents.' Pope Francis acknowledges (<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2024-05/pope-message-world-day-for-grandparents-and-elderly-2024.html>).

Exploring Our Faith

A DAY WITH MARY

You are invited to a *Day with Mary*, a day of instruction, devotion and intercession, on Saturday 20th July, at Our Lady & St Peter, Victoria Drive, Wimbledon Common, SW19 6AD, from 9.30am-5.00pm; Mass in honour of Our Lady, celebrant & preacher: Fr. Philip de Freitas, sermons on Our Lady by Fr Alessandro Apollonio, Spiritual Assistant of A Day With Mary Apostolate; Exposition & Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, Silent Adoration and Prayers. For more information about upcoming events please visit <http://www adaywithmary.org/>.

CELEBRATION OF ST FAUSTINA AYLESFORD PRIORY

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Celebration of St Faustina at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent on Bank Holiday Monday 26th August from 10.00am to 4.30pm. The reflection day will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Call Millie on 07957 594 646 for more information. Coaches from Ealing Broadway and Victoria.

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 David Gibbons
10.00am Fr Jackson Sebastian
12 noon Fr Matthew Donnelly
5.00pm Fr David Gibbons
8.00pm Fr Jackson Sebastian

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: John Sherwell, Siobhan Williams, Hugh McCluskey, Peter McGurk, Maria Levita Almeida, Louis James, John Harrison, Harry Evans and Teresa Kay

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mary Welch, Paul Marshall, John Whitehouse, Thomas Patrick McGovern, Patricia Doyle, Peggy Gavin, Monica North, Jean Doody, Tom Starkey, Zosia and Bolek Pawlik, Alexander and Joanna Russocki and Beryl Elliott

The sick: Finley Kennedy, Samar Staussi, Thelma Lobo, Felicitas Nerée, Jim Tait, Maria Tinker, Dorothy Ramos, Armando Ramos, Rena DeSouza, Electa Almeida, Margaret Duffy, Karolina Masica, Geoffrey Norris, Harriette Cahill, 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 6 July

6.30pm Giacomo Lupi RIP

Monday 8 July

Feria
10.00am Ela Honeyman Ints.
6.30pm John Whitehouse RIP

Tuesday 9 July

Feria
10.00am Mary King and Family Ints.
11.40am Funeral Mass for John Harrison
6.30pm Edward & Bridget Burke (Anniv. Mass)

Wednesday 10 July

Feria
10.00am Claire Murphy RIP
11.00am Donhead School End of Term Mass
6.30pm Murray Cowell RIP

Thursday 11 July

St Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe
9.00am Mass at Sacred Heart School
10.00am Maria Keaveney Jessiman RIP
6.30pm Alan Pires RIP

Friday 12 July

St John Jones, Priest, Martyr
10.00am Mr & Mrs Seamus Henry and family Ints.
1.30pm Funeral Mass for Harry Evans
6.30pm Aubrey Maria Honeyman RIP

Saturday 13 July

The Blessed Virgin Mary
10.00am Rita Aguiar 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

Missa brevis in Eb (K,S), Antonio Lotti

Exsultate justi, Ludovico Viadana

Gustate et videte, Heinrich Isaac

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

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

First Reading Amos 7:12-15
Responsorial Psalm Ps 84:9-14
Second Reading Eph 1:3-14
Gospel Acclamation Eph 1:17-18
Gospel Mk 6:7-13

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.

