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Weekday Readings for
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Next Sunday's Readings

- Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14.16-19
- Psalm 33:2-3.17-19.23. R.v7
- 2 Timothy 4:6-8.16-18
- Luke 18:9-14

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Children of the Sixties

The last words of the gospel today challenge all of us. *"But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth."* As we read the newspapers or watch the television we can get a distorted view of the world in which we live. The focus can so often be on the trivial, the shallow, the self indulgent and these stories stand next to the reports of violence and killing whether on the streets of Aleppo or Paris or Brussels or

London. We may wonder at times if faith has died. Have people turned away from the reality of God adopting their own idols to worship. I remember as a child of the sixties thinking that our generation was the one to loose faith in God. The Bishop of Woolwich in his book "Honest to God" proposed that God is dead. He argued that we had no need of God. The sixties may indeed have seemed to be the

Godless decade. But look around the church today and it is the children of the sixties that are the backbone of the Church today. Here are men and women of faith who see in everyday events the hand of God. Jesus in a sense answers his own question. He is the one who gives faith. His Spirit empowers his Church to witness to that faith in every age. When he comes in any age he will find faith!

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 and Pat Ryan (Youth Minister)

SECOND COLLECTION

Next Sunday, 23rd October, is World Mission Sunday. The second collection that day will be for *Missio*, the Church's official organ for the support of Foreign Missions. The collection goes, in its entirety, to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. *Missio* works through local bishops, churches and missionary congregations to ensure that resources are distributed equitably and justly - on the basis of need. Please help and support this good cause.

SIGNED & SPOKEN MASS

A signed and spoken Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 23rd October at 4pm in the Chapel of Wimbledon College. All with hearing difficulties welcome!

SICK LIST UPDATE

We would like to update the Sick list in the weekly newsletter, therefore please let us know the names of your loved ones and friends to be included and prayed for. Please remember to ask the sick person's permission.

WIMBLEDON CANCER FRIENDSHIP GROUP

We welcome anyone affected by any cancer, offering friendship and support. Come to a drop in meeting on Thursday 27th October from 3.15-4.30pm at the Wimbledon Guild Lounge, 30/32 Worple Road. The free weekly meetings offer an opportunity to meet people and make friends, share experiences and obtain information and contact details for other local cancer support organisations. For more information please call 07948 767936 or email wcfg@live.co.uk.

Parish News

AT HOME

There will be an 'At Home' on Monday 17th October from 6-8pm.

SCHOOL SLIPS

School slips will be collected this weekend.

HOLY ROSARY

In the month of October, praying the Rosary in churches and families, as groups or individually is especially recommended as well as devotion to Saint

Joseph. We are praying the Rosary everyday at 6pm in the Chapel of Our Lady. Everybody is invited and welcome!

Announcements

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Do come and have a chat with other parishioners over a delicious continental breakfast on 16th October in the Lower Hall after the 8.15am Mass up to 12 noon.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY DOOR

Our Parish Pilgrimage will take place next Saturday 22nd October. The coach will leave the church at 9.30am. Fare will be collected as you board the coach, please bring the correct money (adult £7.50/child £5). Parishioners joining the Pilgrimage at the Cathedral should assemble at the Holy Door at 11 am. Please let us know so that we can book you in as part of the

Parish Group. Details from Sadie 020 8946 5198 sadiesmith3@talktalk.net

BLESSED SACRAMENT PROCESSION

Come to the 5th annual Blessed Sacrament Procession on Saturday 22nd October. It starts at Westminster Cathedral at 1.30pm, crosses the Thames at Lambeth Bridge, finishes with a Benediction at St. George's Cathedral, Southwark. The Procession began in 2011 in thanksgiving for the state visit of Pope Benedict XVI and the beatification of Bl. John Henry Newman. Come and join in this great public act of witness to the Faith (www.stgeorgescathedral.org.uk).

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 (we can only accept cash and cheque payment).

ADMISSION TO HOSPITAL

RC hospital chaplains will only be aware of your admission if you specifically ask for the hospital chaplaincy team to be informed. Please tell a member of the ward staff. It is also helpful to let your parish priest know.

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 and fun atmosphere. Email: edgehillmemorylaneclub@gmail.com

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

On Saturday 29th October from 10.30-11.30am 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 invites everyone experiencing loss in their lives, no matter how long ago, to drop in for a coffee and a chat. We offer a warm welcome. For more info call

020 8946 5198 or email bereavementsacredheart@gmail.com

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Come and join us on Friday 4th November at 2.30pm in the Lounge for the film 'Blithe Spirit': Woo! Woo! Come and see David Lean's classic adaptation of Noel Coward's comic play *Blithe Spirit* with séances and spirits! Interval ice creams, finishing with a chit chat, tea & cakes. All welcome.

Social, Cultural & Notices

AUDITIONS FOR PARISH PANTO

Another informal audition for the *Edge Hill Players* Parish Panto will take place on Tuesday, 18th October between 8-10pm. Come along and share your talents. We need performers, singers, dancers and musicians. All welcome. For information please call Wendy Tansey on 020 8542 9516 or Terry Marsh on 07798 801225.

URSULINE PREP SCHOOL

The Ursuline Preparatory School are seeking to appoint experienced and enthusiastic KSI and KS2 Teachers for January 2017. For application forms please go to the school website www.ursuline-prep-merton.sch.uk/jobvacancies, call 020 8947 0859 or email recruitment@wups.co.uk

GENERATIONS TOGETHER IT CLINICS

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

FAURÉ REQUIEM

Singers from around Wimbledon join together to perform the Fauré Requiem on Sunday, 13th November at 7.30pm at St John's, Spencer Hill SW19 4NZ. If you would like to sing, email Michael Higgins at music@stjohns-wimbledon.co.uk. Rehearsals on Wednesdays 2nd & 9th November 7.30-9pm.

BRAZILIAN VISITORS TO EDGE HILL

On Tuesday 18th October at 11am, visitors from Brazil (Fr Rodrigo Peret OFM, a priest involved in the Churches and Mining Network, Maria do Carmo Silva D'Angelo and Leticia Oliveira Gomes de Faria) will visit Jesuit Missions, 11 Edge Hill, and speak about the impact of the catastrophic dam collapse last November at the Samarco iron ore mine which killed 19 people and polluted hundreds of miles of rivers. Parishioners are cordially invited to join the gathering to find out more about the situation in Samarco and JM's work on mining, bearing in mind that Pope Francis makes particular mention of mining in *Laudato Si*.

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.

CHILD REFUGEES

There has been a lot of news this week regarding unaccompanied minors in the Calais camp. With the planned demolition of Calais' refugee camp only a few weeks away, up to 1,000 children refugees will be left to fend for themselves. The dismantling of parts of the camp earlier this year, caused so much panic among unaccompanied children that many of them disappeared. The plight of hundreds of children, a significant number of whom have a legal right to live in the UK, is being ignored (more information is available at www.refugeecouncil.org.uk). To find out how you can support or get involved in the work of the charities, who especially focus on child refugees, please visit <http://www.helprefugees.org.uk/news/aniated-refugee-children/> or www.care4calais.org.

DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE

to the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock, Ireland, from Monday 7th to Friday 11th November organised by the Divine Mercy Apostolate - Marian Fathers, cost £400 pp. The package includes return flight by Aer Lingus from Gatwick, 4 nights accommodation; for more info please contact Divine Mercy Apostolate on 020 8998 0925, info@divinemercury.org.uk or divinemercuryapostolate.co.uk

Exploring our Faith

'LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY'

The Kairos Spirituality Centre is offering quiet days where you can explore different aspects of prayer and your relationship with God. Next Prayer Day will be on Saturday 29th October 10.30am-3.30pm with Sr Brenda Scholfield SMG. There is no cost for the day, donations gratefully received, booking is essential: 020 8788 4188.

LOVE HEALS BODY MIND AND SPIRIT

The Team welcomes you to come to a one day retreat of quiet reflection on Saturday 29th October from 11am-5pm at the Catholic Church

of Our Lady of Assumption & St Gregory, Warwick Str, W1F 9JR. For enquiries please contact Eileen & David Brum on 020 8542 2476 or email body_mind_spirit-meditation@hotmail.com

A DAY WITH MARY

You are invited to come for a day of instruction, devotion and intercession on Saturday 29th October at Westminster Cathedral from 9.45am-5.15pm with celebrant and preacher Canon Christopher Tuckwell and sermons by Fr Pio M. Idowu FI and Antonio Ritaccio. After tea & coffee at 5.15pm you are welcome to stay to attend The Cathedral's Evening Prayer and the First

Mass of Sunday at 6pm. (www.adaywithmary.org).

WAF SOUTHWARK QUARTERLY ASSEMBLY

All are welcome to the World Apostolate of Fatima Southwark Assembly when the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue with relics of Bl. Jacinta & Francisco will be present on Saturday 19th November from 10am-5pm at Our Lady & St Peter, Wimbledon Common, SW19 6AD. Programme: Holy Mass, Holy Rosary, Fatima Talks, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Chaplets, Confession; all are welcome, just bring your pack lunch (contact Oliver Abasolo 0778 2661922).

CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat	15	6.30pm	Maureen Healy O'Connor RIP
Mon	17	7.30am	Dominicus & Cecilia Makukula RIP
		10.00am	Thanksgiving
		6.30pm	Jack Garaty RIP
Tue	18	7.30am	Chief Songea & Martyrs of Maji Maji RIP
		10.00am	Alfred Jessiman RIP
		6.30pm	Maureen Healy O'Connor RIP
Wed	19	7.30am	Maria Baker RIP
		10.00am	Cate Haynes RIP
		6.30pm	Ray Hoey RIP
Thu	20	7.30am	Helen Duff Graham RIP
		10.00am	Alfred Jessiman RIP
		6.30pm	Maureen & Brian Devine Golden Anniv.
Fri	21	7.30am	David & Lorenza Boyce RIP
		10.00am	Camille Endaya Ints.
		6.30pm	Peter Cheuk RIP
Sat	22	7.30am	Alfred Jessiman RIP
		10.00am	Zofia Sommerfeld RIP

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Elisabeth Buijs
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Alice DeSouza, Steven Henry Ipekjian, Veronica Cleary, Geraldine Chitty
The sick: Barry Sharrow, Ricardo Romulo, 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 £1,617 in loose plate giving and £573 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £2,190. This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.
 The second collection for *Pact* (Prison Advice & Care Trust) raised £1,245. Many thanks for your generous support.

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Sunday 16th October St Hedwig, Religious; St Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
Monday 17th October St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr, Memorial
Tuesday 18th October St Luke, Evangelist
Wednesday 19th October Ss John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, Martyrs; St Paul of the Cross, Priest
Friday 21st October Ss Ursula & Companions, Martyrs
Saturday 22nd October St John Paul II, Pope

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

Mass in Bb, Franz Liszt
Ave Maria, Carl Rütti
Tantum ergo, Anton Bruckner

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