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Newsletter

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**23rd Sunday in Ordinary
Time (C)**

**Weekday Readings for
23rd week in Ordinary Time
Vol III. psalter week 3**

Next Sunday's Readings

- Exodus 32:7-11. 13-14
- Psalm 50:3-4.12-13.
17.19.R.Lk15:18
- Timothy 1:12-17
- Luke 15:1-32

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Starting again, after holidays!

Whatever is not eternal is brief. This holiday, like everything in this finite world, appears to have ended before it was even started. Usually, it is expected to be a time for 'a rest aimed at starting again to work, work in all aspects and definitions of it.' One can only hope that the holidays offered each of us a priceless opportunity 'to sit down and work out or consider, the cost' of this 'starting again' as the Gospel has it this weekend. (cf. LK 14:28-31).

With this in mind, we say welcome back from the holidays! We encourage parents as they start again the 'school runs' and of course, the students. For



many, it will be new schools, new environments, new friends, new work and fresh challenges. These are all 'old issues occurring to new people'. We pray for new strength, renewed zeal and fresh enthusiasm.

In our parish, we have new activities lined up. Uppermost in our minds is a parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land in November. Pilgrimage is one of the recommendations from the Universal Church for a full

participation in joyful celebration of this Year of Mercy. Let us keep all pilgrims on their pilgrimages during this Holy Year in our prayers!

We remember to pray for the success of the canonisation of Blessed Mother Teresa which comes up this weekend, 4th September, in Rome. Canon Elias will be there as part of the delegation from the Czech Republic. In an informal way, he is also our representative.

Once more, we welcome you back from holidays, a gratuitous time of rest. May God's wisdom guide our paths. May his grace strengthen our wills as we start again.

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

The second collection on Sunday 11th September will be for the Catholic Education Service. The CES acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic education. The Catholic Church and Church of England together provide one-third of all the schools in the country. The CES is the chief negotiating and advisory body on matters affecting all aspects of the Catholic education.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2016/17

The closing date for registration for the First Holy Communion programme 2016/17 is today, 4th September, through the parish website ([sacred heart-wimbledon.org.uk](http://sacredheart-wimbledon.org.uk) under the heading *Sacraments*). Classes will be created shortly and parents will be informed via email by Monday 12th September whether their child has a place on the programme. The first session will take place on Sunday 18th September at 11am at Donhead School.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

We will resume our weekly meetings on Wednesday 7th September at 2.15 for a 2.30pm start. For more detailed information, please contact Pauline Barry by email barrypauline11@gmail.com.

CHRISTIAN CARE OPEN AFTERNOON

Christian Care is holding an open afternoon at 3-5.30pm on Saturday 17th September at Martin Way Methodist Church, SW20 9JZ. Please join them for a tea, meet the volunteers and find out about all developments in their work as they approach their 70th Anniversary in 2017. There are a variety of opportunities for volunteering. Please RSVP to 020 3302 0181/ christiancaremerton@gmail.com.

Parish News

AT HOME

There will be **no** 'At Home' until beginning of October.

HOLY ROSARY

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

SCHOOL SLIPS

We will start collecting school slips again next weekend.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Can you spare about two hours each month? We need people to join the teams which count the weekly

collections. This normally happens on Monday mornings. If you are interested, please leave your contact details for Joan Curtis with the Parish Office, 020 8946 0305 or email wimparish@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk

Announcements

BUILDING UP PARISH COMMUNITY

We will be holding a follow-up meeting to our June get-together in order to promote better social communication in the parish, on Friday 9th September from 7.30-8.30pm in the Lounge, drinks and nibbles will be served, everyone welcome!

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The prayer group will meet on Monday 12th September from 7.30-9.30pm in the Youth Room. All are welcome, tea and coffee available; for more info contact Maria on 07889 854 803 or marhulka@hotmail.co.uk.

NEWMAN CIRCLE

Our next Newman Circle meeting will be on Thursday 15th September at 7.30pm in the Lounge when Mike Kerrigan from the Movement for Married Clergy will speak on the subject of marriage and the priesthood. All welcome!

A NEW VENTURE - FOR FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

Mums, Dads & the little ones of all ages are invited to come to the Parish Lounge on Saturday 24th September from 5-8pm. This is a great opportunity to get to know other families and familiar faces better. The bar will be open, there will be toys and

games for the children. Suggestions for music are welcome. Please bring a plate of food to share. We hope to repeat this 3, 4 times a year to encourage families to get together to have time to chat and relax. For further details please call Rachel Malam on 07534 893 737 or Clare Whatling on 07900 580 627.

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Please come & meet other parishioners for a continental breakfast served by Angela Maher in the Lounge on Sunday 25th September (and thereafter on every 3rd Sunday of the month) after the 8.15am Mass up to 12noon.

Parish Organisations

MEMORY LANE CLUB

Every Wednesday morning from 10.30am onwards to 12.30pm in the Parish Lounge. Open to everyone who suffers from memory loss/dementia and their carers. Refreshments, chat, bingo, snooker, music as well as various games and activities available - all in an informal friendly fun atmosphere (edgehillmemorylanclub@gmail.com)

WIMBLEDON CANCER FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Anyone affected by cancer is welcome to drop in for tea and a chat on Thursday 22nd September between 3.15-4.30pm. The September evening meeting will be on Thursday 8th from 7.30-9pm, with guest speaker Dr Erin Hope Thompson, Founder and Director of the Loss Foundation, who will talk about all the services

the foundation has to offer. Please call 07948 767936 or email wcfg@live.co.uk for more information. 30/32 Worple Road, SW19 4EF. The WCFG will host a *World's Biggest Coffee Morning* again this year on Friday 30th September between 10am and 12noon.

Social, Cultural & Notices

WEEKEND OF FUN AND FRIENDSHIP

Please come and join us on Saturday 17th September for a BBQ after 6.30pm Mass with music or on Sunday 18th of September to meet parishioners after each Mass for snacks and meals under a marquee in front of the church.

RACHMANINOFF'S ALL NIGHT VIGIL

Join *Sonoro*, a new professional choir founded by local musicians Neil Ferris and Michael Higgins, here at Sacred Heart on Thursday 22nd September at 8pm. Tickets £10-£26 on www.sonoromusic.com or on 0333 666 3366.

LIFE SPONSORED WALK

The charity *LIFE* is organising a London 10 Bridges Sponsored Walk to take place on Sunday 25th September. 1.30pm start from the Dolphin Fountain, north side of Tower Bridge, ending on the north side of Lambeth Bridge. The *LIFE* Group is looking for walkers they can sponsor. No entrance fee, would volunteers please contact Christine Davis on 3602913 or email teecee-dee@live.co.uk

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS' ANNUAL SOCIAL

This year's social for EMs will be held in the Lower Hall on

Thursday 17th November from 7.30-9pm. Invites are warmly extended to others who help out at Mass, such as readers and drivers. Please try and save the date! Full details to follow soon.

CATHOLIC HISTORIC WALKS

Come and enjoy discovering the history of the Church in Britain on Wednesday 9th September at 2pm & Wednesday 14th September 6.30pm: 'Smells and Bells - Discovering London's Catholic culture'. Meet on the steps of St. Martin's-in-the-Field, WC2 4JJ. For more information please visit www.catholichistorywalks.com.

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.

SACRED HEART CAR PARK

The parish car park is for parishioners coming to church, users and hirers of the halls, staff, volunteers and visitors to the presbytery. If there are events at the local schools, unfortunately the car park is not available for those vehicles as parishioners attending Mass or mourners for funerals must be able to park in the spaces provided. There is a system which will generate parking tickets for non authorised users, which we would prefer not to have to enforce. IF YOU ARE A GENUINE USER THIS WILL NOT AFFECT YOU, and if you park for a few minutes dropping off or collecting your child from the nearby schools, in the morning and afternoon, you too, will not be affected. Please remember to use the correct entrance and exit to the car park. This is for your safety and the safety of others. Please do not park in the disabled parking bays unless you have the appropriate disabled badge. The parking spaces beside the presbytery will now only be available for parish clergy, religious and staff. Thank you!

Exploring our Faith

LOVE HEALS BODY MIND AND SPIRIT

The Love Heals Body Mind and Spirit Team invites you to a morning of Quiet Reflection, Catholic Christian Meditation and Healing Prayers on Saturday 10th September after the 10am Mass from 10.30am-1pm in the Lounge. Starting with tea and coffee.

MOUNT STREET JESUIT CENTRE

Is holding a One Day Workshop on 'Praying with Art Tate Britain' facilitated by Audrey and Eamonn Hamilton at Tate Britain, Millbank, SW1P 4RG, on Saturday 1st October from 11am-4pm. Please note that places are limited on this workshop and it is essential to book in advance

(www.pathwaystogod.org or phone 020 74951673).

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. Please put your name on the list (back of the church). More details from Sadie Smith 020 8946 5198 or email sadiesmith3@talktalk.net

SOUTHWARK DAY OF RENEWAL

You are invited to a *Day of Renewal* on Saturday 8th October from 8.45am-4.45pm at St George's

Cathedral, Southwark SE1 6HR with Keynote speaker Michelle Moran on 'Catholic Charismatic Renewal and the Father's Mercy', for more info contact Diocesan Service Team Catholic Renewal, Stefanie 01892 542245.

CELEBRATING 100 YRS OF ST AUGUSTINE'S

You are invited to a talk on 'St Augustine and Creation', an Augustinian response to Laudato Si' with Sr Margaret Atkins OSA on Saturday 1st October from 11am - 4pm, Austin Forum, 55 Fulham Rd, W6 8AU. Sr Margaret was a Senior Lecturer for Theology at Trinity and All Saints College, Leeds and is now a Research Fellow at Blackfriars, Oxford.

CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

6.30pm (Sat) Fr T Nwokeji 11.15am Fr M O'Halloran SJ
 8.15am Fr P Soukup SJ 12.45pm Fr T Nwokeji
 8.30am Fr M O'Halloran SJ 5.00pm Fr G Fadele
 9.45am Fr G Fadele 8.00pm Fr T Nwokeji

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 3 6.30pm Philomena Butterfield RIP
 Mon 5 7.30am Denis Geoghegan RIP
 10.00am Msg Tony Philpot RIP
 6.30pm Ursula Magee RIP
 Tue 6 7.30am Sisileyana Gamagé RIP
 10.00am Funeral Mass for Kathleen Stewart
 6.30pm Tommy Lyons Ints.
 Wed 7 7.30am Denis Geoghegan RIP
 10.00am Denis Geoghegan RIP
 6.30pm Nicholas Brunetti RIP
 Thu 8 7.30am John O'Brien RIP
 10.00am Alfred Jessiman RIP
 6.30pm Lucia Eynaud RIP
 Fri 9 7.30am Denis Geoghegan RIP
 10.00am Thanksgiving Memory Lane Club
 6.30pm Denis Geoghegan RIP
 Sat 10 7.30am Maude Flynn RIP
 10.00am Betty Cook RIP

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Kathleen Stewart, Muriel Hughes, John Desmond, Lillian Maria Baker
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Sophia Spring, Jocelyn Merivale, Maria Prescott, Bernary John Hayhde, Donald Miler Keith, Dorothy Czapla, Vincent Abberton
The sick: Tracy Byrne, Angela Balogum, Rick Kershaw, Giena Worth, Peter Gent, George Minas, Luisa Derx, Cecilia Marcantonio, Ronnie Bradnick, Denis Geoghegan, Alexander Skachkov, Baby Bleu Denley Saunders, Patricia Meehan, Joan Paul, Alan Paul, Frank Micetich, Lorraine Grozdanovic, Roberto Luigi Farina, Sophia Ridley, Avril Brown, Cindy Bayat, Bernadette McMurray, Anne Medicraft, 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 £1,312 in loose plate giving and £459 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £1,771. 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, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Thursday 8th September The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday 9th September St Peter Claver, Priest

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 secunda (K,S,A), H.L. Hassler
Jubilate Deo, W.A. Mozart
Ave verum, W.A. Mozart

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