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Newsletter

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**Twenty-Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

**Weekday Readings for
22nd week in Ordinary Time
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Next Sunday's Readings

- Ezekiel 33:7-9
- Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R.v8
- Romans 13:8-10
- Matthew 18:15-20

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A new 'New Year'!

Where has the summer gone? It seems no time at all since we were packing up for the start of the summer holidays, and already we are unpacking for the start of the new academic year. Our thoughts and prayers go to the staff and pupils as they face a new term. It is both a challenging and exciting time for them. For the young people it is a significant moment as they progress through the years, for the staff it is a new challenge as they meet their new charges for the coming year. This is



also a time for restarts, here in the parish. The social club will start meeting again on Friday and Sunday evenings - so if you want a quiet drink with friends just call in. The newsletter is back, all of the parish groups and committees restart their meetings from the Parish Council and Strategy Group, to

the Communications Group, the Liturgy Group, the Finance Group, Social Committee, the Halls Committee and the many and varied groups in the parish all listed in the Parish Directory. If you have a 'New Years' resolution to spare, how about joining one of the groups in the parish to meet new friends and develop your interests, there is everything from cultural, social and spiritual groups, catering to many different interests. Have a good academic year!

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)

SECOND COLLECTION

Next Sunday, 10 September, is Education Sunday; the second collection will be in support of the CES, *Catholic Education Service*, which acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic Education. They have a strong and positive working relationship with the British and Welsh governments, sharing the aims of high academic standards for all, and increased parental choice. Catholic schools make 10% of the national total of maintained schools. Thank you for your support.

DRIVER NEEDED

The Lift to the 12.45 Sunday Mass Team needs a new driver to give a lift to an elderly person. Once a month you would be required to pick the person up from home, take them to Mass and return to home. Vacancy arises because of a driver moving out of the area. More information from Jenny on 07906 856 183 or email cairns.jenny@gmail.com

YOUNG ADULT EVENING

We warmly invite all young adults in their 20s and 30s to our next monthly gathering on Friday 15 September. We will commence in the chapels inside Sacred Heart Church at 7.30pm. The evening will include Mass, dinner and discussion. Please RSVP to Pat Ryan (youthminister@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk) for catering purposes. Recommended donation £5.

STAMP CUTTING AT JESUIT MISSIONS

The next stamp cutting meeting will take place on Thursday 7 September at 9.30am, 11 Edge Hill, SW19 4RL.

Parish News

AT HOME

There will be an 'At Home' on Monday 4 September from 6-8pm. Canon John is available to see anyone who calls in to the Presbytery. If you wish to talk about any matter, please do come along.

SCHOOL SLIPS

School slips will be collected

again next weekend, 9/10 September.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Can you spare a few hours to help out on Monday & Thursday afternoons in the Parish Reception? Please contact Thelma D'Costa in the Parish Office if you can help.

ARTHUR WHITE

Our caretaker, Arthur White, is leaving us at the end of September. Anyone wishing to contribute towards a farewell gift for Arthur, please hand to Thelma D'Costa in the Parish Office. Thank you.

Announcements

FIRST HOLY

COMMUNION 2017/18

The closing date for registration for the First Holy Communion programme 2017/18 is this Monday, 4 September. Places will be allocated to those families who live within the parish boundaries of the Sacred Heart or who worship regularly at Sacred Heart. Classes will be created shortly and parents will be notified within the next two weeks.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We are delighted to welcome the children back to the Liturgy Programme when we resume on Sunday 10 September, please make a note of the sessions in your diary: September: 10th and 24th

October: 8th

November: 5th and 26th

December: 3rd, 10th, 17th

2018 January: 7th and 21st

February: 4th and 25th

March: 4th and 18th

April: 22nd

May: 6th and 20th

June: 10th and 24th

July: 8th

A few reminders of the structure of the programme: We have 2 groups, *Doves* (children from reception class to year 2) and *Eagles* (children for year 3 & above). The *Doves* session takes place in the Lower Hall, children **MUST** be accompanied by a parent.

The *Eagles* session takes place in the Lounge, children will be

accompanied by the liturgists, **parents**, please look out for them on their return to the church during the Offertory. We do our best to ensure that the children find their parents, we will be standing on the left hand side of the church in case parent cannot see their child.

Additional announcement will be made at the beginning of the Mass, thank you in advance for your co-operation. Children's Liturgy is a wonderful, lively and child friendly way of discussing the gospel with our very important members of the congregation and they do love it, so we hope to see as many as possible on the 10th September.

Parish Organisations

WIMBLEDON CANCER FRIENDSHIP GROUP

There will be an evening meeting on Thursday 14 September at 7.30pm when Kate Bexley from Merton Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (MIAPT) will speak about getting access to a range of services including counselling, cognitive behavioural therapy, group work amongst others. This month's drop-in will be on Thursday 28 September from 3.15-

4.30pm. Wimbledon Guild, 30/32 Worple Road. SW19 4EF.

The World's Biggest Coffee Morning in support of Macmillan Cancer Care will take place on Friday 29 September between 10am – 12pm in the Lounge. The Wimbledon Cancer Friendship Group hosts this event every year and warmly invites all parishioners and friends to join them for coffee, cakes and a chance to chat while raising

funds for this organisation. Donations of cakes and raffle prizes very welcome.

TRADCRAFT

The Traidcraft stall will be back outside the church next Sunday morning, September 10th. 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.

Social, Cultural & Notices

OMABITE WATER PROJECT

The people of Omabite, Fr Thaddeus' home village, were amazed that people they don't know were willing to raise money so they could have clean water piped to their village. This has made such a difference to their lives, improving their health and giving them more time to spend tending their crops now they don't have to spend hours every day collecting water from the river and carrying it home. Thanks to the hard work and generosity of so many parishioners the final amount raised at the fundraising dinner and auction, including donations and Gift Aid reclaims, and after expenses were deducted, was £9,977.49. The contractors have been paid and the *Friends of Omabite* will soon decide how to spend the surplus.

ANTIQUES ROADSHOW

Bring your antiques and collectibles to be valued by Ewbank's experts at an Antiques Roadshow on Friday 8th September from 10.30am - 3.30pm in the Lounge. Raising funds for the parish and the locally-based Neuro Foundation whose vision is to support the lives of those affected by Neurofibromatosis. Donations on the door.

CAFOD Essentials

Saturday 9 September 10am-3.15pm – Romero House, Waterloo SE1 7JB: an inspiring opportunity to hear about the issues people face in Latin America that do not always make the news. The day will include a report on CAFOD's work in El Salvador, to keep up the work begun in Blessed Oscar Romero's lifetime. This year is the 100th anniversary of the birth of

Blessed Oscar who was martyred in March 1980, while he was Archbishop of El Salvador. The day will also have a number of additional workshops on social media, Living out the message of Pope Francis, Connect2, The Live Simply Award, Campaigning and training on Speaking at Mass by an experienced coach. (Bring & share lunch, refreshments available from 9.30am). For info & to book email: southwark@cafod.org.uk or call 020 8466 9901.

URSULINE HIGH SCHOOL

Ursuline High School is currently looking for a Midday Supervisor (18hrs per week). Details & application forms are available from the website www.ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk or from Mrs Martin on 020 8879 4381. Closing date is Monday 11 September.

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.

OOOOKLAHOMA!

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 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.

CARDINAL VAUGHAN MEMORIAL SCHOOL

Open Days for admission in September 2018 will be held on Thursdays 14 (4.30pm & 6pm) and 21 (3.30pm) and Tuesday 26 September (4.30pm & 6pm). Please see www.cvms.co.uk for details.

Exploring our Faith

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The SH Charismatic Prayer Group will be meeting in the church on Monday 4 September for Prayer, Praise and Worship from 7.30 - 9pm. Tanya Kadi, from St Edmunds RC, a former Muslim will be giving her testimony on her encounter with Jesus and her subsequent conversion to Catholicism. All are welcome! Any enquiries contact: 07958 782779 Audra.

ECHO: THEOLOGY OF THE BODY RETREAT

ECHO is a retreat (20-27 October) 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/>

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

The group meets monthly on the first Wednesday of the month. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 6 September at 2.30pm. Sadly, we are not able to meet at 41 Murray Road, so we are meeting in members houses. Anyone interested in coming along should contact Pauline Barry on 020 8715 6095 or email barrypauline11@gmail.com.

CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

6.30pm (Sat) Fr T Nwokeji 11.15am Fr T Nwokeji
 8.15am Canon V Elias 12.45pm Fr T Nwokeji
 8.30am* Canon J Clark 5.00pm Canon J Clark
 9.45am Canon V Elias 8.00pm Canon J Clark

* SH School Mass Centre

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 2 6.30pm Filomena Cardoso RIP
 Mon 4 7.30am Thanksgiving Ints.
 10.00am Funeral Mass for Charles Forrester
 6.30pm Jo O'Neill RIP
 Tue 5 7.30am Darin De Souza RIP
 10.00am Mr & Mrs Joseph RIP
 11.30am Funeral Mass for John Francis Travers
 6.30pm Mary Parteous RIP
 Wed 6 7.30am Raymond Hedley Morris RIP
 10.00am Moya Gallagher RIP
 6.30pm Remo & Marina Dipre Ints.
 Thu 7 7.30am Engelbert Mendoza RIP
 10.00am Funeral Mass for Helena Rybczynski
 6.30pm Nicholas Brunetti RIP
 Fri 8 7.30am Clare Kavanagh Ints.
 10.00am Christy Joseph RIP
 6.30pm Baby Isabella Rose Thanksgiving
 Sat 9 7.30am Robert Micetich Thanksgiving
 10.00am Mary Morton RIP

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Charles Forrester, John Francis Travers, Helena Rybczynski, Eileen Margaret Phelan

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Matthew Walsh, Paul Andrew McDonagh, Kathleen Worth, Angela Bentley, Susan Nicholson, Elizabeth Gimble, Sophia Spring, Jocelyn Merivale, Bernary John Hayhde, Donald Miler Keith, Dorothy Czapl, Maria Prescott

The sick: Sheila Johnstone, 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 £1,694 in loose plate giving and £416 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £2,110. 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

Monday 4 September St Cuthbert, Bishop
Friday 8 September The Nativity of the Blessed Mary
Saturday 9 September St Peter Claver, Priest

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 secunda, Hans Leo Hassler
Cantate Domino (a4), Hans Leo Hassler
Jesu, dulcis memoria, Tomás Luis de Victoria

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.