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Newsletter

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2024 Year of Prayer • Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time • Vol. IV • Psalter Week IV



The Widow's Offering (c. 1838) by Josef Danhauser (1805–45), an artist of the Austrian Empire, is among the many artistic interpretations of this Sunday's Gospel.

In the foreground, an expensively-dressed couple makes a great show of their charity towards the 'right' recipient, whose large tin parts a colourful robe. In the background, a widow instructs her infant son to offer a coin to a blind beggar. As Canon David asks: which of the two is your discipleship more like?

Today's Mass

First Reading: The poor widow in Zarephath demonstrates her piety by giving Elijah food out of the little she had. Elijah shows that he is a prophet from God as his prophecy about her reward comes to pass.

Psalm: Almighty God cares for the poor and needy, such as widows and orphans.

Second Reading: Christ, the true high priest, has once and for all offered the sacrifice (Himself) to take away our sins in the true sanctuary in Heaven. 'Once and for all' means that it can never be repeated.

In today's **Gospel**, we see the contrast between the false piety of the scribes (who are 'stuffed shirts') and the rich, and the genuine piety and generosity of the poor widow. Which of the two is your discipleship more like?

Canon David

Remembrance Sunday

Remembrance Sunday is, in the words of the Royal British Legion, 'a national opportunity to remember the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life'. Canon David will represent the parish at the Service of Remembrance at the Wimbledon War Memorial, which starts at 10.40am this Sunday.



Parish Pastoral Team

Parish Priest Canon David Gibbons KCHS
Parish Clergy Fr David Hunter
Fr Jackson Sebastian
Deacon Julian Burling
Team Member Sr Dorothy Perrott OSU
Faith Minister Rob Hitchcock

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

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Headteacher: Lorraine Dolan-Walsh

Readings at Mass

	This Sunday	Next Sunday
First Reading	1 Kings 17:10–16	Daniel 12:1–3
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 145(146):7–10	Psalm 15(16):5,8–11
Second Reading	Hebrews 9:24–28	Hebrews 10:11–14,18
Gospel Acclamation	Revelation 2:10	Matthew 24:42–44
Gospel	Mark 12:38–44	Mark 13:24–32

Second collection: Archbishop's Appeal

The second collection this Sunday is for the Archbishop's Appeal. This fund supports three key areas of ministry to be a missionary and evangelizing archdiocese:

1. *Youth and evangelization*: strengthening the formation of young people in the faith, enhancing the faith life of parishioners, supporting the journey of new Catholics, and so proclaiming passionately the Good News of the Lord Jesus.
2. *Our faith in action*: showing compassionate and active service through love for all people, proclaiming and protecting the dignity of every human person from conception to natural death, respecting the interconnectedness of our world and common home, hearing the cry of the poor, and funding outreach projects in our parishes and schools.
3. *Clergy care and formation*: supporting the vocations team, providing ongoing formation of priests and deacons, and caring for clergy in old age, sickness, and retirement.

Please give generously. You can use the envelopes in the church to Gift Aid your cash donation or donate via the card readers at the back of the church. Learn more about the Archbishop's Appeal and donate online at rcaos.org.uk/archbishops-appeal.

This week

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

We welcome pupils from Year 6 to the 10.00am Mass on Tuesday, followed by a Q&A session with Canon David.

Anne Alden RIP

Funeral Mass at 11.30am on Wednesday, followed by cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium.

5.30pm – 6.30pm Wednesday Holy Hour for the Dignity of the Human Person

During their November Plenary Assembly, the Bishops of England and Wales will gather for a Holy Hour to pray for the promotion of the dignity of the human person and the culture of life in our countries. This is a response to the assisted suicide legislation currently before the UK Parliament. Can YOU come to Adoration at Sacred Heart Church at the same time, to be united with the bishops in a powerful moment of prayer?

7.45pm Saturday Free concert in the church

Violinist James Marshall and pianist Richard Zhang perform Antonín Dvořák's *Four Romantic Pieces* (1887), Johannes Brahms' *Sonata for Piano & Violin in G major, Op. 78* (1879), and Ludwig van Beethoven's *Kreutzer Sonata* (1803).

James has been part of the music team at the 10.00am Mass since he was six years old. A Donhead alumnus, he is currently in his final year at The Yehudi Menuhin School, a specialist music school in Stoke d'Abernon. He is joined by his friend Richard, a former pupil at YMS, now a student at The Guildhall School of Music and Drama.

Please come and support these talented young musicians and enjoy wonderful music in our beautiful church. There will be a retiring collection for the Crib Appeal.

Next Saturday 16/Sunday 17 November Altar servers training

The first of two altar server training sessions will take place at these times:

- 5.45pm Saturday 16 November (before the 6.30pm Mass)
- 9.15am Sunday 17 November (before the 10.00am Mass)
- 1.05pm Sunday 17 November (after the 12 noon Mass)
- 6.05pm Sunday 17 November (after the 5.00pm Mass)

Each session lasts 30 minutes. Children must have made their First Holy Communion. No need to book: just turn up in the Sacristy.

Parish notices

Holy Souls in November

If you would like to have your deceased family members remembered in Masses during November, write their names on a piece of paper and put it into the Holy Souls envelopes provided at the back of the church. They will be placed in a box at the altar during Masses in November. Any donations enclosed will go towards Masses for the Holy Souls during the year.

Countersigning school application forms

To make an appointment for Canon David to sign certificates for applications to Catholic schools, please contact Thelma in the Parish Office. Please bring the relevant form(s), with your part completed, and the child who is applying.

Next Sunday's second collection: ACN

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) supports the Catholic faithful and other Christians wherever they are persecuted, oppressed, or in pastoral need.

How to spot parking payment fraud

Fraudsters are always looking to scam motorists. For the latest advice against parking payment fraud, please visit britishparking.co.uk/protect-yourself-from-fraud. This notice is a general reminder and is not linked to any specific increase in fraud at our parish car park.

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 Representatives:

Victoria Wheatley (wimbledonsg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk) • Siobhán Heffron (wimbledonsg3@safeguardrcaos.org.uk)

Parish notices (cont'd)

St Martha's Guild of Church Cleaners

Come and join our friendly group of cleaners any weekday morning after the 10.00am Mass. You will be responsible for a small designated area in the church. All ages welcome: you will be blessed for your enthusiasm and responsibilities. Please contact Anne Remedios at 020 8946 3653.

Electricity news

Following the disconnection of the electricity supply to the presbytery, parish offices, and halls in August, we are pleased to report that Drax Energy Solutions Ltd has paid us £25,000 in compensation for the costs incurred by the parish, especially in hiring a generator. The Parish Finance Committee meets on Monday evening.

Forthcoming parish liturgies and events

Erratum: The next children's liturgy will be at the 10.00am Mass next Sunday 17 November. The editor apologises for all confusion from previous newsletters.

11.00am Sunday 17 November Parish Environment Group

The Parish Environment Group is returning! Come along to the Youth Room to look at how our parish won CAFOD's LiveSimply award in 2019 and discuss practical ways in which we can follow Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato si'* (2015). For more information, please email David at dthurst52@gmail.com.

10.30am – 12 noon Saturday 23 November Parish Flower Group coffee morning

The Parish Flower Group is looking for new members! Join some of our team in the Parish Lounge for a coffee morning and demonstration to find out more about the group. To attend or for more information, please contact Patricia Turner at sacredheartflowers@outlook.com.

Read about what it's like to volunteer for the Parish Flower Group on page 19 of October's *Edgeways*, accessible online at tinyurl.com/edgeways1024.

Sunday 24 – Saturday 30 November Week of Guided Prayer

The parish's Week of Guided Prayer is a time of deepening one's personal prayer with the help of a prayer guide over the course of the week. This is offered in person or via Zoom. What better way to prepare for Christmas!

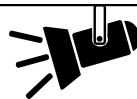
The opening meeting will be at 4.00pm on Sunday 24 November in the Lounge. It will be a time of guided prayer and an opportunity to meet your prayer guide to confirm the time and place of your daily meeting. You will be asked to set aside some time for prayer each day and also to meet with your prayer guide. A closing group meeting will take place at 4.00pm on Saturday 30 November.

Please complete the form at the back of the church and return it to the Presbytery no later than Tuesday 19 November.

2.30pm Friday 6 December Friendship Group Christmas Singalong

Come to the Lounge for a Christmas Singalong with Songs on Wheels, sherry, tea, and Christmas treats! Everyone is welcome.

Spotlight on...a call for volunteers!



Every year, the parish organizes a **Christmas Day lunch** for those who may be alone during the festive season. The lunch is a joyous affair, including drinks and nibbles, carol singers and musicians, Christmas dinners with all the trimmings, and a visit from Father Christmas himself.

We greatly appreciate any contribution you can make, no matter how small. Can you enter data into a spreadsheet, make telephone calls, pack presents, offer a lift to or from Sacred Heart on Christmas Day, entertain our guests, serve food or drinks, or dress a Christmas tree?

If you would like to join us in one of the most enjoyable events in the Sacred Heart calendar, please fill out the Google form at tinyurl.com/yrppyerr or pick up a form at the back of the church and return it to Thelma in the Parish Office.

New to the parish?

Welcome! Please introduce yourself to a member of the parish team after Mass and register online at sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk or by filling out a registration form, available at the back of the church.

Diocesan notices

UPDATE: Oppose the Assisted Dying Bill

The Catholic Union and Farm Street Church are hosting a panel discussion on the Assisted Dying Bill at 3.00pm on Sunday 24 November, followed by a Q&A. Please RSVP at tinyurl.com/9spc4zc5. For those unable to attend in-person, follow online at farmstreet.org.uk/livestream.

The Anscombe Centre has published resources at bioethics.org.uk/educational-resources/resources-on-eas. It is extremely important that concerned citizens write to their MP to make their voice known. This vote could go either way, and we know that MPs are getting many letters from the assisted suicide lobby. This is a crucial time to act!

Synod on Synodality Final Document

A working translation in English is available from the German Bishops' Conference at tinyurl.com/f4zwxxdt.

Bishop Nicholas Hudson, formerly our Parish Priest, has penned a reflection on the document and the synod's next steps at tinyurl.com/572dnumj.

Other notices

Sewing machines needed for women's refuge workshops

Parishioner Beatrice Widell will offer sewing workshops at women's refuges early next year, and is in need of five sewing machines. If you have one that you could donate, please contact Beatrice at beatricewidell@outlook.com.

Vacancy: Lunchtime supervisor at Laleham Lea School

Laleham Lea School (Purley, CR8 3JJ), a Catholic independent co-ed primary school, is looking for a lunchtime and school meals supervisor for an immediate start, Mondays to Fridays from 11.30am to 1.30pm. For more information, contact secretary@lalehamlea.co.uk. Applications close at 12 noon this Friday 15 November.

Celebrants this Sunday

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

We remember in our prayers

Those who have died recently

Anna Fahey • Anne Alden • Barbara Ramsey • Thomas Searle

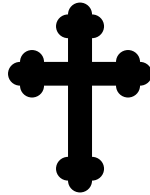
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Jennifer Topley • Wassim Tappuni • Norma Patton
Patricia Brady • Brenda Park • Harriette Therese Gomez
Angelino Uggias Nalon • Marvin Macapagal

Those who are sick

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

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. For data protection reasons, individuals must explicitly agree for their names to be mentioned in our newsletter.



Exposition

Wednesdays and Fridays
10.30am – 12 noon and
5.25pm – 6.25pm
First Fridays 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Reconciliation

6.00pm – 6.20pm
Mondays to Saturdays and
10.30am – 11.30am Saturdays

Hospital contacts

If you or a member of your family are admitted to a local hospital, please let the hospital's Catholic chaplain know.

St George's: Fr Peter Littleton (020 8725 3069 or 020 8672 1255)
Epsom and St Helier: Fr Philip Pak (020 8296 2000)
Kingston: Fr Tony Oleh (020 8546 7711)

Any notices for the weekly newsletter should be emailed to newsletter@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk by Tuesday evening. Please keep notices brief – no more than 40 words.

Your generosity helps to fund our parish's wide range of liturgical, spiritual, and cultural activities.

To donate, scan the QR code or visit sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/Groups/339238/Donate.aspx. Thank you.



Weekday Mass intentions

Saturday 9 November • Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

10.00am Andrew Clark (RIP)
6.30pm Timothy McBride (RIP)

Monday 11 November • St Martin of Tours

10.00am Dr Marina Benedict (Thanksgiving)
6.30pm Peggy Fitzgerald

Tuesday 12 November • St Josaphat

10.00am Rani (Thanksgiving)
6.30pm Viji Pillay (Birthday Ints)

Wednesday 13 November • St Francis Xavier Cabrini

10.00am Maria, John, and Carla De Nardi (RIP)
11.30am Funeral Mass of Anne Alden (RIP)
6.30pm Conor Massey (RIP)

Thursday 14 November

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

Friday 15 November

10.00am Mary Cogan (Ints)
6.30pm Mary Ann Carolan (RIP)

Saturday 16 November • of our Lady

10.00am Merlin Pinto (RIP)
6.30pm Thomas Gabriel (RIP)

Music at the 12 noon Mass

Requiem Mass (plainchant)

Offertory motet: *Scio quod enim redemptor* (O. di Lasso)

Communion motet: He That Shall Endure to the End (F. Mendelssohn's Elijah)

Communion hymn: (179) For the Healing of the Nations

Music at the 5.00pm Mass

Scan the QR code or visit
[sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/
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Parish services and contacts

Parish Office

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Monday – Friday

Executive Assistant

Thelma D'Costa
Caretaker
George McLennan

Please contact the Parish Office for all enquiries, hall bookings, baptisms, marriages, first sacraments, and funerals.

Please remember always to register your car number when using the church car park (except Sundays). Registration tablets can be found in the church entrance, the presbytery reception, and the hall entrances.