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Newsletter

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**11th Sunday in Ordinary
Time (C)**

**Weekday Readings for
11th week in Ordinary Time
Vol III. psalter week 3**

Next Sunday's Readings

- Zechariah 12:10-11;13:1
- Psalm 62:2-6,8-9.R.v2
- Galatians 3:26-29
- Luke 9:18-24

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Sharing experiences

This week saw the beginning for our Muslim friends of their holy season of Ramadan. It is a time of fasting and prayer. I have over time had the privilege of being in Indonesia, the largest Muslim country in the world, during Ramadan. One particular incident put the fast in context for me. We were out sight seeing in Jakarta and stopped for lunch. It was a very hot and humid day and we were consuming large quantities of water. Over the lunch I noticed that our driver was sitting in a different part of the café and when I asked why I was told that he was fasting from sunrise to sunset and he would find it difficult to sit with us while we ate. I asked about the fast and whether it included drinks even water, and was told it did. I wondered how we would survive a Lenten fast that was just as demanding! I fear I wouldn't have the strength of mind to observe such a fast. Why should we take any notice of Ramadan? In a recent article

the new mayor of London wrote "The best way for people to understand each other's faith is to share experiences." Each day the fast ends with a special meal to which non-Muslim friends are invited. If you get such an invitation accept. Asking a work mate or neighbour who is Muslim, how they are is another way of acknowledging the significance of Ramadan for them. Wish your Muslim friend well for the fast and remember them in your prayers.

PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF MERCY

Lord Jesus, 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

Also Resident: Canon Elias Vojtech

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

SECOND COLLECTION

Sunday, 12th June, the 2nd collection will be for the Catholic Trust for England and Wales. The CaTEW supports the legal, financial & charitable activities of the Bishops' Conference, its departments, agencies and offices. Next week's second collection will be for the 'Day for Life', the proceeds provide core funding for the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and to assist other life related activities supported by the Church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2016/17

Registration First Holy Communion programme for the year 2016-17 is now open through the parish website: sacredheart-wimbledon.org.uk under the heading *Sacraments*. All information about our programme can be found there and the registration form should be completed online. We have 150 places on the programme each year and places are allocated on a first come first serve basis. The closing date for registration is 4th September and no applications can be accepted after that date. Parents will be informed by Monday 12th September whether their child has a place on the programme and the first session will take place on Sunday 18th September at 11am at Donhead School.

For anyone without access to the internet, there are a limited number of forms in the Presbytery. Please complete one and hand it in. One of us will input it for you.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The accounts for the first three months of the financial year have been posted on the church noticeboard and can also be viewed in the Finance Committee page of the parish website.

Parish News

AT HOME

There will be an 'At Home' on Monday 13th June from 6-8pm.

YOUTH MINISTER

The parish is advertising for a new youth minister to assist the Parish Priest and our team of volunteer catechists

in leading, developing and coordinating parish pastoral programmes from five years to early adulthood.

Application forms are available from the parish office. Closing date for completed applications is Monday 4th July.

SCHOOL SLIPS

School slips will be collected again this weekend.

HOLY ROSARY

We will continue devotions to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Feel free to join our daily rosary prayer at 6pm in the Lady's Chapel.

Announcements

MORNING PRAYER

Following the pilot project since Easter, it has been decided to continue the celebration of Morning Prayer from the Divine Office each Wednesday morning in the Sacred Heart Chapel at 9.40am before the 10am Mass.

BUILDING UP PARISH COMMUNITY

On Friday 17th June you are invited to come to the Parish Social Club (Lounge) for a meeting to discuss ways of promoting better social communication in the parish. Please come along about 8pm and bring a small plate of finger food to share. Come and hear what Canon John has to say and find a way to

get to know more about the various social activities which you might like to join in. Everyone will be very welcome.

EVENING WITH MARY MCALEESE

On Thursday 23rd June, 7-9pm, Mary McAleese (former President of Ireland, currently Professor at the Centre for Irish Studies at St Mary's, Twickenham) will be in conversation with Clifford Longley (editorial Consultant for *The Tablet*) to explore the vision of the Church which Pope Francis is urging us to embrace: 'I want a happy Church with the face of a mother, who understands, accompanies, caresses.' RSVP to ACTA Southwark,

actasouthwark@yahoo.com, a donation of £10 on the day will be welcome, Westminster Cathedral Hall, SW1P 1QH.

NEWMAN CIRCLE

The Newman Circle is cooperating with the Raynes Park Festival to bring Sarah Teather to the Upper Hall on Saturday 25th June, 7.30pm. At one time the youngest MP, she was appointed Minister of State for Children and the Family but did not stand in 2015 General Election. Sarah now leads the Jesuit Refugee Service. Her subject will be 'The Christian Response to the Refugee Crisis'. All are welcome. Refreshments will be available.

Parish Organisations

SEWING GROUP

Volunteers who enjoy embroidery would be very welcome to help repair Parish Vestments. We shall meet on Wednesday 15th June in the Parish Lounge to look at some of the tasks that need doing - come and see if you can help.

Also, have you got any white cotton sheets in good condition, which could be re-used as altar linen, purificators (for wiping the chalice

after Holy Communion) etc.? Please contact Sadie Smith on 020 8946 5198 or email sadiesmith3@talktalk.net

TRADCRAFT

Traidcraft sale this Sunday! There are still a few reduced items, and plenty of new items as well as old favourites. Please continue to support producers in developing countries by buying your groceries from us. Please also consider

offering your help to sell goods one or two Sundays in the year. Goods can also be ordered from 020 8946 6528 or celiacviic@btinternet.com

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Come & enjoy strawberries & cream, Pimm's and watch Wimbledon on TV without the crowds, but with your friends on Friday 1st July at 2.30pm in the Lounge. Tea & shortbread, all welcome.

Social, Cultural & Notices

THANK YOU

A big Thank You to all our excellent musicians who performed so beautifully at the Children's and Young Persons' Charity Concert on Saturday 4th June. You raised a total of £148.80 for *Operation Smile*. Well done!

RAYNES PARK FESTIVAL

This *Churches Together* week of free events has the theme 'Welcome' and the festival is joining with National Refugee Week to celebrate the contribution of refugees to the UK and exploring a better understanding between communities. For example acclaimed author and Afghan refugee Gulwali Passarlay will talk about his real life experiences (Thu 23rd June), Sarah Teather, will tell us about the Christian response to the refugee crisis (Sat 25th June) and 'Thought for the Day' presenter, Brian Draper, will

engage audiences with words, poetry and music around the theme of 'home' (Sun 26th June). Please support your local Raynes Park Arts Festival from 18th – 26th June for which programmes are available at the back of the church.

THE LIFE OF CHRIST

The greatest story of all time, movingly recreated by a cast of over 200 – authentic detail, outstanding quality sound and music – *The Life of Christ* is an experience not to be missed. It is both educational and entertaining, amusing and serious. The powerful biblical outdoor drama takes you back in time to when Jesus lived on earth. Wintershall, Bramley, Surrey GU5 0LR from 21st-26th June 10am-3.30pm, performance in 3 acts with lunchtime interval. For more info and booking visit www.wintershall-estate.com or call 01793 418299.

MARTYRS' WALK

A walk in honour of the Martyrs of England who died to uphold the Catholic Faith, on Sunday 26th June at 1.30pm for 2pm start at St Sepulchre's Church, EC1A 2DQ; walk along Tyburn Way to St Anselm's, St Cecilia's Church, St Giles in the Fields, St Patrick, Soho, and on to Tyburn Convent for Confession, Benediction and a reception; walk will last 2.5hrs with historical talks and prayers on the way, led by Fr Nicoletti, Miles Jesu.

FOLK MUSIC CONCERT

A Folk Music Concert in aid of Faith in Action Merton Homeless Drop-In centre and St Mark's Church will take place on Saturday 18th June at 6pm at St Mark's Church, Wimbledon SW19 7ND, tickets are £5/adults, £3/child £15/family from Jane at eventsstmarks@gmail.com

Exploring our Faith

A DAY WITH MARY

Do come for a day of instruction, devotion and intercession on Saturday, 18th June from 9.30am-5pm at St Anselm, West Hill, Dartford, DA1 2HJ; entry procession of Our Lady, Angelus, Mass, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, silent adoration and meditations; celebrant and preacher: Fr Christian Onyigbuo. For details visit www adaywithmary.org

MOUNT STREET JESUIT CENTRE

Welcomes you to one day workshop on 'Life before

Death' facilitated by Roger Dawson SJ on Saturday 25th June from 11am-4pm. Please book in advance via website www.mountstreet.info; 114 Mount Street WIK 3AH.

MEN'S PILGRIMAGE WALK

You are invited to join the 2016 London to Walsingham Men's Pilgrimage from 1st-9th October. Applications will be accepted for the few remaining places on this traditional walking pilgrimage for Catholic men. No special fitness level is necessary and full guidance will be given. Contact Peter Walters (Walk

Administrator) on 01799 550398, email jpw33@live.co.uk or visit www.walsinghamwalkers.co.uk

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY DOOR OF MERCY

Parish Pilgrimage to The Holy Door of Mercy, at St George's Cathedral on Saturday 22nd October. A coach will leave the church at 9.30am and return by 3.30pm. Cost adults £7.50/children £5. Names to be put on the list at the back of the church. More details from Sadie Smith 020 8946 5198 or email sadiesmith3@talktalk.net

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.

ENTENTE MUSICALE

The Lewisham Choral Society invites you to an *Entente Musicale* with 20th century music from France and England (James Orford, Organ, Nico de Villiers, Piano and conductor Dan Ludford) on Saturday 9th July at 7.30pm at Holy Trinity Church, Sloane Street, SW1X 9BZ. Tickets are £16, £12/concessions, £5/students, for more information please visit www.lewishamchoralsociety.org

ST JOHN FISHER PRIMARY SCHOOL

St John Fisher Primary School is looking for an FT Administrative Assistant to start ASAP. Please contact Diana Herrera Heys at the school on 020 8540 2637 or email her at bur-sar@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk

URSULINE PREP SCHOOL

Is requiring a Class Teacher KS2 for September 2016. Further details and an application form are available from the school website www.ursuline-prep.merton.sch.uk or from the school office on 020 8947 0859 or email recruitment@wups.co.uk. Closing date is 15th June.

CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 11 6.30pm Marlyn Montalis RIP
Mon 13 7.30am Geoff Chapman RIP
10.00am Hellen Kinsella RIP
6.30pm Michael Estevens RIP
Tue 14 7.30am Sr Ruth Mary Brown RIP
10.00am Alfred Jessiman RIP
6.30pm Sue Hay RIP
Wed 15 7.30am Kathleen Kinsella Ints.
10.00am Brian McMahon RIP
6.30pm Anarosa Carneiro & Joaquim Pires RIP
Thu 16 7.30am Brian McMahon RIP
10.00am Funeral Mass for Rory O'Brien
6.30pm Margaret O'Neill RIP
Fri 17 7.30am Lawless Family Ints.
10.00am Pierino Maletta RIP
2.00pm Funeral Mass for Anna Butler
6.30pm Jan Kaluba RIP
Sat 18 7.30am Christy Joseph RIP
10.00am Olinda D'Souza RIP

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Carol E. Mackneson, Rory O'Brien, Terry Thatcher, Anna Butler, Annie Breaks
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Daniel Hughes, Michael Neylan, Sue Hay, Anthony Simonetta, Mary Margaret Smith, Michael Edwards, Aidan Swords
The sick: Luisa Derx, Alan Paul, Cecilia Marcantonio, Ronnie Bradnick, Denis Geoghegan, Alexander Skachkov, Baby Bleu Denley Saunders, Frank Micetich, Patricia Meehan, Lorraine Grozdanovic, Roberto Luigi Farina, Sophia Ridley, Avril Brown, Cindy Bayat, Bernadette McMurray, Anne Medicraft, Pat Pike, Carol Escalona, David Fyfe, Mary Wallace, Con Harrington, Rita Westbrook, Angela de Leon, Alina Hancock, Teresa Scanlon, Sheila Chateau, Michael Hoskins, Electa Almeida, Sr Tien Nguyen, Caleb Edser, Eduard Kirchner, Julian Eddy, Troy Najair, Margaret Lumley and Andrew Tan [Please advise the Reception when names can be removed.]



COLLECTIONS

Collections at Mass last Sunday came to £1,455 in loose plate giving and £657 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £2,112. 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

Monday 13th June St Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Thursday 16th June St Richard of Chichester, Bishop

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 Pontificalis (K,G,S), L. Perosi

Cantique de Racine, Gabriel Fauré

Ave verum, Gabriel Fauré

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: sacredheartwimbletonppc@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