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Newsletter

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Second Sunday (C)

Weekday Readings for
2nd week of the Year

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Next Sunday's Readings

3rd Sunday of the Year

- Nehemiah 8:2-6. 8-10
- Psalm 18:8-10.15.R.Jn 6:63
- Corinthians 12:12-30
- John Luke 1:1-4;4:14-21

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Wedding at Cana

If you have ever tasted the wine from Cana you will appreciate the particular gift Jesus gave to the young couple on their wedding day. No wonder the steward commented on the fact that the best wine had been kept till last! There is something very personal in the Gospel story today. Not only do we see Jesus intervening to save the embarrassment of the young couple and their families should the wine run out, but we see too the relationship between



Mary and Jesus. This was time out for Jesus and his apostles. He hadn't started his public ministry and he hadn't worked any miracles among his own people. Mary knew that there was nothing he would not do for her and so

without asking she simply instructed the servants to do what he told them. It is the relationships between the different characters that make this story so personal and intimate. There is the young couple and their plight, the concern of Mary for them, the relationship between Mary and Jesus and Jesus' own obedience to his mother and concern for the newly weds. For us we should be encouraged by the generosity both of Jesus and of Mary as they blessed the wedding of the young couple.

PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF MERCY

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing,
so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord,
and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm,
may bring good news to the poor,
proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed,
and restore sight to the blind. Amen

THE PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Parish Priest: Canon John Clark

Parish Clergy: Fr Thaddeus Nwokeji and Deacon Julian Burling

Team Members: Fr Michael O'Halloran SJ, Sr Francis SSA, Sr Dorothy Perrott OSU, Cristina Connolly.

CRIB APPEAL 2015

We would like to express words of thanks to all who so very generously supported this Christmas' crib appeal. We raised the amount of £5,495.35 for Oxfam's Syria Crisis Appeal.

SECOND COLLECTION

This Sunday, 17th January, is Peace Sunday. *Pax Christi*, the Catholic Movement for Peace in England and Wales, are holding their annual collection. Their work is based on the gospel and inspired by faith, their vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, they work with all who share their values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice. Donation envelopes will be collected this weekend. Thank you for your support.

Next Sunday, 24th January, Racial Justice Sunday, the second collection will be for the Catholic Church's work to promote racial justice.

FAITH IN ACTION

Faith in Action - helping with homelessness. The Merton Homeless Drop-In centre is seeing increasing numbers of people at the Drop-In who are sleeping rough. The Merton Faith in Action is grateful to you for your support of their work. To ensure that they continue to provide and develop services for the homeless and vulnerably housed they depend on your continued help and support. To learn more about the Drop-In and how you can help please visit their website www.mertonfaithinaction.org or contact Andy on 07843 280419 or email faithinaction@wimbledonguild.co.uk

Parish News

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

We are looking for two new members of the Finance Committee with experience in a) building works and b) health and safety matters with particular reference to plant and buildings. The new members would support and

advise the Parish Priest and Site Manager in these important areas of parish management. The committee meets formally about six times a year. If you are interested in helping please send your details to the committee chair, Chris Woodward at christopherwoodward107@gmail.com.

AT HOME

There will be no 'At Home' this Monday 18th January, the next 'At Home' will be on **Tuesday 26th January** from 6-8pm.

SCHOOL SLIPS

School slips will be collected this weekend.

Announcements

NEWMAN CIRCLE

Following on from Archbishop McDonald's talk in November 2015, the next meeting will be on Thursday 21st January at 7.30pm in the Lounge when Rabbi Jason Rosner will speak on 'The Catholic Church as seen from a Jewish perspective'. All are welcome.

JOIN THE PPC!

The PPC are seeking 3 new members for 2016. Any regular worshipper aged 18 or over is welcome, no matter what your background or experience. We would like a strength of the PPC to be its diversity. Being

a PPC member is also a great way to get to know and support your parish and to live out your faith. Nomination forms, including a description of the role, are available at the back of the church and on the website. Additional information is also available on the website within the PPC handbook. The closing date for nominations is Monday 1st February.

ECUMENICAL WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The week of Prayer for Christian Unity, an annual ecumenical celebration, held from 18th-25th January, is

bringing people around the world to pray for Christian unity - in worship, reflection, study and fellowship. An ecumenical service with speakers from the *Tear Trust* and *Merton against Trafficking* will be celebrated on Sunday 24th at 6.30pm in our church, followed by refreshments.

SIGNED AND SPOKEN MASS

Next Sunday 24th January, a signed and spoken Mass will be celebrated at 4pm in the chapel of Wimbledon College. All with hearing difficulties are welcome!

Parish Organisations

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

On Saturday 30th January from 10.30 - 11.30 am, in the Parish Lounge. Grief is a particularly isolating experience that can affect all aspects of your life, physically, emotionally and socially. The Bereavement Team invite everyone experiencing loss in their lives, no matter how long ago, to drop-in for a coffee and a chat. We offer

you a warm welcome. For more information, call 020 8946 5198 or see the website.

WIMBLEDON CANCER FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Anyone affected by any cancer is welcome to drop in for tea and a chat in the lounge of the Wimbledon Guild, 30 Worple Rd, SW19 4EF on Thursday 28th January from 3.15-4.30pm.

Please contact 07948 767936 or email wcfg@live.co.uk for more details.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

On Friday 5th February, 2.30pm, Parish Lounge. We are privileged to have well-known speaker, Quentin de la Bédoyère, who will talk on Financial Fracas/Digital Doom and the joys of old age. All welcome. Tea & cakes.

Social, Cultural & Notices

GENERATIONS TOGETHER IT CLINICS
Excellent one-to-one computer and mobile phone tuition from friendly and knowledgeable girls is available this term - Fridays 22/1, 29/1, 5/2, 12/2 - 12.35pm at the Ursuline High School - no charge. Contact Sheila Gent 020 8390 0119 asap to book a place.

WEST BARNES SINGERS
Do join us at our Mendelssohn's *Elijah* workshop at New Malden's Methodist

Church (49 High Street, KT3 4BY) on Sat 30th Jan 10am - 4pm; cost £15; for further information please contact Penelope Prendergast on 020 8648 3987.

SACRED HEART CHORUS
Verdi Requiem workshop at the church on Sat 6th Feb from 10am - 4pm, cost £10, for further details contact Sheena Macdonald on 07879 653580 or visit the website sacredheartmusic.co.uk and look under concerts, Verdi Requiem.

POPE FRANCIS' LAUDATO SI
An Evening Talk on Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si* will be held on Thu 11th Feb at St Teresa's, Morden, SM4 6BZ, from 7.30- 9pm, led by Henry Longbottom SJ, who was an environmental lawyer before joining the Jesuits. From environmental advocacy for marginalised communities, to greening our own faith communities, the event will be an opportunity to explore practical ways we can respond to the encyclical's call for ecological conversion.

New to the Parish?
Please introduce yourself to a member of the Parish Team after Mass and complete a parish registration form available at the back of the church.

VOLUNTEER WITH CAFOD
CAFOD is looking for volunteers to be ambassadors for CAFOD in the Archdiocese of Southwark in a variety of roles. If you are interested please get in touch with Eileen, Nalini or Marine for more details or book a place on the next CAFOD energiser day on Saturday 23rd January, 10am-3.30pm in Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral. Call 020 8466 9901, email southwark@cafod.org.uk for more information. Turn your passion for social justice into action by volunteering with CAFOD!

Exploring our Faith

THE LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR
The seminar is a series of talks and discussions which take place over a period of 7 weeks. In the 5th week of the seminar, there is an opportunity for people to be prayed with, to be baptized in the Holy Spirit. The 4 weeks before that time are devoted to an explanation of the basic Christian message of salvation and what it means to be baptized in the Spirit. During the final 2 weeks, the teaching is oriented towards further growth in the life of the spirit. Sacred Heart Church, Wednesdays 7.30-9pm, Upper Hall (3rd, 17th, 24th February, 16th March), Lower Hall (10th February, 2nd & 9th March)

SACRED HEART PARISH PILGRIMAGE
As part of the parish programme for the Year of Mercy, a pilgrimage led by

Canon John to the Holy Land is planned. Tue 1st - Tue 8th November 2016. 4 nights Jerusalem, 1 night Bethlehem, 2 nights Galilee. BA flights from London Heathrow. £1,144 per person based on 2 people sharing & group size of 30. Price includes services of English speaking guide, half board, entrance fees & tips. Limited single room availability - £300 supplement. For further information and booking form please email pilgrimage@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk

LOVE HEALS BODY MIND AND SPIRIT
The Love Heals Body Mind and Spirit team welcome you to a one day retreat of quiet reflection on Saturday 30th January 11am - 5pm at the Catholic Church of Assumption & St Gregory, Warwick Street, Piccadilly, W1F 9JR. Please bring your own lunch (tea & coffee available), for more info

please contact Eileen & David Brum on 020 85422476 or body_mind_spirit-meditation@hotmail.com

A DAY WITH MARY
You are invited to a day of instruction, devotion & intercession on Saturday 30th January from 9.30am - 5.30pm at St Edmund of Canterbury, Beckenham BR3 3NP; celebrant and preacher Fr Mark Higgins and Fr Stephen Boyle. For detailed information please visit www adaywithmary.org

DIVINE MERCY RETREAT
Divine Mercy Apostolate run by Marian Fathers is organizing a retreat on Saturday 30th January 10am-4pm at St George's Cathedral, Southwark SE1 7HY. For more information call 020 8998 0925 or visit www.divinemercuryapostolate.co.uk

REFUGEE CRISIS
United Nations Association, Putney & Roehampton Branch, is holding a free public meeting on 'The current refugee crisis - causes and solutions' with speakers Lul Seynoum, trade analyst, founder and executive director of ICERAS (Intl Centre for Eritrean Refugees) and Louay El-Abed, chairman of Syrian Relief, on Mon 25th Jan at 7.30pm at Putney Methodist Church, SW15 6SN. For more info call 020 30720087 or email jo.stock@talk21.com

THANK YOU
The sale of surplus Christmas Gifts raised £513 for the Merton MacMillan Support Group, many thanks for your generosity.

CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

6.30pm (Sat) Fr T Nwokeji	11.15am Fr P GallagherSJ
8.15am Canon J Clark	12.45pm Canon J Clark
8.30am Fr M O'Halloran SJ	5.00pm Fr T Nwokeji
9.45am Fr T Nwokeji	8.00pm Fr P Gallagher SJ

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 16	6.30pm	Ned & Margareth Loftus RIP
Mon 18	7.30am	Chrissy O'Keeffe Ints. Birthday
	10.00am	McDermott family Ints.
	6.30pm	Peter & Ann Woodford (Catenians) Ints.
Tue 19	7.30am	Christopher Hanks RIP
	10.00am	Alfred Jessiman RIP
	6.30pm	Celine & Charlie McDaid Ints.
Wed 20	7.30am	Melania Benchea RIP
	10.00am	Agnes O'Neill Ints.
	6.30pm	Peter Cheuk RIP
Thu 21	7.30am	Florence Nwokeji RIP
	10.00am	Alfred Jessiman RIP
	6.30pm	Cecilia Rossi RIP
Fri 22	7.30am	Florence Nwokeji RIP
	10.00am	The Grimes family
	6.30pm	Reg Carter RIP
Sat 23	7.30am	Sarah de Figerado RIP
	10.00am	Jadwica Opalanska

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Claire Rutherford, Anne Hussey, Roque Cardoso, Maria del Carmen Herruzo

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Oonagh Devine, Josephine Bellamy, Damascus D'Souza, Jave Valerie Basilico, Keith Algar, Gladys Blum, Maisie Hastings

The sick: Lorraine Grozdanovic, Alexander Skachkov, Roberto Luigi Farina, Dan O'Brien, Allan Spiller, Sophia Ridley, Mark Fudakowski, Avril Brown, Jane Leahy, Cindy Bayat, Bernadette McMurray, Anne Medcraft, Pat Pike, Carol Escalona, David Fyfe, Mary Wallace, Joy Thimont, Con Harrington, Rita Westbrook, Angela de Leon, Teresa Scanlon, Olinda D'Souza, Sheila Chateau, Alan Paul, Alina Hancock, Michael Hoskins, Electa Almeida, Sr Tien Nguyen, Caleb Edser, Eduard Kirchner, Julian Eddy, Troy Najair, Iona Sutherland, Margaret Lumley and Andrew Tan *[Please advise the Reception when names can be removed.]*



COLLECTIONS

Collections at Mass last Sunday came to £1,849 in loose plate giving and £630 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £2,479. This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.

If you change your address or if your tax status changes could you please notify the Parish Office.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Wednesday 20th January St Fabian, St Sebastian
Thursday 21st January St Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
Friday 22nd January St Vincent, Deacon and Martyr
CHURCH UNITY OCTAVE: from 18th until 25th January the Church observes eight days' prayer for Christian Unity

EXPOSITION

Sundays: 3.30 - 4.30pm
 (Prayers for the Pope and the Catholic Church in Britain)

Wednesdays: after the 7.30am and 10.00am Masses and 5.25 - 6.25pm

Fridays: 5.25 - 6.25pm

On First Fridays there is exposition from after the 6.30pm Mass to Midnight.

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays:
 10.30 - 11.30am
 3.00 - 4.00pm
 6.00 - 6.20pm

Monday - Friday:
 6.00 - 6.20pm

MUSIC AT THE 11.15am MASS

Missa regina pacis, Flor Peeters
 Jubilate Deo, W.A. Mozart
Tantum ergo, Louis Vierne

PARISH SERVICES

Parish Office/Reception Hours: 9am - 5pm (Mon-Fri) 9.30am - 1pm (Sat) 9am - 1pm (Sun)

Executive Assistant & Hall bookings: Thelma D'Costa (Mon - Fri 9.30am - 5pm) Site Manager: Arthur White (Mon - Fri 12noon - 6pm; Sat 9am-1pm)

Parish Pastoral Council: sacredheartwimbledonppc@gmail.com

Baptism, Marriage, First Sacraments, Funerals contact the parish 020 8946 0305

Bereavement Support: For more information please contact the co-ordinator by email bereavementsacredheart@gmail.com or call 020 8946 5198, Referral forms available in the Presbytery Reception