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Newsletter

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2024 Year of Prayer

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time Vol. III psalter week 3

TODAY'S MASS:

First Reading (Is 35:4-7): Isaiah portrays the glorious fulfilment of God's saving purpose at the end of time. This end-time - we believe - begins with Jesus (see the *Gospel* reading).

Psalm (Ps 145:7-10): This carries on the same idea as the *First Reading*: the Lord who comes to save those in need.

Second Reading (Jm 2:1-5): James draws out a practical implication of our faith: discrimination against different classes, especially the poor, is wrong.

Gospel (Mk 7:31-37): Jesus heals the deaf-mute of the Decapolis. The word use used to describe his infirmity is used only twice in the Bible, here and in Isaiah 35 (today's *First Reading*). As the Isaiah prophecy is describing the end-time, this is clearly meant to be understood in this *Gospel* passage: Mark is suggesting that Jesus is not merely a good man and a healer but is the Messiah who ushers in the kingdom of God.

Ephphatha is Aramaic for 'Be opened'. As well as being a testing word for a spelling bee (it can be spelled in English either with an 'a' or an 'e' in the middle), it forms the basis of the Ephphatha ceremony in the Baptism of Infants, in which the celebrant touches the ears and mouth of the child, and reminds us that once Baptised everyone has the duty to receive Christ's word and to proclaim His faith. Fr David

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD AT 10.00am MASS

The Children's Liturgy of the Word resumes today for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 3. Year 3 can attend until they start their First Communion classes in October. See under Parish Notices for more information and please note that the Children's Liturgy will take place in the Lounge today.

EDUCATION SUNDAY

Education Sunday falls on the second Sunday of September (today) just as the new academic year starts and is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in England and Wales, established 176 years ago in 1848. It provides an opportunity to celebrate and give thanks to all involved in making Catholic schools places of enlightenment, as well as to look forward in anticipation of the year ahead. Education is the largest charitable activity of the Church in this country, and the Catholic Church is the country's largest provider of secondary schools and the second largest provider of primary schools, along with four universities.

We have four Catholic schools in the Parish: Sacred Heart Primary School, Wimbledon College, Ursuline High School and Donhead School. We pray for and give thanks for the teachers, support staff, governors and pupils.

The Second Collection today is for the Catholic Education Service (CES). Thank you for supporting this good cause.

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

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school@sacredheart.merton.sch.uk
Headteacher: Lorraine Dolan-Walsh

This Week

MARIO DRESSENO RIP

Funeral Mass on Monday at 11.30am, followed by Cremation at the Northeast Surrey Crematorium.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

Meets on Monday at 7.00pm in the Lounge.

HOLY MATRIMONY

The Wedding of Shaun Selvadurai and Cindy Leach is on Saturday at 12.00 noon.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday is Evangelii Gaudium or Home Mission Sunday. The theme this

year is 'Growing as Missionary Disciples'. The Second Collection will be for the Catholic Agency for the Support of Evangelization, which provides resources in support of parish evangelization.

Parish Notices

'KISS ME KATE'



Don't miss out on the Edge Hill Players' latest production of Cole Porter's icon musical 'Kiss Me, Kate', performances are at 7.00pm on Thursday 12th, Friday 13th and Saturday 14th September in the Upper Hall. It will be a spectacular show with full professional orchestra conducted by Bob Rathbone. Tickets are available after all Masses this Sunday or at www.edgehillplayers.com or phone/text 07742 230 493.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy resumes today at the 10.00am Mass. There will be one group, the Doves, for children in Years R, 1 and 2; Year 3 can attend until they begin their First Holy Communion classes. The children are called forward at the beginning of Mass (please ensure you have arrived on time) and taken into the Lower Hall by the Catechists for their own Liturgy of the Word, explaining the Gospel in lively, appropriate and interesting ways. Younger children may need to be accompanied by parents, especially at first. The children come back to Church for the Liturgy of the Eucharist (please keep a look out for them). The programme will run every two weeks during term time. We look forward to welcoming the children back.

LEGION OF MARY

meets each Wednesday at 7.10pm (after the evening Mass) in the Youth Room. The Legion of Mary combines prayer and apostolic work: devotion to Mary with sleeves rolled up. Contact Philip Newill on 07780 977 491 or pjnewill123@btinternet.com or just come along on Wednesday.

SCHOOL FORM SIGNING

Canon David will be available on Tuesday 1st October in the Lower Hall, at both 4.30-5.00pm and 7.30-8.00pm, to countersign school application forms for application to Catholic schools only. Please obtain the necessary form/s from the school and bring them (with the parent's part completed) along with the child concerned. Please bring the child's Baptism certificate if you can. Parents should ensure that they have registered as parishioners on the Parish website.

FIRST CONFESSION & HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

Parents should register now for the 2024/25 Programme, for children in Year 3 and above. Please register on the Parish website (*Faith and the Sacraments*) or go to <https://form.jotform.com/241694476972068>. Contact our Faith Minister, Rob Hitchcock, if you have any queries. Closing date for registrations Monday 16th September.

PRESBYTERY RECEPTION

Can you spare a few hours/week (pm on Thursdays) and help out at the Presbytery Reception? Please contact Thelma in the Parish Office. Thank you!

YOUNG ADULTS' ACCOMMODATION

The young adult Catholic house at number 9 Edge Hill has been inundated with requests to be part of the parish life; 'We strongly believe that having more young Catholics in the community will strengthen it. We cannot accommodate all these requests and would like to put a call out to see if there are any parishioners who would be open to accepting a lodger in their home', Max Toone (leader of number 9). They would be practising Catholics in their 20's, vetted by Max

and would be paying full rent. If you feel you would be open to having a lodger, please email mjrtoone@gmail.com to take this forward.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING: SAVE THE DATE

Thursday 10th October. All parish volunteers who have a DBS certificate are required to complete an online training module, which has been sent out by email. Those who prefer to do it as part of a group can attend one of two sessions on Thursday 10th October at 10.30am or 7.30pm, in the Lounge.

URSULINE HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

The School's GCSE results were outstanding: 44% of all grades were grade 7+ (A Grade) (over twice the national average), 80% Grade 5 and 90% Grade 4. The Progress data is similarly Outstanding. The A Level, T Level and vocational results were also excellent. Overall, 27% of A Level grades were at A* and A, with 13 students achieving straight A* or A grades. 58% grades were at A* to B. Special mention to the T Level students with 100% of students completing and passing the equivalent of 3 A levels, with 88% achieving Distinction* to Merit (equivalent to A*-B at A Level). Congratulations to all the students, their families and to the staff who have worked so hard together. Students have secured their next steps in their education and training in a host of directions including Oxford and Cambridge, Medicine, Veterinary Science, Physics, Law, Engineering, Geography, English and competitive apprenticeships.

Diocesan & Other Notices

GREGORIAN CHANT DAY

A Gregorian chant workshop day will be held by the Schola Gregoriana of Cambridge on Saturday 12th October, 10.45am-6.15pm at Sacred Heart, culminating in the celebration of Vespers in the church, sung by the participants. All, including beginners, are welcome. For details and booking places see <https://www.scholagregoriana.org>. For queries please contact Deacon Julian.

SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation is a global ecumenical celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home, starting each year on 1st September and finishing on the feast of St Francis, 4th October. During this season we are encouraged to pray and engage in community events in order to deepen our relationship with God, our neighbour and the Earth we share, being ever more attentive to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor.

HIGHER EDUCATION CHAPLAINCY

Are you a student already involved in or beginning Higher Education (i.e. heading to or already studying at university)? If so, welcome to our parish and please make yourself known to us. However, did you know there is a Catholic Chaplaincy for staff and students in Higher Education that is just for you? You may have a Catholic Chaplain on

your campus so do take a look at the www.hechaplaincy.rcaos.org.uk website. If you have no Chaplain on your campus, please do get in touch with Sr Anouska (hechaplaincy@rcaos.org.uk) so she can let you know of events that are happening that you are very welcome to join. If you are studying outside the Archdiocese of Southwark, check www.catholicsatuniversity.org.uk to find your chaplain.

SOUTHWARK JUSTICE AND PEACE COMMISSION

JPIC Assembly entitled 'God Walks with His People' on Saturday 12th October at St James the Great, Petts Wood BR5 1AY. The theme is poverty in the UK and overseas. The Assembly is a time for the diocese to meet in fellowship, pursuing Catholic social justice for those in need. Save the date.

YOUNG ADULT FRASSATI EVENING

On Thursday 31st October the Archbishop will lead an evening for young adults (ages 18-40) at St George's Cathedral, Lambeth Rd, SE1 6HR dedicated to Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. The evening will include Eucharistic Adoration, music from the *One Hope Project* and a social afterwards. 6.30pm arrivals, 7.00pm Adoration/Praise/Confessions, 8.00pm talk by the Archbishop followed by social in the hall.

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.

TWO-PIANO RECITAL

Saturday 5th October at 7.45pm: a two-piano recital (including our wonderful Steinway) given by Tschonghie and Alexis Affonso. Making a welcome return, Tschonghie and Alexis will dazzle us with music by Lutosławski, Rachmaninov, Ravel and Stravinsky's stunning *The Rite of Spring*.

Free entry; retiring collection in aid of Cancer Research UK, a cause very dear to their (and our) hearts. Pass the word and please support this wonderful event!

MEMORY LANE CLUB

This popular club for people with dementia and their carers is open every Wednesday, 10.30am-12.30pm, in the Parish Lounge with tea, coffee & cake along with lots of chat, laughter, snooker and different activities (contact: Jenny 07906 856 183).

CHURCH CAR PARK

This is a reminder of the new parking system operating 24 hours a day every day Monday - Saturday (incl. Bank Holidays). **All** car park users must register their car number plate to avoid receiving a Parking Charge Notice.

Exploring Our Faith

PRAYER & LIFE WORKSHOPS

Opening Session on Monday 9th September at SS Peter & Paul Church, Mitcham, 7.00-9.00pm. 15 2-hr weekly sessions, providing a new evangelization based on the Bible and the practice of fifteen methods of prayer, with a Christ-centred focus. For more information please contact: Silvia (07305 145 702) or Roxanne (07969 097 496).

A DAY WITH MARY

You are invited to a *Day with Mary*, a day of instruction, devotion and intercession, on Saturday 28th September, here at Sacred Heart from 10.45am-5.45pm; Mass in honour of Our Lady at 10.45am, celebrant & preacher Fr Jackson Sebastian, sermons on Our Lady by Frs Jackson Sebastian and David Hunter; Exposition & Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, Silent Adoration and Prayers (<http://www adaywithmary.org/>).

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 (wimbletonsg1@safeguard.rcaos.org.uk)

Kate Kirkland (wimbletonsg2@safeguard.rcaos.org.uk)

Siobhán Heffron (wimbletonsg3@safeguard.rcaos.org.uk)

CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

6.30pm (Sat) Fr David Hunter
8.00am Canon David Gibbons and Deacon Julian Burling
10.00am Fr Jackson Sebastian
12 noon Fr David Hunter and Deacon Julian Burling
5.00pm Canon David Gibbons
8.00pm Fr Jackson Sebastian

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Michael Desmond Vaughey, Maria Julia Fernandes, Mary Hayes, Bryan Cenev, Harriette Cahill and Mario Dresseno

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Jocelyn Merivale, Paul Helm, Andrzej Folkierski, Joseph Faria, Lucy Dantas, Catherine Sturgess and Margaretha Taylor

The sick: Penny Sewell, 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 7 September

6.30pm Adrian Collyns RIP

Monday 9 September Feria

10.00am Keith Drake RIP
11.30am Funeral Mass for Mario Dresseno
6.30pm Patrick Elliott RIP

Tuesday 10 September Feria

10.00am James Magullion RIP
6.30pm Gerard Hogan RIP

Wednesday 11 September Feria

10.00am Femy Cabache RIP
6.30pm Etelvina Baretto RIP

Thursday 12 September Feria

8.00am Mass at DHM Convent, Murray Road
10.00am Ana Josefa Temudo Gomes RIP
6.30pm Deceased Relatives Ints.

Friday 13 September St John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

10.00am Thelma D'Costa Birthday Ints.
6.30pm Eileen Helliwell Ints.

Saturday 14 September The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

10.00am Nigel Rodrigues 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

Entrance Hymn: 602 *Praise my soul the King of heaven*

Mass setting: *Missa Aeterna Christi Munera K/S/A1*. GP da Palestrina

Offertory motet: *Locus iste*, Anton Bruckner (b. 4/9/1824)

Communion motet: *Sicut cervus*, GP da Palestrina

Communion hymn: 106 *Christ be beside me*

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-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

First Reading Is 50:5-9

Responsorial Psalm Ps 114:1-6,8-9

Second Reading Jm 2:14-18

Gospel Acclamation Gal 6:14

Gospel Mk 8:27-35

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.

