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Newsletter

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2024 Year of Prayer

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

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

TODAY'S MASS

First Reading (Num 11:25-29/Ws 2:12.17-20):

Psalm (Ps 18:8.10.12-14 Ps 53:3-6.8):

Second Reading (Jm 5:1-6/Jm 3:16-4:3):

Gospel (Mk 9:38-43.45.47-48):

First Reading: the parallels between Moses and Jesus are obvious; Jesus was consciously basing his ministry on that of Moses; in fact, Jesus is the new Moses. Moses is an Egyptian name meaning 'child of God'.

Psalm: this reminds us that God's law is perfect. If we find ourselves at odds with God's commandments, it we who are at fault, not God.

Second Reading: James issues a warning to the rich. What makes things worse is when the rich gain their riches by injustice and oppression of the poor.

Gospel: Christ's severe words about cutting hands or feet off and tearing eyes out should be taken not literally but seriously. It is a very serious obstacle to our entering heaven if we are the cause of other people being prevented from entering heaven, by our words or by our immoral behaviour.

Fr David

SECOND COLLECTION

The Second Collection this weekend is for a leaving present for Fr Matthew Donnelly, who recently moved to St Mary's Croydon after three years as an Assistant priest here.

SECOND MASS COUNT

The second annual Mass count takes place today. The Mass attendance last Sunday was 1,268.

WELCOME TEA

All new parishioners are warmly invited to a Welcome Tea this afternoon at 3:00pm in the Lounge. If new parishioners have not yet done so, please register on the parish website: www.sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk (scroll down the Home Page for the link).

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

OCTOBER

The month of October “*should be considered in all countries as the month of the World Mission*” (see *Ecclesiae Sanctae* III.3). October is also the month of the Holy Rosary. Those who recite five decades of the Rosary in church, as a family, in a community or group of the faithful, may gain a Plenary Indulgence daily. The Rosary is prayed daily before the 10:00am and 6:30pm Masses; the best way to learn the prayer is to join in one of these.

MICHAEL VAUGHEY RIP

Funeral Mass on Tuesday at 12:00 noon, followed by Committal at the North East Surrey Crematorium.

TUESDAY: SCHOOL FORM SIGNING

Canon David will be available on Tuesday in the Lower Hall, at both 4:30pm - 5:00pm and 7:30pm - 8:00pm to countersign school application forms for applications to Catholic schools only. Please obtain the

necessary form(s) from the school, complete the parents' part, and bring the form along with the child concerned. If you can also bring the child's Baptism certificate. Parents should ensure that they have registered as parishioners on the parish website.

THURSDAY: PPC MEETING

The Parish Pastoral Council meets on Thursday at 8:00pm in the Lounge.

FRIDAY: CAFOD HARVEST DAY

Every Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence, but you are especially asked to fast as a family on Friday, and then put the money you have saved in the Second Collection next weekend. Visit cafod.org.uk for information, resources and prayers.

MARY HAYES RIP

Funeral Mass on Friday at 11:30am, followed by Committal at the North East Surrey Crematorium.

FRIDAY: FRIENDSHIP GROUP

At 2:00pm in the Lounge, talk with Hannah Lumley, Principal Trading Standards Officer for Merton, on *Protecting Ourselves from Scams*. Tea and cakes as always; all very welcome.

FRIDAY (FIRST FRIDAY)

In addition to the usual Friday times of Adoration (10:30am - 12:00 noon and 5:20pm - 6:20pm) on the First Friday we have Adoration in the evening after the 6:30pm Mass, from 7:00pm - 9:00pm. There is much to pray for at the moment so do come along and pray before the Blessed Sacrament.

NEXT SUNDAY'S SECOND COLLECTION

This will be for Aid to the Church in Need. ACN is a Pontifical Foundation of the Catholic Church, supporting the Catholic faithful and other Christians where they are persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need. More information at acnuk.org.

Parish Notices

PASTORAL PLACEMENT

We welcome Marlon Oliveira, a seminarian for the Archdiocese currently at Allen Hall Seminary, for a Pastoral Placement on Sundays. You will see him getting involved in the various things that take place on Sundays.

SUNDAY MASS READERS

We need more Readers, especially at the 5:00pm and 8:00pm Masses. If you can volunteer (it comes round every few weeks or so) contact Thelma or hand your contact details to Sr Dorothy.

ALTAR SERVERS

We need more Altar Servers, at all Sunday Masses. Frs Jackson and David will be starting Server training shortly. Parents please pass names and contact details to one of the Clergy.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC

If you, or someone you know, is interested in becoming a Catholic - either someone who is not Baptized and wishes to be, or someone Baptized in a non-Catholic Church who is interested in being Received into Full Communion with the Church - now is the time to apply for our RCIA course. Either give the name and contact details to Sister Dorothy or to Thelma in the Parish Office. At this stage there is no commitment: it is just 'come and see'.

SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

After editing the Sunday Newsletter for a number of years Barbara Visy has now stepped down from doing it, and we thank her for her ministry in this way. Paul Davis has temporarily agreed to edit the Newsletter, but if YOU have publishing and editing skills (we use Microsoft *Publisher*) and can volunteer to do this, please contact Thelma.

DAY OF RETREAT & REFLECTION

For all Mass Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in the SW- 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.

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 contact Thelma in the Parish Office (020 8946 0305 or wimbledon@rcaos.org.uk).

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!

CHURCHES TOGETHER CAROL SINGING

Churches Together in West Wimbledon is seeking to arrange carol singing in local Care Homes on Thursday 12th December. If you would like to participate please email Pat Spencer (pat.spencer@ukgateway.net) no later than 20th October. Cathy Dickenson represents us at the meetings (four a year) but if anyone else is interested in ecumenism and attending meetings please notify Thelma.

Diocesan & Other Notices

BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE DAY 26th OCTOBER

This day is organised by the diocesan Marriage & Family Life Team but takes place on Saturday 26th October in the Lower Hall here at Sacred Heart. This day, from 9:30am - 4:30pm, is a day in which married couples can privately explore their relationship more deeply and gain valuable insights into the communication and the call of the Church to the married. It is for all married couples, whether married one year or sixty years. There is no charge for this course.

Booking is essential - please contact Thelma D'Costa by email

wimbledon@rcaos.org.uk or by phone 020 8946 0305 by 11th October. Refreshments will be provided but please bring a packed Lunch. Leaflets and registration forms are available at the back of Church.

PARISH CARITAS REPRESENTATIVE

Caritas Southwark is seeking a representative from the Parish, to help improve communication between them and the parishes, and to help develop its social action and understand local needs. The post does not require a DBS check but does require a reference from the Parish Priest. Contact Canon David via the Parish Office for a role description if you are interested.

AN EVENING FOR YOUNG ADULTS WITH BLESSED PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI - 31ST OCTOBER

The Archbishop will be giving a talk on Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati's life at an event hosted by the Southwark Catholic Youth Service on 31st October at St George's Cathedral. The event for 18-40 year olds starts at 6:30pm, with Eucharistic Adoration and praise and worship led by One Hope Project.

A SPIRITUAL VISIT TO THE SICK

"I was sick and you visited me" (Matthew 25:36). The Catholic Chaplaincy at St. George's Hospital invites those who are willing to join in praying for the sick on Thursday mornings, in the Chapel at 10:30am Quiet Adoration,

11:30am Benediction, followed by Rosary and 12:00pm Mass for the Patients, Staff, Students, Volunteers and Visitors of St. George's. Major Hospitals are a kind of liminal space where heaven comes close to earth as many people face their mortality at the altar of suffering. Here, so many are rightly *"anxious and troubled about many things"*. Yet, *"one thing is necessary"* still – prayer (cf Luke 10:41). If you can, of your charity, please consider joining in these mornings of prayer for those in need.

SAVE THE DATE: ARCHDIOCESAN JUBILEE CELEBRATION - 7TH JUNE 2025

On Saturday 7th June 2025, there will be an Archdiocesan Jubilee celebration at Aylesford Priory. This event will also mark the 60th anniversary of the Archdiocese of Southwark. More details about this exciting event in due course.

Adoration and praise and worship led by One Hope Project.

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 see www.scholagregoriana.org, and for queries contact Deacon Julian.

ALL NIGHT VIGIL

In reparation of Jesus' Sacred Heart and Mary's Immaculate Heart. On Friday, starting at 10:00pm and ending with Mass at 6:00am, at St Joseph's Church, Roehampton Lane, SW15 4LE. Feel free to take hot water bottles, coats and blankets to keep warm; refreshments will be available. Parking available.

A DAY WITH MARY

A Day With Mary is taking place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 12 October (9.45am to 5.00pm). Further information is available at <https://www adaywithmary.org/> or <https://eventcatholic.com/>

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 in the Church: a two-piano recital given by Tschonghie and Alexis Affonso with music by Lutosławski, Ravel, Rachmaninov and Stravinsky. Bookings not required, retiring collection in aid of Cancer Research UK.

CHURCH CAR PARK

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

FINANCE

The total Offeratories (First Collection) were £35,302.84 in May, £33,740.70 in June, and £37,493.04 in July. Second Collections were £1,038.37 for Peter's Pence, £1,240.63 for Stella Maris, and £2,574.80 for Jesuit Missions. Thank you for your generosity.

5pm MASS HYMN WORDS

Lyrics for 5pm mass is available from the parish website by scanning this QR code.



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

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently:

Maria Mammolito, Alan Nicholas, James Tait, Michael Vaughey, Anthony Hastings, Mary Hayes, Patrick Hearty.

Those whose anniversaries occur at time: David Dwyer, John Park, Robert Collins, Fr Michael Ashworth SJ, Joyce Laundy, Patrick McManus, Orysia Todoriv, John Murphy, Fernand Laloux, Kathleen Worth, Desmond Worth, Marian Owoc and Bishop Howard Tripp

The sick: Penny Sewell, Corné Rossouw, Finley Kennedy, Samar Staussi, Thelma Lobo, Maria Tinker, Dorothy Ramos, Armando Ramos, Geoffrey Norris, Ryan Lyndsey and Emily Grey, Rena DeSouza, Electa Almeida, Margaret Duffy, Karolina Masica

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 28 September

6.30pm Joseph Brennan (RIP)

Sunday 29 September

5.00pm Canon John Clark Intentions

Monday 30 September St Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church, Memorial

10.00am Imelda Heffernan (RIP)
6.30pm Marian Tadeusz-Owoc (RIP)

Tuesday 1 October St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church; Memorial

10.00am Matthew Edwards (RIP)
12.00pm Funeral Mass for Michael Vaughey
6.30pm Pat McManus (Anniv.Mass)

Wednesday 2 October The Holy Guardian Angels, Memorial

10.00am Loretta Webber (Thanksgiving)
6.30pm Ray Smith (RIP)

Thursday 3 October Feria

10.00am Holy Souls
6.30pm Maria Keaveney-Jessiman (RIP)

Friday 4 October St Francis of Assisi, Memorial

10.00am Mary Durning (RIP)
11.30am Funeral Mass for Mary Hayes
6.30pm Levita Almeida (RIP)

Saturday 5 October St Faustina Kowalska, Virgin

10.00am Jennifer Wisden (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: 390 *Lord thy word abideth*

Mass setting: *Terry in C (K S A)*

Off motet: *O Lord, give thy holy spirit* Thomas Tallis

Com motet: *Blessed are the pure in heart* Walford Davies

Com hymn: 125 *Come down O love divine*

EXPOSITION

Wednesdays & Fridays
after the 10.00am Mass
and from 5.20 - 6.20pm

RECONCILIATION

Monday - Saturday:
6.00 - 6.20pm
and Saturday morning
10.30 - 11.30am

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

First Reading Gen2:1-18

Responsorial Psalm Ps 127

Second Reading Heb 2:9-11

Gospel Acclamation Jn 4:12

Gospel Mk 10:2-16

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.

