



# THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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## Newsletter

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**2nd Sunday  
in Ordinary Time (A)**

**Weekday Readings for  
2nd week in Ordinary Time  
before Lent (A)  
Vol I. psalter week 2**

### Next Sunday's Readings

- Isaiah 8:23-9:3
- Ps. 26:1.4.13-14. R.v1
- Corinthians 1:10-13.17
- Matthew 4:12-23

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## Jesus is the Lamb of God

This Sunday we return to Ordinary Time in the liturgical life of the Church. It is marked by the use of Green vestments. The theological virtue of hope is symbolised by the colour green, just as the burning fire of love is symbolised by red. Green is the colour of growing things and is the colour of Ordinary Time, the season which is neither penitential (Purple) or joyful (White). The liturgy of the Church speaks to all our senses. The different colours, the use of music, the movements within the liturgy all engage us and encourage us to participate the mystery of the liturgy. The use of green at this time of year marking Ordinary Time focuses our minds on the years of Jesus'



ministry. This is far from ordinary. As we read today in the Gospel, John the Baptist recognises Jesus as the '*lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.*' It was to reveal him to the people of Israel that John tells us he came baptising. As John attests '*I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen one of God.*' Over the next few weeks, before we enter the penitential season of Lent, we will follow Jesus through the early stages of his ministry. We will witness the power of his ministry as he demonstrates the authority of his words by the healing acts. Here is one we are told who spoke with authority. The

opening up for us of the sacred scriptures are tails not of the ordinary but of the extraordinary events that marked Jesus' ministry. The revelation of the healing, merciful, redeeming acts of Jesus ground us in the reality of the love of the Father for his Son and through his Son for each of us. We are invited through the liturgy to share in the ministry of Jesus, to feed on his words and find wholeness in his comforting call to each of us to be a follower of his. Let us celebrate this Ordinary Time with the true spirit of Hope, looking always to the future with confidence in God and in his design for us. At each Mass we echo the words of John '*this is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.*'

### 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)

## PARISH BUDGET 2017

A summary of the parish budget for 2017 is posted in the church entrance for information. The budget projects a surplus of £1,450 against an income of £401,000 which means we have a very small margin for unscheduled expenditure for the year. A copy of the detailed budget can be obtained through the Presbytery.

## SECOND COLLECTIONS

This Sunday, 15th January, is *Peace Sunday. Pax Christi*, the Catholic Movement for Peace in England and Wales, are holding their annual collection. Their work is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Their vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, they work with all who share their values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice. Thank you for your support.

Next Sunday, 22nd January, is *Homelessness Sunday*. There will be an appeal for our local inter-faith homelessness charity *Faith in Action* Merton Homelessness Project which runs a Drop-in Centre for homeless people on Kingston Road, South Wimbledon.

## CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Do come and have a chat with other parishioners over a delicious continental breakfast this Sunday 15th January in the Lower Hall after the 8.15am Mass up to 12 noon.

## SURPLUS OF CHRISTMAS GIFTS

The Christmas Gift Sale in support of the Parish's Crib Appeal raised £565. Thank you all for the tremendous and generous support!

## Parish News

### AT HOME

There will be an 'At Home' on Monday 16th January, from 6-8pm. Canon John is available to see anyone who calls in to the presbytery. If you wish to talk about any matter do come along.

### SCHOOL SLIPS

School slips will be collected this weekend.

### YOUTH MASS

We are celebrating a youth Mass this Sunday, 15th January, at 5pm. The youth and young adult team will be leading the music and liturgy. We will be blessing all the candidates for the upcoming Confirmation Programme. All ages are welcome.

### PPC AT HOME

The PPC is holding an *At Home* on Sunday 29th January after the 9.45am Mass in the Lounge. If you wish to talk members of the PPC, raise questions or pass on messages, do come along.

## Announcements

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Children's Liturgy Programme has now resumed and we look forward to seeing as many children as possible joining us. It is a lively and interesting programme. Those who attend really enjoy it; we make the gospel easier to understand for the younger members of the congregation. Sessions run every 2 weeks as follows:  
January 22nd  
February 5th and 26th  
March 5th, 12th and 19th  
April 23rd  
May 7th and 21st  
June 11th and 25th  
July 9th  
Please encourage your children to attend: Reception, Yrs 1 & 2 go to the Lower Hall with their parents, Yrs 3 & 4 go to the Lounge with the catechists.

### CHURCH UNITY OCTAVE

From 18th - 25th January the Church observes eight days' prayer for Christian Unity. An ecumenical service will be celebrated on Sunday 22nd January at 6.30pm at St Saviour's Church, Raynes Park, SW20 9DG.

### YOUNG ADULTS - SOCIAL

There will be a Young Adults Social on Friday 20th January 2017 at 7pm at *The Terrace*, Wimbledon, next to Wimbledon Station. A night to meet other young adults in the parish and launch the new programme for 2017. Ages 21-40. For more info please contact Pat Ryan at [youthminister@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](mailto:youthminister@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk)

### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

We would like to invite some new volunteers to join the Bereavement Team. If you feel that you could offer supporting friendship to someone who has lost a loved one we would like to hear from you. We will offer training and support to suitable applicants. For an application form and further details please contact Sadie Smith on 020 8946 5198 or [sadiesmith3@talktalk.net](mailto:sadiesmith3@talktalk.net)

### NEWMAN CIRCLE

Our next Newman Circle meeting will be on **Tuesday 17th** January at 7.30pm in the Lounge when Fr Nicholas King SJ will speak on the underlying message of St Mark's Gospel. All are welcome!

## Parish Organisations

### WIMBLEDON CANCER FRIENDSHIP GROUP

There will be an afternoon drop-in on Thursday 26th January - between 3.15-4.30pm, please call 07948 767936 or email [wcfg@live.co.uk](mailto:wcfg@live.co.uk) for more information. 30/32 Worple Road, SW19 4EF.

### MEMORY LANE CLUB

Every Wednesday morning from 10.30am-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 ([edgehillmemorylanecub@gmail.com](mailto:edgehillmemorylanecub@gmail.com))

### FRIENDSHIP GROUP

The Friendship Group is holding a Valentine Themed Tea on Friday 3rd February at 2.30pm in the Parish Lounge. Come and be entertained by 'Songs on Wheels' and enjoy a special Valentine Tea. All welcome!

## Social, Cultural & Notices

**MISH MASH PANTO**  
The Mish Mash Panto does what it says - it is a mish-mash of every pantomime you have ever seen! Where else would Prince Charming find three leading ladies - Snow White, Cinderella and Sleeping Beauty and a mystery heroine? Sadiq Whittington, Lord Mayor of London, has something of a troublesome Cat to keep him busy. Of course, there are Ugly Sisters and a Good Fairy too, and add to all that a topical twist with a great set of bad-dies, Aladdin and his Genie, children of the parish and a Strictly dance-off - then the mash-up is complete! Performances run on Saturdays 28th January & 4th February at 2.30pm and 7pm in the Upper Hall, Edge Hill. Get Earlybird prices (adults £12, children £6), online ([www.edgehillplayers.com](http://www.edgehillplayers.com)) or by phone (07742 230493),

tickets will also be on sale before and after all Sunday Masses. All proceeds to the Royal Marsden Hospital.

### SACRED HEART CHORUS

The SH Chorus would like to invite good choral singers to join them in a performance of the Brahms Requiem on Saturday 17th June at Sacred Heart Church. There will be eight Monday evening rehearsals from 7.30-9.30pm - dates to be confirmed. Subscription fee per term is £30 (free for FT students), there will be a workshop for the Brahms Requiem on Saturday 18th March. If you would like to sing or take part in the workshop please register via [www.sacredheartmusic.co.uk](http://www.sacredheartmusic.co.uk)

### WEST BARNES SINGERS

The West Barnes singers are holding an open workshop on Saturday 28th January from

10.30am-4.30pm at the Methodist Church, 49 High Street, New Malden KT3 8BY. They are working on Gounod's St Cecilia Mass & more, cost £15. For more information please visit [www.westbarnessingers.co.uk](http://www.westbarnessingers.co.uk)

### MARRIAGE PREPARATION FACILITATORS

Marriage Care is the largest faith-based relationship support organisation in England and Wales, they are looking for Marriage preparation Facilitators, a Head of Centre and a Publicity Officer to volunteer with us at our SW-London centre, and help us in our mission to support couples in the best and worst of times. Please visit [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk) or email [volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk) for more info.

### 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.

### RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE

From next Sunday 22nd - Friday 27th January, we will be offered by the Jesuit Ministries a 'Retreat in Daily Life' - a daily period of personal prayer and a daily half-hour individual meeting with an experienced prayer guide, at times during the week to suit the participant - An introductory meeting is held in the Upper Hall on Sunday 22nd January from 3-5pm, when the retreat will be further explained and the prayer guides assigned. Leaflets & application forms are available at the back of the church.

## Exploring our Faith

### CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

On Monday 16th January, there will be a Charismatic Prayer meeting in the church from 7.30-9.30pm with live music from the music ministry. Canon John will be giving a talk on the Eucharist. Please come and join us, refreshments will be provided after the prayer session.

### EVANGELISATION COURSE

To help us look at ways we can grow and spread our faith in 2017: There are two day events being run from 10am-4pm by the Diocese of Plymouth Evangelisation

Team at St Patrick's Church, Soho Square on Friday 20th January and at Ealing Abbey, W5 2DZ, on Saturday 21st January. Cost £20 including lunch. To form a Sacred Heart Parish Team to attend (at a reduced price) contact Sadie Smith on 020 89465198

### A DAY WITH MARY

Do come for a day of instruction, devotion and intercession on Saturday 21st January at St Agnes, Cricklewood Lane, NW 2, starting at 9.45am with Entry Procession of Our Lady, Angelus, Crowning, Sung Litany Mass in honour of

Our Lady; celebrant and preacher Fr John Buckley, sermon on Our Lady by Fr George M Roth FI. Please visit [www adaywithmary.org](http://www adaywithmary.org) for more information.

### LOVE HEALS BODY MIND AND SPIRIT

The Love Heals Body Mind and Spirit Team welcome you to come to a one day Retreat of quiet reflection on Saturday 28th January from 11am-5pm at the Catholic Church of Our Lady of Assumption & St Gregory, Warwick Street, W1F 9JR. Enquiries: Eileen & David Brum on 020 8542 2476 or [www.body\\_mind\\_spirit-meditation@hotmail.com](http://www.body_mind_spirit-meditation@hotmail.com)

### LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

LISS is a back to basics exploration of the good news that leads to a real and deep knowledge and experience of God's love for us. It's being held by Soul Food, a prayer group for young adults. LISS is made up of 9 sessions spread over 6 weeks, most sessions will be on Thursdays from 7-9pm at St Charles Borromeo Church, 8 Ogle Street, London W1W 6HS. Beginning on Thursday 19th January with the 1st session and ending on 23rd February. For more information please contact Chi on 07951 929 974.

### CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

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

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 14 6.30am Mildred Lewis RIP  
Mon 16 7.30am Chrissy O'Keefe Ints.  
10.00am Norman Murphy RIP  
6.30pm Andrew Cusack Ints.  
Tue 17 7.30am Jim Thomas RIP  
10.00am Peter Lennon RIP  
6.30pm Damascus D'Souza RIP  
Wed 18 7.30am Marina Benedict Thanksgiving  
10.00am Rosie RIP  
6.30pm Sarah & Ryan Ints.  
Thu 19 7.30am Sr Charmaine Ints.  
10.00am H Nakayama RIP  
6.30pm Marie & Sony Hartey Ints.  
Fri 20 7.30am Brian & Denis Standing Ints.  
10.00am Laurence Boyce Ints.  
6.30pm Family & Friends of John Breen Ints.  
Sat 21 7.30am Cecilia Rossi RIP  
10.00am Souls in Purgatory

### WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

**Those who have died recently:** Kit O'Brien, Dorothy Miller

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Josephine Bellamy, Damascus D'Souza, Jane Valerie Basilio, Peter Connellan, Gladys Blum, Maisie Hastings

**The sick:** Brian Bladen-Hovell, Davis Dale, Howard Philpott, Marcus Wrede, Elizabeth Quinn, Felicia Rathbone, Sandra Broadbent, Daphne Minas, Gabriel Godfrey, Cathy McElroy, Roberto Farina, Fr Brendan Callaghan SJ, Barry Sharrow, Sr Charmain, Camille Endaya, Charlie Bradley, Yvonna Patton, Tracy Byrne, Angela Balogum, Giena Worth, Ronnie Bradnick, Alexander Skachkov, Baby Bleu Denley Saunders, Patricia Meehan, Joan 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, 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 £1,734 in loose plate giving and £619 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £2,353. 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

**Sunday 15th January** Prayer today for Peace on Earth

**Tuesday 17th January** St Anthony, Abbot, Memorial

**Thursday 19th January** St Wulstan, Bishop

**Saturday 21st January** St Agnes, Virgin and Martyr, 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 of the month 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 ad Preasepe*, George Malcolm

*Ab oriente venerunt*, Jacob Handl

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

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.