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Newsletter

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2024 Year of Prayer

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time Vol. III psalter week 2

TODAY'S MASS:

The Readings for this Sunday take us in a different direction from previous Sundays. The Second Reading begins a series of extracts from the *Letter of St James* while the Gospel returns to working through *St Mark*.

First Reading (Deut 4:1-2.6-8): The book's title, *Deuteronomy*, means the Second Giving of the Law. Moses passes on God's commandments to the people of Israel, and they must keep them exactly as they are, without adding or subtracting anything. In this way the People of God will stand out to other nations.

Psalm (Ps 14:2-5): This gives a summary of the ways in which the just person will follow God's commandments: walking without fault, acting with justice, speaking the truth, not slandering, doing no wrong to others, keeping a pledge and accepting no bribes.

Second Reading (Jm 1:17-18.21-22.27): God's creative word has been planted in us, not merely to be heard but to be lived out in our everyday life, and *James* gives us a precise of pure religion in the last sentence.

Gospel (Mk 7:1-8.14-15.21-23): Christ strongly rebukes the scribes and Pharisees for emphasising formal religious observances at the cost of ignoring the fundamental purpose of the (Jewish) Law. He accuses them of clinging to (secondary) human traditions rather than obeying (primary) God given commandments. A modern example might be someone who obsesses about fasting before Mass but who never ever contributes to appeals to help the hungry and needy.

Fr David

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION

The theme this year is *Hope and Act with Creation*. The theme is drawn from Saint Paul's *Letter to the Romans* (8:19-25), where the Apostle explains what it means for us to live according to the Spirit and focuses on the sure hope of salvation that is born of faith, namely, newness of life in Christ. The Pope's message for this day can be found on the Vatican website.



THE PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Parish Priest: Canon David Gibbons, KCHS
Parish Clergy: Fr David Hunter, 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

THURSDAY: SACRED HEART SCHOOL MASS

New Year Mass in the School Hall at 9.00am on Thursday. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The PPC meets on Thursday at 8.00pm, in the Lounge (electricity permitting!).

FRIDAY:

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Friday 6th September at 2.30pm in the Lounge: Poetry Afternoon with Wendy

Taney and friends. Tea and Cakes. All are most welcome.

ADORATION

First Friday of the month Adoration after the 6.30pm Mass led by the Sacred Heart Devotion Group.

SATURDAY: HOLY MATRIMONY

The Wedding of Joseph Cutajar and Zoe Psaila is on Saturday at 12.00 noon.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday is Education Day. The Second Collection at the Sunday Masses

will be for the Catholic Education Service. The CES acts on behalf of the Bishops to support Catholic education, it has a strong working relationship with the British and Welsh governments, and it advises on all aspects of Catholic education. There are 2,000 Catholic schools and colleges in England & Wales, educating over 800,000 students.

Thank you for supporting this good cause.

Parish Notices

FR DAVID HUNTER

Fr Matthew has now moved to be Assistant Priest at St Mary's, Croydon. We thank him for his ministry among us over the last three years and wish him well in his new apostolate. There will be a collection for him and a farewell party in a few weeks' time.

We welcome in his place Fr David Hunter, who has moved from Purley Parish. Please do introduce yourself to him when you see him, and we hope he soon settles in here in Wimbledon.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY

We have had to obtain a temporary generator to power the Presbytery, offices and halls, as the mains power supply has still not been reconnected by Drax Group Plc, after over two weeks. If you tried to contact the Clergy or the Parish staff during this period, you may need to try again.

Does anyone know who is the patron saint of electricity supply?

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

Parents should register now for the 2024/25 First Holy Communion programme. This is for children in Year 3 and above. Please follow the link for the application form <https://form.jotform.com/241694476972068> or register via the parish website. Contact our Faith Minister, Rob Hitchcock, if you have any queries.

WIMBLEDON NEWMAN CIRCLE

Talk on Wednesday 11th September at

7.30pm in the Hall. The speaker will be Fr Brendan Callaghan SJ, who taught at Heythrop for 30 years, was Principal there and later Master of Campion Hall, Oxford. The subject is the Life and Theological Insights of Julian of Norwich. She was a medieval mystic whose book "Revelations of Divine Love" is the earliest surviving work in the English language. All welcome.

'KISS ME KATE'

Tickets are on sale for the Edge Hill Players production of Cole Porter's icon musical 'Kiss Me Kate' on Thursday 12th, Friday 13th and Saturday 14th September and is at the earlier time of seven o'clock in the Upper Hall. It will be a spectacular show with full professional orchestra conducted by Bob Rathbone. Tickets available now from www.edgehillplayers.com or phone/text 07742 230 493 and outside the church after Sunday Masses.

LEGION OF MARY PEREGRINATIO PRO CHRISTO

Thanks to the parishioners who accommodated the twelve Legionaries who engaged in the *Peregrinatio Pro Christo* or Visitation in the Parish. They visited over 4,800 homes, at which there was no reply in 2,500 or so. They spoke to over 100 practising Catholics and approximately 150 'lapsed' Catholics. A number of those visited expressed an interest in becoming Catholics. They also gave out 1,000s of miraculous medals.

They also found a number of parishioners interested in restarting a Praesidium of the Legion of Mary in the Parish: watch this space for more information on this.

PRESBYTERY RECEPTION

Volunteers are needed for the Presbytery Reception on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. If you can spare a few hours per week to help out at the Presbytery Reception please contact Thelma in the Parish Office. Thank you!

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday 10th October: 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 two sessions on Thursday 10th October at 10.30am or 7.30pm, in the Lounge.

GREGORIAN CHANT DAY SAVE THE DATE

A Gregorian chant workshop day will be held by the Schola Gregoriana of Cambridge on Saturday 12th October, 10.45am-6.10pm at Sacred Heart Church, culminating in the celebration of sung Vespers in the church by the participants. All, including beginners, are welcome. Further details to follow.

Diocesan & Other Notices

SERVICE OF HOPE & HEALING

On Wednesday 25th September the annual Service of Hope & Healing for those harmed by abuse and for those supporting them takes place at St George's Cathedral at 6.30pm. This will be a Service of acknowledgment, prayer and reflection. After the Service people will be invited to tie a ribbon to the 'LOUDfence' as a sign of solidarity, care and hope.

Those unable to attend the service in person can tie a virtual ribbon online and leave a message of support at <https://rcaos.org.uk/news-events/events/service-of-hope-healing/?d=63862885800000000>

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Embrace your life together in love: Uncover the secrets to a lasting, supportive marriage. For over 50 years Marriage Encounter has helped couples focus on their relationship and discover God's desire for their marriage

Marriage Encounter provides a unique way to explore your relationship at a deeper, more intimate level, regardless of how long you have been together. The next experience is non-residential at the Church of the Annunciation, London HA8 0HQ, from 21st - 22nd September, visit wwme.org.uk for more details and to book a place.

OPEN DAY

Marymount Intl. School London: All-Girls Catholic Day & Boarding School, Kingston, is holding an open day on Saturday 21st September, please register online at www.marymountlondon.com.

CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS

Join Joanna Bogle on her next Catholic History Walk, on Tuesday 17th September at 3.00pm when she will meet on the steps of Westminster Cathedral, SW1, to start her guided tour (1.5-2 hrs). No need to book; www.catholichistorywalks.com.

Exploring Our Faith

LOVE HEALS BODY MIND AND SPIRIT

The next LHBMS retreat, a day of quiet reflection, will be on Saturday 7th September, 11.00am-4.30pm, at the Catholic Church of Our Lady of Assumption & St Gregory, Piccadilly: 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).

YORK PILGRIMAGE WEEKEND

During the weekend of the 26th - 27th October, Young Catholic Adults and the Traditional English Association of Catholic History will be organising a pilgrimage to Catholic York, including a visit to St Margaret Clitherow's Shrine, the Bar Convent and St Mary's Bishophill – the oldest Church in York. This event is aimed at Young Catholic

Adults and Catholics interested in history. For details of how to book onto this free weekend and for more info see: <https://bookwhen.com/youngcatholicadults-yorkpilgrimage2024>.

SPIRIT AND SOCIETY

The London Jesuit Centre invites you to a 5-week course, starting on Monday 23rd September from 6.30 - 8.00pm: 'Spirit and Society, since the Reformation and the rise of secular politics, the Church has faced culture wars.' This course explores its complex history with the modern era, starting with Pius XI (1800s) until today; tutor: Dr Nicolette Burbach, the Social and Environmental Justice Lead at the London Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street, London W1K 3AH; suggested contribution £50. For more detailed information and booking please visit <https://londonjesuitcentre>.

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.

MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION

Each month Pope Francis shares a prayer intention as part of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network. The monthly prayer intentions express the Holy Father's concerns for humanity and the mission of the Catholic Church. During this month of September, we are encouraged to pray for the cry of the Earth: *We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.*

FR GERALD O'COLLINS SJ RIP

You may well have heard from the Jesuit Community that Fr Gerald sadly died in Australia last week; Fr Gerald was a Jesuit priest and academic, who was resident at Edge Hill whilst he was in London some years ago. For those in the parish who knew Fr Gerald we enclose below link to the tributes <https://tobinbrothers.com.au/tribute/details/33183/Father-Gerald-O-Collins-SJ-AC/obituary.html#tribute-start>.

May he rest in peace †

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
10.00am Fr David Hunter and Deacon Julian Burling
12 noon Canon David Gibbons and Deacon Julian Burling
5.00pm Fr Jackson Sebastian
8.00pm Fr David Hunter

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Bryan Ceney, Harriette Cahill and Mario Dresseno

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Maria Prescott, Thomas Pearson, Desmond Gunning, Molly Goodhardt and Eira Smith

The sick: Mary Hayes, Martina Luetkens, Corné Rossouw, 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, 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 31 August

6.30pm Anthony Fernandes RIP

Monday 2 September Feria

10.00am Eileen Helliwell Ints.

6.30pm Kerry Kinsler Ints.

Tuesday 3 September St Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church

10.00am Eileen Helliwell Ints.

6.30pm Holy Souls

Wednesday 4 September Feria

9.00am Mass at the Sacred Heart School

10.00am Gill Gomez RIP

6.30pm Eileen Helliwell Ints.

Thursday 5 September Feria

10.00am Maria Keveaney-Jessiman RIP

6.30pm Fr Gerry Mulvihill (50th Anniv. Priesthood)

Friday 6 September Feria

10.00am Keith Drake RIP

6.30pm Fr Tommy Warlow RIP

Saturday 7 September The Blessed Virgin Mary

10.00am Souls in Purgatory

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 de Angelis

The choir will resume on Sunday 8th September

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

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

First Reading Is 35:4-7

Responsorial Psalm Ps 145:7-10

Second Reading Jm 2:1-5

Gospel Acclamation I Sam 3:9; Jn 6:68

Gospel Mk 7:31-37

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.

