



# THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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## Newsletter

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**26th Sunday in Ordinary  
Time (C)**

**Weekday Readings for  
26th week in Ordinary Time  
Vol III. psalter week 2**

### Next Sunday's Readings

- Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4
- Psalm 94:1-2.6-9. R.v9
- 2 Timothy 1:6-8.13-14
- Luke 17:5-10

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## Indifference: Sure and Silent Killer!

History shows that Christianity not only survives but thrives under persecution. 'The blood of martyrs is the seed of the Church' is a saying attributed to Tertullian, a 2nd-century Church Father. This statement remains a testimony to how Christianity thrived under the inglorious era of terrible persecutions of the Church under the various pagan Emperors. Indifference seems to be the new name of modern day persecution. It is more subtle. It is more deadly. Many describe it as a sure and silent killer.

The readings this weekend invite us to reflect on the need to start working for our salvation and for that of



others. There should not be an idle Christian. 'Woe to those ensconced so snugly... to those who feel safe...lying on ivory beds...' (Amos 6:1, 4). The 2nd reading therefore admonishes to, 'fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life...' (1Tim 6:12). In inter-

preting this Sunday's gospel, someone points out that, 'it was not what the rich man did...but what he did not do that got him into hell'. Whether it is ignoring our religious duties and/or civil responsibilities, neglecting our obligations towards God and our neighbours, indifference from the point of view of doing nothing is dangerous. Irrelevance invites disaster. Our Blessed Lord gives us an example when he says, 'My Father goes on working, so do I'. (Jn. 5:17). These words of St. Paul are relevant: 'I put it to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ...' (1Tim 6:14).

### 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

## SIGNED & SPOKEN MASS

A signed and spoken Mass will be celebrated this Sunday at 4pm in the Chapel of Wimbledon College. All with hearing difficulties welcome!

## PARISH ACCOUNTS

Parish Accounts for 6 months to June 2016: a copy of the accounts is on display in the church porch and on the website under 'Finance Committee'.

## NEW HYMN BOOK

Our new hymn book, *Celebration Hymnal for Everyone*, was introduced beginning of September. The hymn books are numbered, please always return them after use to the back of the church. If you would like to borrow one for any reason, it must be signed out at the Presbytery and returned there. This is a considerable investment by the Parish to enhance music in our worship; please help us to keep the books in pristine condition to

## JM LONDON MARATHON 2017

Jesuit Missions is currently recruiting runners for the 2017 London Marathon (23rd April 2017). Every year JM fields a team of up to 25 runners who raise funds to support their work around the world. In 2016, the team helped to raise nearly £50,000 in aid of the global refugee crisis. If you are interested in applying for a place in the team or want to find out more please contact richard@jesuitmissions.org.uk

## CHRISTIAN YOGA

Restart of Yoga sessions on Tuesday 4th October at 10am in the Lounge, all welcome!

## STAMP GROUP

The stamp group will meet on Thursday 6th October at 9.30am. All welcome to join Jesuit Stamp Cutting group at 11 Edge Hill.

## Parish News

### AT HOME

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

### SCHOOL SLIPS

School slips will be collected this weekend.

### CHAIN ROSARY

As part of the October Devotion, the parish is

organising a Chain Rosary.

We are encouraged to write down our names and contact details on the list at the back of the church. A particular Rosary will be assigned to each person which they will say throughout the month of October.

### NEW YOUTH MINISTER

We warmly welcome our new Youth Minister Pat Ryan who started to work with us last week. He can be reached at [youthminister@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](mailto:youthminister@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk)

## Announcements

### CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Come and meet other parishioners for our first continental breakfast in the Lounge this Sunday (and thereafter on every 3rd Sunday of the month) after the 8.15am Mass until 12noon.

### MORNING PRAYER

We 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.

### MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP

The prayer group meets every Tuesday at 10.30am for approx. 1 hour. A simple set of formal prayers is used. This

is a great opportunity to pray in a committed way for children. Contact Polly Harrison for more info (07815 855 469).

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Children's Liturgy programme starts again today, 25th September with two groups instead of 3 (Doves: group for school children from reception, Y1 & Y2. Parents and carers will accompany the children from the church - the priest will call the children at the beginning of Mass - to go to the Lower Hall and will stay with their children to return to church just before the Offertory; and *Eagles*: children in school yrs 3 and

4, they will be taken from the church by the catechists to the Lounge). As a safeguarding requirement we will take an attendance record and require parents' contact details.

The dates are as follows:

September 25th

October 9th and 23rd

November 6th, 20th & 27th

December 4th, 11th & 18th

January 8th & 22nd

February 5th & 26th

March 5th, 12th & 19th

April 23rd

May 7th & 21st

June 11th & 25th

July 9th

They run every 2 weeks in term time, every week during Advent.

## Parish Organisations

### WIMBLEDON CANCER FRIENDSHIP GROUP

The WCFG will host a *World's Biggest Coffee Morning* again this year on Friday 30th Sept. between 10am -12noon in the Parish Lounge. Cakes and any donations for the raffle are gratefully accepted. Please note that the evening meeting on Thursday 13th October has been cancelled as the Guild is closed for redecoration that week.

Please call 07948 767936 or email [wcfg@live.co.uk](mailto:wcfg@live.co.uk) for more information.

### TRAIDCRAFT

Traidcraft this Sunday will be together with the Continental Breakfast in the lounge. Please continue to support producers in developing countries by buying from us. We still need helpers to sell in October and November, so please offer your assistance to

Maggie at [maggie.kane@timeandleisure.co.uk](mailto:maggie.kane@timeandleisure.co.uk) Goods can also be ordered from 020 8946 6528 or [celiacviic@btinternet.com](mailto:celiacviic@btinternet.com)

### FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Woof! Woof! On Friday 7th October at 2.30pm, Deborah Gibson from 'Canine Partners' will give a talk in the Parish Lounge on how dogs can enhance lives for people with disabilities. Tea & cakes. All welcome.

## Social, Cultural & Notices

### ROLL UP, FOR THE PARISH PANTO!

The Parish drama group, *The Edge Hill Players*, will be putting on a panto at the end of January 2017 and we need your help to make it a spectacular event! There will be plenty of opportunities for everyone young & old to get involved whether on stage or behind the scenes. We will be holding another 'taster' session in the Upper Hall on Tuesday 27th September from 8-10pm - all welcome. For more info, please contact Wendy Tansey (020 8542 9516), Terry Marsh (07798 801225) or see this month's Edgeways.

### JIVE ACES

Thursday 29th September 7pm-11pm, Upper Hall. Free entry but donations to JRS are very welcome via <https://www.justgiving.com/Paul-Ginty-JRS> or text JRSS47 £10 to 70070. This will be a lively and fun evening for both the young and old. The evening has been arranged to raise awareness and funds for the essential work of the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS). The Sacred Heart Social Club is providing a licensed bar. Email your name to [jitterbug-sw19@virginmedia.com](mailto:jitterbug-sw19@virginmedia.com) to go on the reservation list.

### CATHOLIC SINGLES

Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single

adult Catholics of all ages meet, either one to one or through social events. For more information and our events' calendar please tel 0161 941 3498, visit the website [www.catholicssingles.org.uk](http://www.catholicssingles.org.uk) or email [info@catholicssingles.org.uk](mailto:info@catholicssingles.org.uk)

### LONDON CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS

London SW Catholic Young Adults is a social group for young Catholics in the diocese that meets every month. Our next social evening is on Saturday 1st October from 7.30pm at O'Neill's, Kingston KT1 1BQ. For further details visit our Facebook page or contact Miles on 07790 441242.

### 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.

### ST. JOHN FISHER RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mid-day Supervisor (hours of work 12noon-1pm, term time, Mon-Fri) needed to start ASAP at St John Fisher Primary. Please contact Diana Herrera at the school 020 8540 2637 or email her at [bursar@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk). Closing date is 10th October.

### FAITH IN ACTION

*Faith in Action* - helping with homelessness are doing their Harvest Appeal 2016 and would appreciate the following:

Ring-pull cans of cold meat & fish, cans of tomatoes & fruit, instant coffee, men's boxer shorts (M) & dark coloured socks, disposable razors, shower gel and washing powder.

Please help and visit [www.mertonfaithinaction.org](http://www.mertonfaithinaction.org)

### GENERATIONS

#### TOGETHER IT CLINICS

This term's popular *Generations Together IT Clinics* will be on Fridays 30th September, 7th & 14th October, 4th, 11th & 18th November and 2nd & 9th December - 12.35pm at the UHS. Knowledgeable girls provide excellent computer and mobile phone tuition. All grades welcome, no charge. Contact Sheila Gent on 020 8390 0119 to book a place.

## Exploring our Faith

### READING AND DISCUSSING THE GOSPEL

As the Gospels are so crucial to our ongoing journey of faith some parishioners have suggested that they would like the opportunity to get together with others to learn and share more about them. The proposal is to form some small discussion groups at a convenient time and place for about an hour weekly or fortnightly (according to the wishes of the group) to get to know the person of Jesus and how His life can inspire ours.

If you are interested and would like more details please contact:

Sr Dorothy 8946 0305 email: [dorothyperrott@aol.com](mailto:dorothyperrott@aol.com) or Sadie Smith 8946 5198 email: [sadiesmith3@talktalknet](mailto:sadiesmith3@talktalknet)

### RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

'Why become a Catholic?' Have you ever asked yourself this question? Then perhaps you'll find the answers through the RCIA. The sessions run on Mondays at 7.45-9pm in the Lounge. Please get in touch with Canon John, Sr. Dorothy or Peter Fenwick on [wimparish@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](mailto:wimparish@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk), [dorothyperrott@aol.com](mailto:dorothyperrott@aol.com) or call 020 8946 0305.

### POPE FRANCIS - LONELINESS OF A LONG DISTANCE RUNNER

You are invited to a free public lecture with author and journalist Marco Politi, columnist for the Italian newspaper, *Fatto Quotidiano* and author of 'Pope Francis among the wolves: The Inside

Story of a Revolution' on Wednesday 12th October 6.30pm at Heythrop College, Kensington Square W8 5HN, for booking contact 020 7795 4203 or [www.heythrop.ac.uk/marco-politi](http://www.heythrop.ac.uk/marco-politi)

### 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 will be £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](mailto:sadiesmith3@talktalk.net)

### CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

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

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 24 6.30pm Mavis Meyer Ints.  
Mon 26 7.30am Thanksgiving Ints.  
10.00am Edna Fernandes RIP  
6.30pm Sean & Dee Fernandes Ints.  
Tue 27 7.30am Marek Hayman Ints.  
10.00am Funeral Mass for Brian Creegan  
6.30pm Ben Lorenzo RIP  
Wed 28 7.30am Marek Hayman Ints.  
10.00am Maf De Sa Ints.  
6.30pm Bridie Geoghegan & Family Ints.  
Thu 29 7.30am Marek Hayman Ints.  
10.00am Alfred Jessiman RIP  
6.30pm Bennie Fernandes & Family Ints.  
Fri 30 7.30am Marek Hayman Ints.  
10.00am Denis Geoghegan RIP  
6.30pm Jason D'Costa Ints.  
Sat 1 7.30am Marek Hayman Ints.  
10.00am Lesley Fernandes RIP

### WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

**Those who have died recently:** Rosemary Zarri, Brian Creegan

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** James Patrick Bradley, Raymond O'Neil, Veronica Cleary, Esther Vaughan-Neil, Paul Oliver, Alexandra de Souza, Ellen Harrison, Ben Lorenzo, Yvonne Stephens-Monnier, Giuseppe Savastio, Caroline Worrell, Marian-Tadeusz Owoc

**The sick:** Camille Endaya, Chalie Bradley, Yvonna Patton, Tracy Byrne, Angela Balogum, Giena Worth, Peter Gent, George Minas, Luisa Derx, Ronnie Bradnick, 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 £1,754 in loose plate giving and £665 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £2,419. This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.

The second collection for the support of Home Mission raised £1,065. Thank you for your generosity!

### FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

**Sunday 25th Sept.** Day of Prayer for the Harvest

**Monday 26th Sept.** Ss Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

**Wednesday 28th Sept.** St Wenceslaus, Martyr

**Friday 29th Sept.** Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

**Saturday 1st Oct** St Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church

### 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 Trahe me post te*, Victoria

*Super flumina Babylonis*, Palestrina

*O bone Jesu*, Ingegneri

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:bereavementsacredheart@gmail.com) or call 020 8946 5198, Referral forms available in the Presbytery Reception