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Newsletter

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2024 Year of Prayer

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time Vol. III psalter week 4

TODAY'S MASS:

First Reading (Is 50:5-9): Traditionally we understand these words to apply to Jesus and His passion. But we can also take them as applying to individual Christian disciples who suffer and to suffering Christian communities (such as those suffering severe persecution in many parts of the Middle East today).

Psalm (Ps 114:1-6,8-9.R.v9): A simple prayer of thanks to God after escape from death by sickness, accident, or malice.

Second Reading (Jm 2:14-18): Faith must be accompanied by good works, especially for the poor who lack clothes and food.

Gospel (Mk 8:27-35): This episode at Caesarea Philippi is the half-way point in Mark's Gospel; up to now we have been hearing about Jesus' ministry in Galilee; from now on He will turn towards Jerusalem. It addresses two questions. First, who is Jesus? He is the Christ, the Anointed One destined to suffer, die, and rise again. Secondly, who are we? We are Christians, disciples of Jesus Christ, who must also die to self and take up our cross to follow Him.

Fr David

EVANGELII GAUDIUM SUNDAY

Formerly known as Home Mission Sunday, today we reflect on the great mandate we have been given by the Risen Lord to evangelize the whole world: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations" the Lord commissions, as we hear in *Matthew 28:19*. The theme this year is *Growing as missionary disciples*; please pray for our parish communities, that they become intentionally missionary in their life and witness. The Second Collection supports the work of the Bishops' Conference Mission Directorate. Please hold this important work in your prayers.

LAST CALL FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REGISTRATIONS

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 is this Monday.

FAREWELL EVENING FOR FR MATTHEW

Come along to Fr Matthew Donnelly's leaving party on Friday 27th September at 7.30pm in the Lower Hall, for a get-together with music, food & drinks.

We would be grateful for food (also vegetarian) and drink contributions. Please leave them in the Lower Hall from 6.00pm onwards on the day. Please contact Sarah (07885 267 509) for more information.

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

HARRIETTE CAHILL RIP

Funeral Mass on Monday at 12.30pm, followed by Burial at Merton & Sutton Cemetery.

CHURCH DOOR REPAIRS

Repairs to the Church entrance doors are scheduled for early Monday afternoon; for safety the Church will be closed for a while after the Funeral and will probably reopen at 4.00pm or so.

DONHEAD SCHOOL MASS

Beginning of Year Mass in Church on Wednesday at 11.00am. The usual 10.30am Adoration will therefore not take place.

BRYAN CENEY RIP

Funeral Mass on Wednesday at 2.00pm, followed by Cremation at the North-east Surrey Crematorium.

HOLY MATRIMONY

The Marriage of Ramona Balaratnam and Vitushan Nithiyananthan is on Thursday at 2.00pm.

The Marriage of Caleb Duku and Yaa Asantewaa Agyare is on Friday at 2.00pm.

NEXT SUNDAY

The first national Mass count takes place next weekend.

Parish Notices

SUNDAY READERS AT MASS

We would need a couple of more Readers at both the 5.00 & the 8.00pm Masses on Sundays, so that the duty only comes round every few weeks. If you can volunteer, please either email Thelma (wimbledon@rcaos.org.uk) or give your contact details to Sr Dorothy.

ALTAR SERVERS

Fr Jackson and Fr David will shortly start a new training course for new Altar Servers. We would need more Altar Servers at all Sunday Masses. Parents, whose children have made their first Holy Communion and are interested in joining the training course, please pass names and contact details to one of the Clergy.

A DAY WITH MARY

In Sacred Heart Church on Saturday 28th September, a day of instruction, devotion and intercession, based on the message given at Fátima in 1917.

Start at 10.45am: Entry Procession of Our Lady, Mass in honour of Our Lady, the five Joyful Mysteries; lunch break (please bring a packed lunch) at 1.00pm, At 2.00pm Exposition and Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary of the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady, Silent Adoration; 4.30pm Sermon on Our Lady, the five Glorious Mysteries, Act of Consecration, Benediction. Confessions during the day (www.adaywithmary.org).

WIMBLEDON COLLEGE OPEN EVENING

Prospective parents and pupils for admission into Year 7 in September 2025 are welcome to the Open Evening

on Thursday 26th September, 5.30-8.00pm. See the booking information at www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk/open_events. There are Open Mornings for current Year 6 pupils only, by appointment. Deadline for applications (entry/September 2025) is 31st October. See below for details of the Parish Priest's sessions for his countersignature.

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.

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.

FREE PARISH PROFESSIONAL COUNSELLING SERVICE

The parish offers a free professional counselling and psychotherapy service, led by Mr Anthony Lee, who has over 30 years professional experience in counselling. This is for those who may have anxiety, depression and low

esteem, marital/relationship issues/emotional regulation, anger management and communication difficulties, trauma recovery, or impulsivity, social withdrawal, or school/career related concerns.

Therapy is a highly personalised process, tailored to each person's needs and circumstances, and clients will be supported in a safe, caring and welcoming environment. All services are strictly confidential and adhere to the professional code of ethics and regulations of the relevant organisations. For appointments, please contact Thelma in the Parish Office (020 8946 0305 or wimbledon@rcaos.org.uk).

THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Fr David (Hunter) has taken on the responsibility of co-ordinating visits to parishioners who are sick or housebound. If you know of someone who isn't receiving Holy Communion at home, please contact Fr David via the Parish Office. We are grateful to Cathy Dickenson and her team of Extraordinary Ministers for undertaking this important ministry.

CONFIRMATION 2025

Applications will open Mid November, and the sessions will commence in January 2025 More details to follow nearer the time.

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!

Parish 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.

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.

NEW PARISHIONERS

If you are new to the parish, you are invited to join us on Sunday 29th September at 3.00pm for tea & cakes in the Parish Lounge. We would love to meet you, tell you more about our activities and hear your thoughts on what you want from your community. Please RSVP by reply as soon as possible to ppc@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk and let us know whether you'd like to bring any guests. Friends and family are very welcome. Do also include any dietary requirements we should be aware of.

If you are unable to attend but interested in further opportunities like this, please let us know so we can keep you on the mailing list.

Diocesan & Other Notices

DAY OF RETREAT & REFLECTION

For all Mass Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in the South-west London Area, on Saturday 19th October in our Upper Hall, 11.00am-4.00pm. Registration, tea and coffee at 11.00am. All our Mass Readers and Ministers are asked to participate in this Day if you can. Register at wimbledon@rcaos.org.uk; please bring a packed lunch. The day will include sessions on the Word of God in the Life of the Church, using Scripture in our spiritual lives, the new Lectionary translation and other practical matters.

SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

SPUC is holding a one-day conference on Saturday 28th September at the Holiday Inn Regent's Park, W1W 5EE. Tickets are £40, including lunch. Bookings can be made via

the SPUC website (www.spuc.org.uk/conference-2024). For further details contact katherinehampton@spuc.org.uk. This is a chance to connect with like-minded individuals, hear from inspiring speakers, and equip yourself with knowledge and tools to champion the pro-life cause.

JESUIT MISSIONS CAMPAIGN

Please complete the postcards available at the back of Church; these are part of the Jesuit Missions current campaign for the Season of Creation and COP29. Please return the postcards to Jesuit Missions at Number 11, Edge Hill by Tuesday 1st October. On Friday 4th October representatives from London schools will join Jesuit Provincial, Fr Peter Gallagher SJ, to present the signed cards at 10 Downing Street.

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 (incl. 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!

PARISH FLOWER GROUP

Our Parish is fortunate to have an experienced team of dedicated, talented, and enthusiastic volunteers, who support our parish community as members of the Flower Group. If you are interested in joining the Flower Group (experience desirable but not essential) please contact Patricia Turner at sacredheartflowers@outlook.com.

CHURCH CAR PARK

Please remember to always register your car number plate when using the church car park (except Sundays).

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

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Catherine Morgan, Martina Luetkens, Michael Desmond Vaughey, Maria Julia Fernandes, Mary Hayes, Bryan Coney and Harriette Cahill

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Alfred Mullings and Zulema Walliker

The sick: Penny Sewell, 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 14 September

6.30pm Edward Granahan RIP

Monday 16 September SS Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, Bishop; Martyrs, Memorial

10.00am Cynthia Rebello Birthday Ints.
12.30am Funeral Mass for Harriette Cahill
6.30pm Eileen Helliwell Ints.

Tuesday 17 September Feria

10.00am Assumption Rodrigues RIP
6.30pm Sally D'Costa Birthday Ints.

Wednesday 18 September Feria

10.00am Louis James RIP
2.00pm Funeral Mass for Bryan Coney
6.30pm Keith Drake RIP

Thursday 19 September Feria

10.00am Eugene Desmier RIP
6.30pm Maria Keaveney-Jessiman RIP

Friday 20 September SS Andrew Kim Tae-gön Priest, Paul Chông Ha-sang & Companions, Martyrs, Memorial

10.00am Carmel Beer 90th Birthday Ints.
6.30pm William Holder RIP

Saturday 21 September St Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist

10.00am Sheela Santee Pudaruth Pryagh 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: 113 Christ triumphant

Kyrie: Collegium Regale, Harold Darke

Gloria: Missa de angelis 467

Offertory hymn: 16 All for Jesus

Communion motet: Agnus Dei (Collegium Regale), Harold Darke

Communion hymn: 355 Let all mortal flesh

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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

First Reading Ws 2:12.17-20

Responsorial Psalm Ps 53:3-6.8

Second Reading Jm 3:16-4:3

Gospel Acclamation Jn 8:12

Gospel Mk 9:30-37

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.

