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Newsletter

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**Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time (A)**

**Weekday Readings for
5th week in Ordinary Time
before Lent (A)
Vol I. psalter week I**

Next Sunday's Readings

- Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20
- Ps. 118:1-2.4-5.17-18.33-34 R.vl
- Corinthians 2:6-10
- Matthew 5:17-37

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Let Your Light Shine

The Year of Mercy gave us the opportunity to look at our Christian faith and how we practice it, most especially how we both show others mercy and how we in turn are in need of mercy. A number of events marked the year. Apart from the special celebrations which marked the beginning and end of the year we had the pilgrimage to the Holy Door at the Cathedral, as well as the parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land. We also had experiences of two forms of prayer. The first was the *Seminar in the Spirit* which over seven evenings explored the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church and in our own personal relationship with God. From these



seminars a Charismatic prayer group has been formed that meets each Monday evening for prayer praise and petition, including healing. The second form of prayer was our recently concluded week of guided prayer. This gave the opportunity to a large number of people to receive help and support in their private prayer. The evening workshops enabled yet more to deepen their experience and knowledge of ways of praying. So many wished to join the week that we were unable to cater for all who applied, so

we will be holding a further session later on in the year, offering personal direction for a week to those who missed out this time. No doubt the experience of the week of guided prayer will have effects in the lives of those who took part and in turn will be witnessed in the life of the parish as a whole.

On a less serious note, we have the last two performances of our Parish Panto this weekend. This has been a great success and has brought over 50 people together to present the Panto. It has been a great event in drawing people from the parish together. In a time when we are being warned of the dangers of loneliness we should encourage an active social life in the parish.

THE PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Parish Priest: Canon John Clark MA

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)

SICK LIST UPDATE

We would like to update the Sick List in the weekly newsletter. Therefore, please advise the Reception when names can be removed or 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. From next week on we will only include the names notified to the Parish Office (020 8946 0305).

SECOND COLLECTION

Next Sunday 12th February is *Racial Justice Sunday*. The second collection that day will be in support of the work of the Catholic Church to promote racial justice in our schools, parishes and in wider society.

ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE

On Saturday 25th February at 12noon, auxiliary bishop Nicholas Hudson will ordain eight Jesuit Scholastics to the diaconate at St Ignatius Church, Stamford Hill. Four of them belong to the Sacred Heart Parish: Mikael Schink, Nilan Fernando, Sandeep Lakra and Thomas Idergard. You are all very welcome to attend the Mass. Meanwhile, please keep these men in your prayers!

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER & FASTING FOR LIFE

On Friday 10th February (the Vigil of the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes), your prayer and fasting are urgently needed for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this country. For information on the days of Prayer and Fasting please visit www.goodcounselnetwork.com You can also join the event on Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/events/258280601](https://www.facebook.com/events/258280601269834/)

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Parish News

AT HOME

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

SCHOOL SLIPS

School slips will be collected this weekend.

YOUTH MASS

This Sunday 5th February we will celebrate a Youth Mass at 5pm. All ages are welcome.

PARISH WEBSITE & DATABASE

We have sent emails to a large number of parish organisations inviting them to a meeting on either 8th or 13th February, both at 7.30pm in the Parish Lounge, to consult on the future development of the parish website and as an opportunity to link it to the parish database. For some

organisations, our contact information is out of date, and in other cases we may not know about you! If you run an organisation linked to parish activities and have not received an invitation, please contact us by emailing sacredheartwebanddatabase@gmail.com confirming which date you will be attending.

Announcements

TEAMS OF OUR LADY

Members of *Teams of Our Lady* will be talking at Masses on the weekend of 11th/12th February. *Teams* is a movement founded to help married couples grow spiritually, using house groups that meet once a month. To find out more about *Teams* please visit www.teamsgb.org.uk.

FLAME 2017

UK's biggest Catholic Youth Event is happening on Saturday 11th March at Wembley Arena. Sacred Heart Youth Ministry will be taking a group of 14-21 year olds. There will be a strong

focus on refugees and human rights, with speakers including Sarah Teather (Director of Jesuit Refugee Service UK) and Cardinal Charles Bo from Burma. There will be incredible music lead by Matt Redman. Tickets cost £20. Registration forms are at the back of the church. Contact Pat Ryan at youthminister@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk for more details.

YOUNG ADULT EVENING

On Friday 17th February the Young Adult Group will have their first monthly gathering. We warmly invite all young adults in their 20s and 30s.

This will include Mass, dinner and discussion. The evening will be hosted at the Sacred Heart Presbytery. Please RSVP to Pat Ryan (youthminister@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk) for catering purposes. Recommended donation is £5.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Our group meets weekly in Wimbledon on Wednesdays at 2.15pm for a 2.30pm start, at 41 Murray Road, SW19. For more information please contact Pauline Barry on 020 87156095 or barrypauline1@gmail.com.

Parish Organisations

WIMBLEDON CANCER FRIENDSHIP GROUP

There will be an evening meeting on Thursday 9th February from 7.30-9pm when Emma Bolman from *Marie Curie* will be giving a talk about palliative care, the support line and bereavement - to name a few services that *Marie Curie* pro-

vides. She will also be giving a guideline to fundraising. Please call 07948 767 936 or email wcfg@live.co.uk for more information. 30/32 Worple Road, SW19 4EF.

THE FRIENDSHIP ART GROUP

There will be a workshop on Tuesday 7th February at 2.15

- 4.15pm in the Lower Hall. There will be further work with pattern design and also textures. Please bring scissors. All are welcome and of course, you can do work of your own choice if you prefer.

Social, Cultural & Notices

BRAHMS REQUIEM The Sacred Heart Chorus would like to invite good choral singers to join them in a performance of the Brahms Requiem on Saturday 17th June in the church. There will be eight Monday evening rehearsals from 7.30-9.30pm, starting on the 27th March (April 3rd & 24th, May 8th, 15th & 22nd, June 5th & 12th and on Saturday 17th June from 2pm). A workshop for the Brahms Requiem will be held on Saturday 18th March. If you would like to sing or take part in the workshop, please register via www.sacredheartmusic.co.uk

RIDE FOR PETER Simon Connellan is organising a sponsored cycle ride in remembrance of his late fa-

ther Peter Connellan in aid of *The Little Sisters of the Poor*. Simon Connellan and Robin Bellamy plan to ride 210 miles from St Peter's Residence, Vauxhall to Cancale, St Malo in France between 26th and 28th May. If you would like to sponsor their ride please visit www.uk.virginmoneygiving.com and search for 'Simon Connellan' fundraising page.

GENERATIONS TOGETHER IT CLINICS This term's popular *Generations Together IT Clinics* will be on Fridays 10th, 24th February and 3rd & 10th March - 12.35pm at the UHS.

Knowledgeable girls provide excellent mobile phone & computer tuition, including how to connect with family

abroad, catch up with TV online! All grades are welcome; no charge. Contact Sheila Gent on 020 8390 0119 to book a place.

SOCIAL EVENING FOR FAMILIES

The next family social evening is on Saturday March 4th 2017 from 5-7.30pm. This is for Mums, Dads and little ones, of all ages. Children are able to play in the Lower Hall whilst the adults and younger children can chat and relax in the Parish Lounge. The bar will be open, please bring a plate of food to share. For further details please call Rachel Malam 07534 893 737 or Clare Whatling 07900 580 627.

Exploring our Faith

LOVE HEALS BODY MIND AND SPIRIT The *Love Heals Body Mind and Spirit Team* welcomes you to a morning of quiet reflection and Catholic Christian Meditation on Saturday 11th February from 10.30am-1pm at Sacred Heart Church, Wimbledon, in the Lounge after the 10am Mass. Enquiries: Eileen & David Brum on 020 8542 2476 or www.body_mind_spirit-meditation@hotmail.com

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 11th February 10.30am-3.30pm with Sr Annie Lunney SMG. There is no cost for the day, donations gratefully received, booking is essential: 020 8788 4188.

DIVINE MERCY RETREAT

On Saturday 11th February from 11am - 4pm there will be a Divine Mercy Retreat held by Marian Fathers at St George's Cathedral, London SE1 6HR. All welcome - bring your family & friends to the Merciful Jesus. For further information please call 020 8998 0925 or email info@divinemercury.org.uk

FATIMA SYMPOSIUM Visit of the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue (NPVS) of our

Lady of Fatima, and the relics of Blessed Jacinta and Francisco will take place on Saturday 18th February at Westminster Cathedral Hall starting at 4pm, closing prayer at 7.45pm. On Sunday 19th Feb the NPVS will be present in Westminster Cathedral until 2.30pm.

MOUNT STREET JESUIT CENTRE

Mount Street Jesuit Centre is offering a one day workshop on *The Teachings of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin - scientist, priest and mystic*, facilitated by Michael Smith SJ on Saturday 18th February from 11am-4pm. Please book in advance via www.pathwaystogod.org or call 020 7495 1673. 114 Mount Street, London W1K 3AH.

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.

A GIFT FOR WIFE AND HUSBAND

Here is an invitation for husband and wife to give each other a gift by spending 4th March exploring their relationship more deeply in the light of Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation, *The Joy of Love*. This will be a marriage-enrichment day entitled *A Lifetime of Loving* during which couples can gain valuable insights into their communication and the call of the church to the married. Please note that there is no group sharing during the day, no marriage counselling or guidance; the day lasts from 9.45am - 4.30pm at St Teresa's Church, Ashford, Kent; suggested donation £25/couple. For more details please call 07983 524727 or email mflkent@gmail.com

READERS & CATECHISTS

On Sat 11th Feb we welcome Fr. Denis McBride, a Redemptorist priest & scripture scholar who brings the Sunday readings to life, to St Teresa's, Morden, 10am - 12.30pm. This Merton Deanery event is recommended for readers and catechists, it provides the opportunity to better understand the Gospel stories. It is also a faith formation exercise to give us confidence in what we believe and try to pass on.

CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 4 6.30pm Mark Lewis RIP
 Mon 6 7.30am James Enright RIP
 10.00am Conor Brobyn Ints.
 6.30pm Bridie & Roddy Dampsey RIP
 Tue 7 7.30am Laura Kelly RIP
 10.00am Patricia Bridle RIP
 11.30am Requiem Mass for Brenda Thompson
 6.30pm Christy & Christopher Dunleavy RIP
 Wed 8 7.30am Dennis Costello RIP
 10.00am Paul Francis D'Mellos Ints.
 6.30pm Sheamus & Pat Fahy RIP
 Thu 9 7.30am Myles Forde RIP
 10.00am Teresa Smith 90th Birthday
 6.30pm Ana Rosa Carneiro RIP
 Fri 10 7.30am Scanlon Family Ints.
 10.00am C. Pereira RIP
 6.30pm Barbara Kaluba Ints.
 Sat 11 7.30am Patrick & Lena Meehan RIP
 10.00am Mary Byrne RIP

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Brenda Thompson, Ben Davies, John Eldon, Paul Murphy
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Sandro Buttaci, Ranjit Croos-Fernando, Jennie Hawthorne, Gerald Gearing, Barbara Cottrell, James Aquilina, Victor McManus
The sick: Paul Shannon, Brian Bladen-Hovell, David Dale, Howard Philpott, Felicia Rathbone, Sandra Broadbent, Daphne Minas, Gabriel Godfrey, Cathy McElroy, Roberto Farina, Fr Brendan Callaghan SJ, Barry Sharrow, Sr Charmaine, 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 £1,728 in loose plate giving and £533 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £2,261. This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Monday 6th February St Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs
Wednesday 8th February St Josephine Bakhita, Virgin; Day for Victims of Trafficking
Friday 10th February St Scholastica, Virgin, Memorial
Saturday 11th February Our Lady of Lourdes
 World Day for the Sick

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 brevis, Andrea Gabrieli
Laudate Dominum, Felice Anerio
Tantum ergo, Déodat de Séverac

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 Youth Minister: Pat Ryan youthminister@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk
 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
 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.