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Newsletter

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27th Sunday in Ordinary
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Rosary Sunday

Weekday Readings for
27th week in Ordinary Time
Vol III. psalter week 3

Next Sunday's Readings

- 2 Kings 5:14-17
- Psalm 97:1-4 R.cf.v2
- 2 Timothy 2:8-13
- Luke 17:11-19

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Faith and Heaven's Higher Standard

Faith that can move mountains is a gift. We can ask for it in prayer. There are also mountains that shake faith. These can be temptations and the many challenging situations that life throws at us. Stronger than the mountains that shake faith, is the faith that moves mountains. That is what the Lord wants for his disciples, for Christians. We must always remember that we have God and all his power with us.

Hard as this may be, the truth is that the mountains that shake faith nurture our faith. You may be among those who ask, *'how long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not lis-*



ten...?' (Hab. 1:2). You may be among those who strive so strenuously in life with neither recognition nor adequate remuneration. You have to give your all, to qualify as a mere servant. (cf. Lk 17:7-10). In all, St. Paul says, 'fan into a flame the gift that God gave you... bear the hardships for the

sake of the Good news, relying on the power of God... you have been trusted to look after something precious, guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.' (2Tm 1:6, 8, 14). Here is Heaven's higher standard that: 'to remain 'faith-full' till the end is a praiseworthy success. God rewards effort and this is consoling. Mother Angelica summarises Heaven's higher standard: 'Where most people work for degrees after their names, we work for one before our names: ST. It's a much more difficult degree to attain. It takes a lifetime, and you don't get your diploma until you're dead'.

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

PRISONERS' SUNDAY

This year we mark Prisoners' Sunday on the 9th October. It is a day to direct our thoughts and prayers to prisoners, their families and their children. Prisoners' Sunday provides an important opportunity to make a difference and be there for those who most need our support. There is a Caritas affiliated charity which is solely dedicated to tackling the issues that arise from having a loved one in prison: *Pact*, the Prison Advice & Care Trust. The second collection next Sunday will be in support of *Pact*. Gift aid envelopes will be available at the back of the church.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE FACILITATORS NEEDED

Volunteer Marriage Preparation Course Facilitators are urgently needed! Are you looking to volunteer for a national organisation and to make a difference in one of the most foundational areas of society – marriage? Then *Marriage Care* has the opportunity you are looking for: *Marriage Care* is a faith-based organisation that draws on its Catholic Christian tradition and contemporary research to help couples in both good times and bad, providing marriage preparation and relationship counselling services for couples across England & Wales. Our centre in SW London is currently looking for Marriage Preparation Course Facilitators to present and facilitate marriage preparation days for engaged couples (training for the role is provided). For more info or to apply, visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

Parish News

AT HOME

There will be an 'At Home' again on Monday 3rd October from 6-8pm.

SCHOOL SLIPS

School slips will be collected this weekend.

School Forms: Fr John will be available to sign your children's school forms on Friday 7th October from

6pm onwards in the Presbytery. No appointment needed.

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 mystery and a decade of the

Rosary will be assigned to each person which they will say throughout the month of October.

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'.

Announcements

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.

FIRST FRIDAY VIGIL OF PRAYER

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for vocations to the priesthood and religious life and for World Peace will be on Friday 7th October starting after the 6.30pm Mass continuing to midnight. Silent

prayer to 8.30pm followed by meditations and prayers. Please come if only for a short visit.

URGENT REQUEST FOR A CARPENTER

If you have carpentry skills and would be able to give some time to the Parish, the Parish would like your help to build scenery for the Christmas crib. Our beautiful new crib figures would benefit from suitable, re-usable scenery to go with the crib. Please contact the

Parish Office or Fr John if you are able to help.

CHRISTMAS CARDS SALE

We will be holding a sale of charity Christmas cards outside the church after all Masses on the weekend of 29/30th October. Please save the date and support a good cause when shopping for your Christmas cards this year. Please bring plenty of cash or your cheque-book as we cannot accept card payment.

Parish Organisations

WIMBLEDON CANCER FRIENDSHIP GROUP

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 for more information.

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 and fun atmosphere. Email: edgehillmemorylanecub@gmail.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.

MANNA SOCIETY

The Manna Centre at Melior Street supports the many homeless in that area with the opportunity to get food, clothing and medical care. Any donations of dried or canned food, toiletries, men's clothing etc. can be left in the green bins inside the Lower Hall.

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.

Social, Cultural & Notices

ORGAN RECITAL

On Friday 14th October at 7.45pm in the church - Recital by brilliant young local organist Matthew Blaiden, including music by Bach, Liszt, Franck and Alain; video screen, admission free, there will be a retiring collection.

PUBLIC LECTURE

'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* & author of 'Pope Francis among the wolves: The Inside Story of a Revolution' on Wed 12th Oct, 6.30pm at Heythrop College, Kensington Square W8 5HN, for booking please contact 020 7795 4203.

GENERATIONS

TOGETHER IT CLINICS

This term's popular *Generations Together IT Clinics* will continue on Fridays 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.

DONHEAD

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Headteacher required for 2017: the Governors seek to appoint a practising Roman Catholic, fully committed to the Jesuit ethos of the school in succession to the current Head who is retiring after 20 years' distinguished service.

Applicants will have significant and relevant experience at senior management level in education.

Catering Manager (FT) required from 31st October 2016.

For further information please visit www.donhead.org.uk or contact Mrs June Smith on 020 8946 7000 or headmasterpa@donhead.org.uk. Closing date for applications is Monday 10th October 2016.

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

The Holy Cross School, New Malden (KT3 5AR), is holding an Open Evening on Monday 3rd October from 5.30-8pm. For more information visit www.holycross.kingston.sch.uk

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.

STILL THINKING WHAT TO DO IN YOUR GAP YEAR?

Care 4 for Calais are looking for dedicated volunteers of any age to deliver aid to the camp, to support their social program of English, art and sport workshops and to help them in their warehouse sorting through all the wonderful things people have donated. They also need people in the UK to manage their fantastic back office operation and support with logistics and all else that goes on. For details, please see <http://care4calais.org/volunteer>

SH HIGH SCHOOL HAMMERSMITH

Sacred Heart High School Hammersmith (London W6 7DG) would like to extend a warm invitation to girls in Year 11 who are currently considering their Sixth Form options, to attend our open evening on Wednesday 12th October from 5-7.30pm. The Headteacher will address candidates and their parents and invite them to take a tour of the school. The school prospectus, including an application pack, will be available for collection. The closing date for receipt of application forms is Friday 4th November.

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 or Sadie Smith 8946 5198 email: 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, dorothyperrott@aol.com or call 020 8946 0305.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY DOOR

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**, return by 3.30pm. Cost will be £7.50/children £5. Please put your name on

the list (back of the church). If you wish to make your own travel arrangements, please bear in mind that you should be at the Cathedral by 11am. Those who want to travel by public transport in a group should meet at Wimbledon Station at 10.15am for the 10.20am train to Waterloo. More details from Sadie Smith 020 8946 5198 or email sadiesmith3@talktalk.net.

A DAY WITH JESUS

You are most welcome to come to *A Day with Jesus* on Saturday 8th October. It starts at 9.30am with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, spiritual reflection, prayers, devotions, confession and at 11am a special Mass for the sick followed by anointing of the sick and prayers over individuals. Venue: St Boniface Church, Tooting, SW17 9PG.

CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

6.30pm (Sat)	Canon J Clark	11.15am	Fr T Nwokeji
8.15am	Fr N King SJ	12.45pm	Fr M Halloran SJ
8.30am	Canon V Elias	5.00pm	Fr T Nwokeji
9.45am	Canon J Clark	8.00pm	Fr P Gallagher SJ

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat	1	6.30pm	Barbara Galvin RIP
Mon	3	7.30am	Mother of Maureen Phillips RIP
		10.00am	Joy Thimont RIP
		6.30pm	Marek Hayman Ints.
Tue	4	7.30am	Kathleen McGrory RIP
		10.00am	Alfred Jessiman RIP
		6.30pm	Marek Hayman Ints.
Wed	5	7.30am	Marek Hayman Ints.
		10.00am	Lee Family Ints.
		6.30pm	Francis Shannon RIP
Thu	6	7.30am	Lourdes Stanislaus RIP
		10.00am	Funeral Mass for Rosemary Zarri
		6.30pm	John Chandler RIP
Fri	7	7.30am	Clergy of the Parish Ints.
		10.00am	Dr Arul Peters RIP
		6.30pm	John Chandler RIP
Sat	8	7.30am	Bonna Harney RIP
		10.00am	Patrick Pike RIP

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Rosemary Zarri, Noel Roger Napaul, Maria Vaamon de Carranza
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Peter Burns, Paul Edward Bull, Mary Helm
The sick: Sr Charmain, Camille Endaya, Chalie Bradley, Yvonna Patton, Tracy Byrne, Angela Balogum, Giena Worth, Peter Gent, 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 £2,068 in loose plate giving and £661 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £2,729. 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

Tuesday 4th October St Francis of Assisi, Memorial
Thursday 6th October St Bruno, Priest
Friday 7th October Our Lady of the Rosary, Memorial

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 brevis (K,S,A), Palestrina

Stetit Angelus, Palestrina

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