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Newsletter

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**Sixteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

**Weekday Readings for
16th week in Ordinary Time
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Next Sunday's Readings

- I Kings 3:5. 7-12
- Ps 118 :57.72.76-77.127-130. R.v97
- Romans 8:28-30
- Matthew 13:44-52

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The Mustard Seed

A few years ago on a trip to the Holy Land the guide stopped the coach on a country road. After foraging around for a few minutes he returned to the coach with a handful of tiny seeds. These were mustard seeds which he handed round for us to see. He then pointed to a large bushy tree just near the edge of the road which was a full grown mustard tree. The parable of Jesus which we read in the gospel this weekend came to life for us. The mustard seed is tiny and it is hard to imagine that it will grow into such an impressive bush. It is not surprising that the full grown mustard tree is taken as a symbol of



the Church world wide. Here is a place of shelter and security for all who follow Jesus Christ. Here is where our faith is deepened and our experience of community confirmed. This short parable of Jesus about the Mustard Seed offers us hope and assurance.

One of the ways the Church offers that growth in faith is through sharing with our children and young people the gift of the Eucharist. We are presently collecting the

names of the next years group who will prepare for their 1st communion and confession. This can only happen if we have generous members of the parish who will act as catechists and assistants. So far we are short by 4 catechists and 4 helpers. If you have teaching experience or have experience of being a catechist in the past please consider offering yourself as a catechist for this years programme. If you want to know more, see Canon John or Sr. Dorothy. This Tuesday there is a meeting at 8pm in the Presbytery for those who would be willing to help. Do come along!

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: Sr Francis SSA, Sr Dorothy Perrott OSU, Cristina Connolly and Pat Ryan (Youth Minister)

ALTAR SERVERS

The Liturgy Committee is seeking further volunteers to be Altar Servers at the Sunday Masses, particularly those at 11.15am and 12.45pm. Training will be available for interested applicants who should provide their names to Canon John via the Parish Office. A further request will be made after the summer break, but it would be helpful to have any early indications of interest now.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Volunteer needed to offer monthly lift to 12.45pm Sunday Mass. Please consider joining our team of 4 drivers. Vacancy arising because of a driver moving out of the area. Once every 4 weeks, the volunteer driver offers an elderly person a lift to and from the 12.45pm Sunday Mass. More info from Jenny on 020 8947 7320 or email cairns.jenny@gmail.com

MEN WANTED!!

Memory Lane Club for people with dementia and their carers (10.30am-12.30pm every Wednesday morning) is very well attended and half of our clients are men. But 90% of our volunteer helpers are women! More male company and chat would be most welcome. If you have a friendly disposition and a willingness to help by providing company and helping with activities such as snooker and dominoes, please get in touch - even if you can only offer once a month. To find out more ring Jenny 07906 856 183 or Charlotte 07714 702 735. Last month's Waitrose appeal generated £420 for the Memory Lane Club. Many thanks for your help!

Parish News

AT HOME

There will be no 'At Home' during the summer months.

SCHOOL SLIPS

No school slips will be collected during the summer months. We will resume school slips collection again

on the first weekend of September.

SIGNED AND SPOKEN MASS

A signed and spoken Mass will be celebrated today, Sunday 23 July at 4pm. Please note that this Mass will be

celebrated in the Sacred Heart Chapel in the church. All with hearing difficulties welcome!

NEWSLETTER

The newsletter distribution will resume on the 3rd September.

Announcements

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2017/18

Registration for the First Holy Communion programme 2017/18 is still open: please collect forms from the Office Reception. The closing date is Monday 4th September 2017. We have 160 places available on this years programme. Places will be allocated to those families who live within the parish boundaries of the Sacred Heart or who worship regularly at Sacred Heart (children coming from all schools need to register).

RELIC OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

The Relic of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be visiting St George's Cathedral from Friday 28 - Monday 31 July. The programme includes afternoon reflections, prayer and personal devotions, healing and reparation service for life issues, a talk of history and apparitions of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

AMAZING SUMMER YOUTH CAMP

Sacred Heart will be taking a group along to the *Chemin*

Neuf Summer Camp for young people aged 14-18 yrs from Monday 30 July to Friday 4 August in Storrington. Please contact Pat Ryan (youthminister@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk) for more detail or visit the website www.14-18.chemin-neuf.org.uk

HEALING SERVICE

A Mass for the Elderly with Anointing of the Sick and those who are frail or infirm will be celebrated on Saturday 2 September at 10am.

Parish Organisations

TRAIIDCRAFT

The Traidcraft stall will be outside the church this Sunday morning. By supporting Traidcraft, you are providing people living in some of the world's poorest communities with the knowledge and skills they need to improve their livelihoods and help educate their children.

WIMBLEDON CANCER FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Thursday 27 July - informal 'drop in' between 3.15-4.30pm. Anyone affected by any cancer is most welcome and will have the opportunity to talk to our volunteers and other people also affected by cancer, either personally or

as a carer, friend or relative. Wimbledon Guild, 30/32 Worple Road, SW19 4EF. Please ring 07948 767 936 or email wcfg@live.co.uk

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

On Saturday 29 July 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 invite everyone experiencing loss in their lives, no matter how long ago, to drop in for a coffee and a chat. We offer you a warm welcome. For more info call 020 8946 5198 or on the website.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Bumper Summer Bulletin: all to take place in the Parish Lounge at 2.30pm:

4 August Come and try your luck. Bingo! Pimms & prizes!

1 September 'If poetry be the food of love', come and join us. All welcome. The more the merrier!

ART GROUP

The Art Group will be meeting on the 1st and 3rd weeks of August as usual, 1st and 15th, in the Lower Hall at 2.15pm. Come and share your ideas and get inspiration from others. Some materials available, or bring your own. All Welcome.

Social, Cultural & Notices

PRUDENTIAL RIDE LONDON

This year's festival of cycling will take place next weekend of 29/30 July. Roads and bridges will be affected across London and Surrey; detailed closure information for this event is now available online at www.prudentialridelondon.org.uk

NEW LEADER FOR RAINBOWS

Rainbows are part of the Girl Guiding family for girls age 5-7. They currently meet every Thursday, 4-5 pm for fun and

friendship in the Lower Hall. Regrettably, Helen, who started the group 9 years ago, has to move on for personal reasons but is desperate to find a new leader before she goes as she really doesn't want to have to close the group. Please get in touch if you are interested: reedsw20@aol.com or 07801 296346.

STAMP CUTTING AT JESUIT MISSIONS

The next stamp cutting meeting will take place on Thursday 3 August at 9.30am, 11 Edge Hill, SW19 4RL.

OMABITE WATER PROJECT

With deep gratitude to all who so generously contributed, the *Friends of Omabite* are delighted to announce that the fundraising dinner and auction in aid of the water project raised £9,900, exceeding the target by £2,900. The contractors who drilled the borehole and laid the water pipes have now been paid and the *Friends of Omabite* will consider the remaining funds should be used to help the people of Omabite.

Exploring our Faith

A DAY WITH MARY

Do come for a day of instruction, devotion and intercession on Saturday 29 July from 10am-5.15pm at St Peter, Victoria Drive SW19. Entry Procession of Our Lady, Angelus, Crowning, Sung Litany, Mass; celebrant and preacher Fr Philip de Freitas. Exposition and Procession; sermon on Our Lady by Fr Linus Clovis, visit www adaywithmary.org for more info.

ECHO: THEOLOGY OF THE BODY RETREAT

ECHO is a retreat for young adults between 16-30. God calls us to live in the fullness of life. But what does that look like in the 21st century? With so many questions on identity, dignity and faith swirling around us, it can be hard to find truth. Thankfully, St Pope John Paul II has left for us a beautiful series of teachings, commonly known as *Theology of the Body*, which

reveals the truth of who we are and what we were created for. ECHO invites you to join in a journey to discover more of who you were made to be. For more information and registration visit: <http://dowym.com/events/echo-theology-body-retreat/>

LOVE HEALS BODY MIND AND SPIRIT

You are welcome to come to a one-day retreat of quiet reflection, rosary, scripture of the day reading, contemplation on scripture reading, discussion on individual reflections of scripture reading; lunch (please bring your own lunch - tea and coffee available); scripture talk - Christian meditation - blessed adoration, healing prayers, praise & worship on Saturday 29 July 11am - 5pm. The Catholic Church of our Lady of Assumption & St Gregory, Warwick Str., Piccadilly, W1F 9JR.

FARM STREET JESUIT CENTRE

'Deepening Our Awareness of God' This very successful course, which has been running at Mount Street Jesuit Centre for the past 12 years, offers experiences of different ways of praying, reflecting and listening, so as to foster the connection between life and prayer. It is an opportunity to discover and develop our understanding of the spirituality taught by St Ignatius of Loyola. The 2017/18 course runs Tuesday daytime: 11am - 1pm, from 12 Sept 2017 - 3 July 2018. In addition, there will be 3 Saturday sessions 11am-4pm, one in each term. To apply for this course, it is essential to complete an application form, available from www.pathwaystogod.com Mount Street Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street, W1K 3AH London.

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.

OOOOOKLAHOMA!

Coming soon to a Parish Hall near you!

Edge Hill Players' next production will be *Oklahoma* on Friday 15 and Saturday 16 September at 7.30pm in the Upper Hall. (Booking is now open: www.edgehillplayers.com or phone 07742 230493.

BOB'S BIG BAND

Oklahoma demands a proper orchestra. Bob Rathbone has found the musicians - we have to find the money! How about sponsoring the band with a donation of upwards of £45 [your name in the programme, of course] or whatever you feel appropriate. If you wish to become a big-time sponsor of the arts we are happy to receive donations in multiples of £45! Maybe you have a favourite instrument or wish you could play one? Why not sponsor someone who really can and enjoy the result? Please give this project your full consideration and contact www.edgehillplayers.com or phone 07715 164468.

QUIZ NIGHT

Edge Hill Players are holding a Quiz Night to raise funds for the Big Band on Friday 1 September at 7.30pm in the Upper Hall. Tickets (£15) to include a Fish & Chip supper. For more info & to book, contact Maria on 07980 614 326 or at pepaluis@aol.com

CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

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

* SH School Mass Centre


MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 22 6.30pm Ada Cariani RIP
Mon 24 7.30am David & Lorenza Boyce RIP
10.00am Michael King Anniv.
6.30pm Gayle Moretti RIP
Tue 25 7.30am Our Lady Queen of Peace
10.00am Michael King RIP
6.30pm Philip Diver RIP
Wed 26 7.30am Annie & Bridget Donohoe Ints.
10.00am Romano Galelli RIP
6.30pm Maria Luiza Simoes RIP
Thu 27 7.30am Sue Lawrenson Ints.
10.00am Pam Rahman Thanksgiving Ints.
6.30pm Shirley Singleton RIP
Fri 28 7.30am P.E. Ints.
10.00am Jane Page RIP
6.30pm Bryan King RIP
Sat 29 7.30am David Cullen Ints.
10.00am Paddy Maher RIP

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Peter Elwes, Sandra Nicholson, Brian Bladen-Hovell, Jean-Pierre van Besouw, Augustine Shaw

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Jan Ptaszynski, Michael King, Bernard Keane, Pearly Athanasiyar, Francis Shannon, Bernadette Neville, Denis Geoghegan, Bryan King, Maria Dusauzay, Edgar Xuereb, Rudy Webber

The sick: Judex Celine, Maureen Stromborg, John Burke-Gafney, John Douglas, Fr Michael O'Halloran SJ, Eva Lysuniak, Barbara Johnston, Linda Day, Grant Jepsom, Eddie Power, Tom Searle, Iris Desmier, Paul Shannon, Sandra Broadbent, Daphne Minas, Gabriel Godfrey, Sr Charmaine, Yvonna Patton, Tracy Byrne, Giena Worth, Ronnie Bradnick, Alexander Skachkov, Baby Bleu Denley Saunders, Patricia Meehan, Joan Paul, Frank Micetich, Roberto Luigi Farina, Sophia Ridley, Avril Brown, Cindy Bayat, Bernadette McMurray, Anne Medicraft, Carol Escalona, David Fyfe, Mary Wallace, Rita Westbrook, Angela de Leon, Alina Hancock, Teresa Scanlon, Sheila Chateau, Michael Hoskins, Electa Almeida, Caleb Edser, Julian Eddy, Troy Najair, Margaret Lumley and Andrew Tan  [Please advise the Reception when names can be removed.]

COLLECTIONS

Collection at Mass last Sunday came to £1,845 in loose plate giving and £719 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £2,564. 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 23 July St Bridget, Religious Patron of Europe

Monday 24 July St Sharbel Makhlouf, Priest

Tuesday 25 July St James, Apostle

Wednesday 26 July Ss Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday 29 July St Martha, Memorial

EXPOSITION

Sundays: 3.00 - 4.00pm

(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 in honorem Sta Clara, L. Refice

Like as the hart, Herbert Howells

Sicut cervus, Palestrina

[Correction: last w/e's music

Missa in honorem St Caroli Borromei,

M. Filk

Ad te, Domine, lavavi, A. Scarlatti

O panis dulcissimae, E Thiman]

PARISH SERVICES

Parish Office/Reception Hours: 9am - 5pm (Mon-Fri) 9.30am - 1pm (Sat) 9am - 1pm (Sun) [A range of religious and greeting cards are on sale at very competitive prices - please feel free to call to view.]

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.