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Farewell and thank you, Fr Matthew!

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Evangelisation in the workplace

Most people spend a third of their day at work, devoting the rest to sleeping, eating, travelling, and – perhaps – praying.

In the practice of our faith, do we consider our workplace an opportunity for evangelisation, or do we relegate 'being Catholic' to part of the other two-thirds? The modern workplace is seen as a challenging environment in which to be open about our faith. Political correctness and rigid company policies can lead us to compartmentalise our faith in an unhealthy way. Yet how can we possibly separate our spiritual selves from our work?

Lumen gentium (1964) and *Gaudium et Spes* (1965), two of the most important documents from the Second Vatican Council, offer important reflections on this subject:



The lay faithful live in the ordinary circumstances of family and social life, from which the very web of their existence is woven. They are called there by God that by exercising their proper function and led by the spirit of the Gospel, they may work for the sanctification of the world from within as a leaven. In this way, they may make Christ known to others, especially by the testimony of a life resplendent in faith, hope and charity.

– *Lumen gentium* (1964), §31



This split between the faith which many profess and their daily lives deserves to be counted among the more serious errors of our age. Long since, the Prophets of the Old Testament fought vehemently against this scandal and even more so did Jesus Christ himself in the New Testament threaten it with grave punishments. Therefore, let there be no false opposition between professional and social activities on the one part, and religious life on the other. The Christian who neglects his temporal duties, neglects his duties toward his neighbour and even God, and jeopardises his eternal salvation.

– *Gaudium et spes* (1965), §43

What obstacles might prevent us from integrating our faith and work?

- **Compartmentalisation:** The first obstacle, as I mentioned earlier, is that we compartmentalise our faith and daily lives. Part of the problem is the growing cultural demarcation between the sacred and the secular. This compartmentalisation can have a very negative effect on our moral and spiritual lives. Overcoming this obstacle is not easy, but however difficult, we must try. As *Lumen gentium* suggests, we must see all our daily activities, including work, as opportunities to do God's will.
- **Time:** A second obstacle is time – or the lack of it amid our busy lives. The key here is to recognise that Christ should not compete with family and work activities: he is not a mere addition to our lives, but the *reason* for our lives. Our daily lives must centre around Christ.
- **Control:** A third obstacle is that we are reluctant to give up control. But, as St Bernard said: 'He who is his own master is a scholar under a fool.'

Surrendering to Christ is the key to overcoming these obstacles: knowing that he will forgive us, love us, guide us, and bless us enables us to let Christ work through us.

What, positively, can we do to live out our faith in the workplace?

- Firstly, devote time to prayer and devout reading. Also, devote more time to the Eucharist, and spend quiet time in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
- Be 'a light for Christ' by illuminating for good your professional and social life, and most especially be motivated by love, by charity: even little acts of selfless kindness will have an impact on those around us.
- Remember God's inexhaustible goodness to his people and look for opportunities to be a good steward, get involved, make a difference, and contribute.

Think about the end. Will Jesus greet you in Heaven with the words: 'Well done, good and faithful servant?'

People said of the early Christians: 'See how they love another?'. The Acts of the Apostles tell us that many people were edified and converted to believe in Christ. We are called – with the help of the Holy Spirit, in the workplace as elsewhere – to make the way to Christ cheerful and attractive, to bring the Lord's joy and peace to others.

Canon David



Back to school!

September means that it's 'Back to School', so this month's Edgeways is a 'Special Primary Schools' edition.

We celebrate **Ursuline Preparatory School** as it closes its doors (p.6), and we offer photographs of families enjoying the **Donhead** (pp.8-9) and **Sacred Heart** (pp.10-11) **Summer Fairs**.

On Thursday 5 September, Donhead opened as a coeducational school for pupils from age 3, with a number of girls moving from Ursuline Preparatory School. We report on the new **Old Friends of Donhead alumni association** (p.7). If you are a former alumnus and would like more information, please contact Amelia Murtagh at bursar@donhead.org.uk.

Following his farewell article on page 5 of July Edgeways, our front cover shows Fr **Matthew Donnelly** outside the church after his final Mass on 31 August. Watch out for a revealing interview introducing Fr David Hunter in October Edgeways!

From our young people, we have a report from Jade Broadley, the National Director of **Youth 2000**, following their summer retreat in the parish on 11 May (p.12), and we cover the energetic **Young Adults' Summer Ball** on 13 July (p.13).

On a musical note, we hear from the composers of two pieces that premiered in our parish on the Feast of the Sacred Heart on 7 June: **Mark Bellis' Litany of the Sacred Heart** (p.14) and **Simon Mold's Love Divine, All Loves Excelling** (p.15).



Following their recent appeal, we hear more about **Jesuit Missions' assistance in Myanmar** (p.16) to those fleeing the conflict there. We also report the **175th anniversary of Farm Street Church** (p.17), with an amazing Mass attendance for the Feast of St Ignatius of Loyola on 31 July.

Matteo Baccaglini reflects on **Wimbledon College's annual Lourdes working party** (p.18), in which a group of 17 volunteered for a week in Lourdes with Fr John Moffatt SJ as their chaplain.

As we enter the Season of Creation 2024, we are excited to report the date for the first meeting of the reconstituted **parish environment group** (pp.20-21).

In other pieces, Canon David invites you to the **9th Jerusalem Ball** (p.19), and we report on the **Legion of Mary's** evangelising outreach in our parish (p.5).

Finally, our apologies to our parish musical director, **Bob Rathbone**, for omitting to credit him in July Edgeways (pp.10-11) for his amazing conducting of the **Sacred Heart Chorus and Orchestra** at the **Summer Concert on Saturday 22 June**. Well done and thank you, Bob!

David Hurst

17 – 24 August Legionnaires of Mary visit our parish

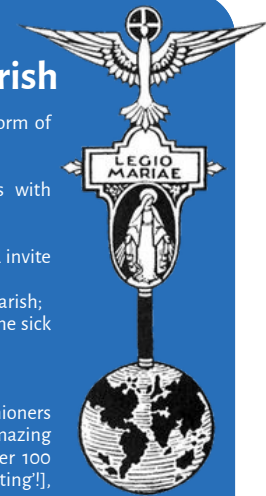
The Legion of Mary combines prayer and apostolic work in the form of practical devotion to Mary...with your sleeves rolled up!

It is an international lay Catholic association assisting priests with practical outreach within parish boundaries and evangelising by:

1. 'door knocking' houses across the parish to share our faith and invite residents into the busy life of the parish;
2. reaching out to those who are isolated or feel cut off from the parish;
3. assessing if there is a need for a priest to visit, especially for the sick and housebound; and
4. keeping in touch.

Between 17 and 24 August, twelve Legionnaires stayed with parishioners who generously hosted them. The Legionnaires knocked on an amazing 2,800 doors – of which 1,300 were opened! They spoke with over 100 practising and about 150 lapsed [the editor prefers the word 'resting!'], some of whom have already started going to Mass again.

Volunteers are invited to a weekly meeting at 7.10pm every Wednesday (after the Evening Mass) in the Youth Room to spare two hours for allotted tasks. If you are interested, please call Philip Newill on 07780 977491, email pjnewill123@btinternet.com, or just turn up!



Far-right riots: Merton Citizens responds

Sacred Heart Wimbledon has been one of the fifteen active members of Merton Citizens since it was founded in April 2018.

During the recent far-right riots, Merton Citizens sent email messages of support to the Wimbledon Mosque, the British Muslim Association of Merton, the Morden Islamic Centre, Muslim Women of Merton, the Baitul Futuh, the Darul Amaan Masjid, and Al-Madina Mitcham Islamic Centre.

Checks were also made with Care 4 Calais and the police to ensure that the over 200 people seeking asylum who are housed in a hotel in Merton felt safe and were being supported.

For more information on activities and plans by Citizens UK's Migrant and Refugee National Organising Group, please contact David at dtthursts2@gmail.com.

Ursuline Preparatory School closes

Following the closure of the Ursuline Preparatory School, former headteacher Sr Dorothy Perrott OSU and chair of governors Merinda D'Aprano offer their reflections.

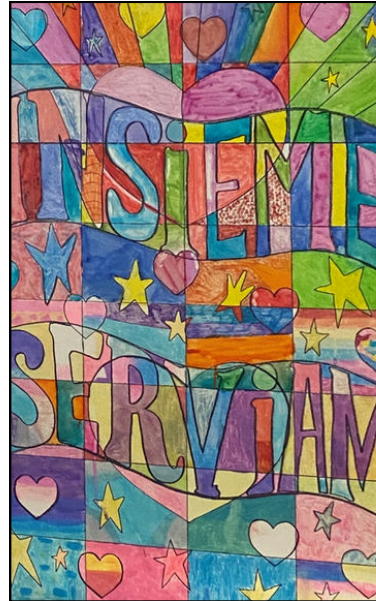
In July, there were celebrations tinged with sadness as the Ursuline Preparatory School closed its doors after 80 successful years in Wimbledon.

The school was launched in an era when Catholic education was expanding, and the school flourished as there was a clear desire for a convent education for primary-aged children in the local area. The educational landscape changed so much in the following 80 years and, as always, the Ursuline ethos has remained open to adaptation and development under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

The mission of the school – to educate families through the daughters and young sons who will become mothers and fathers, teachers and agents for change in the world, as well as the Church of the future – has been met. This gift will never be lost, but it is time to hand on the baton to other schools.

The spirit of St Angela continues to drive the sisters of the Order worldwide, as she herself would urge them: 'Do something, get moving, be confident, risk new things, stick with it, and then be ready for big surprises.'

The Ursuline legacy in the local community continues to thrive in the Ursuline High School, which lives under the same banner: *Serviam*, in service to God and one another.



The school motto, *Insieme Serviam* ('I will serve, together'), in a colourful mosaic image designed by pupils

The family spirit made the school a second home to thousands of children and their extended families, and to staff, many of whom have formed lifelong friendships and networks. It was a vibrant place filled with joy and curiosity, with a child-centred approach and the highest quality of education, both spiritual and academic. No doubt the whole community will always retain a great fondness for the school and all it stood for as a living community with Jesus Christ at its centre.

Friday 12 July Celebrating 90 years of Donhead: a new alumni association is formed



Left to right: headteacher Catherine Hitchcock, Frs Keith McMillan SJ and Michael Barnes SJ, former headteachers Chris McGrath and Phil Barr, former pupil Jayden Hutchings, and chair of governors Jan Quant

On a warm July evening, a large group of current and former students, parents, and staff gathered in the grounds of Donhead Preparatory School to celebrate its 90th anniversary as a Catholic school educating in the Jesuit tradition in Wimbledon. The event also formally launched its new alumni association.

Old Friends of Donhead's aim is to help former pupils in their formation and connections by promoting ongoing communication between the school and alumni, parents, and members of staff. Old Friends of Donhead can provide information about alumni events, share success stories, offer recruitment opportunities, mentor current pupils, and

continue to support pupils after they have left the school.

In addition, the school is developing a bursary programme to fund independent Catholic education for local children.

Any Donhead alumni are invited to contact the bursar, Amelia Murtagh, at bursar@donhead.org.uk for further details or to register for the new alumni association, Old Friends of Donhead.

Donhead Preparatory School is now a fully-coeducational school and welcomes girls and boys aged 3-11. For more information or to arrange a visit, please visit www.donhead.org.uk.

Saturday 22 June Donhead Preparatory School Summer Fair



Photographs by Olivia Rodrigues

Saturday 12 July Sacred Heart Primary School Summer Fair



Cathy and Bonnie Rodgers with the Glee Chorus



Lorraine Walsh, headteacher, members of the enthusiastic Parent Staff Association, and, err, three missing pupils!
Photographs by David Hurst

Saturday 11 May Youth 2000 retreat – reflections from the organisers and attendees

On Saturday 11 May, while many young children of our parish were making their First Holy Communion, over 200 young adults met in the parish hall for a jam-packed 12-hour retreat day hosted by Youth 2000 and the young Catholic adults living at 9 Edge Hill.

The retreat was a sign of hope that God isn't finished with us after our sacramental preparations, but that he invites us all into a lifelong journey of discipleship with Jesus Christ and his Church.

Youth 2000 is a national Catholic charity that invites young people to encounter Jesus Christ in the Eucharist and through Mary in a way that is attractive and relevant to their lives. It endeavours to create a place of welcome where young people can come as they are, with all of their questions, hopes, disappointments, dreams and fears, and learn how to bring it all to Jesus.

One young person said: 'I'm quite a socially anxious person, but on this retreat, I found it easy to meet new people, and my relationship with God grew through that.'

Through peer-to-peer ministry, engaging talks, thought-provoking workshops, and food trucks in the car park(!), these young people experienced what it means to be welcomed into the Church just as they are and, as a result, their hearts become more open to encountering the living God.



The day culminated with Mass and a time of Eucharistic Adoration, during which confessions were available. Each person had the opportunity to approach Jesus in the monstrance individually and ask for whatever they were seeking.

One attendee shared: 'This retreat gave me the peace I have been looking for.' Another said: 'I found the healing and reconciliation service very moving; I left with more courage to live out my faith.'

This retreat couldn't have happened without the support and planning of members of the young adult house, Canon David, and Fr Matthew, as well as so many parishioners who generously hosted the Youth 2000 team, baked cakes, sponsored places, and prayed for the success of the day that it was. We can't wait to host the next retreat day in January 2025!

Jade Broadley
National Director, Youth 2000

Saturday 13 July Young Adults' Summer Ball



John Paul de Quay says he was too busy preparing food in the kitchen to enjoy much of the Summer Ball, which he helped to organise for 100 young adults in the Upper Hall on Saturday 13 July.

Some of the attendees already knew each other as a core group were dancers who meet regularly to jive, salsa and...whatever in different London parishes!



Possibly line dancing...



...and definitely jiving! Photographs by Sahan Perera-Merry, sahan@catholicvideo.co.uk

Sean Flynn, who runs the Catholic young adult dance group, provided music for dancing jive, salsa, tango, and other dances. The food was organic or from fair trade sources.

As well as having fun, attendees raised over £1,000 for an appeal made to the charity Crown of Thorns by the Bishop of Oyo, Nigeria. The charity supports the Church worldwide; to learn more, please visit www.crownofthorns.org.uk.

The group is already planning a follow-up event for Christmas, so watch this space!

World premiere in Wimbledon: Bellis' *Litany of the Sacred Heart*

Originally from Flintshire, North Wales, Mark Bellis studied PhD Composition at Durham University, and later taught at sixth form colleges in Sheffield and Poole. Between 2005 and 2018, he was Course Leader for BA Music at the Colchester Institute in Essex.

In 2022, Mark's Hereford Service for choir and organ, comprising a Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, premiered at Hereford Cathedral. Last year, his *Preces, Responses, and Lord's Prayer* were performed at services in Canterbury Cathedral. More recently, Mark Watson and Neil Crossland premiered Mark's Spring Song for violin and piano. Neil also premiered Mark's *Even the Rainbow* for solo piano.

Mark is Coordinator of UK Volunteers for the Cathedral Music Trust, which supports the music departments in Anglican and Catholic cathedrals and churches. Since 2010, Mark has conducted the *Colne Singers*, a visiting choir which deputises for cathedral choirs during the summer months.



I was unsure whether all 44(!) verses of the Litany might be rather too much for the Offertory on the Feast Day, but all seemed to work out well. The composition, with such an extensive text, occupied me for about three months on-and-off – but, having made a start on the Litany, I was determined to set all the verses if possible!

It is always something of an unknown, composing for performers one does not know, but I have to say the performance by Bob Rathbone, David Gammie, and the choir was outstanding, and more than I could ever have hoped for.

Very many thanks to all concerned for all their hard work and rehearsal, which was very much appreciated!

Mark Bellis

World premiere in Wimbledon: Mold's *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Simon Mold was born in the Peak District. Trained by his father, he was a successful treble soloist in the North West. One of his early compositions was performed at Peterborough Cathedral, while he was a boy chorister there, later gravitating to alto.

Simon read English Language and Medieval Literature at Durham University, where he was also a cathedral choral scholar. He then moved to Kent to teach English and Classics and sing in both Kentish cathedral choirs. He made periodic appearances as a soloist with various choral societies, and forayed into the worlds of television, radio and recording. Retiring to the Midlands, Simon joined Leicester Cathedral Choir and participated in the Richard III reinterment ceremonies. Latterly, he has published a book of verse, *Poetry of the Peak*, and produced a number of CDs featuring his vocal and choral music.



For the Feast of the Sacred Heart, I set Charles Wesley's *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* (1747) to music for SATB and organ. I chose Wesley's popular hymn text as it is suitable for the Feast of the Sacred Heart (as approved by Canon David!) but can also be used throughout the year.

After an organ introduction to a theme used again towards the end of the piece, the choir enters with a strong statement of the opening words, which are then repeated with the melody in the tenor. At 'Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit', the musical texture lightens as the piece changes time-signature to a minuet and picks up pace a little, leading to a brief

climax at 'Set our hearts at liberty'. A short organ interlude precedes a spirited fanfare, to which the choir responds boldly with 'Come, almighty to deliver', embarking afterwards upon a dance-like section that quickens with the injunction to 'Pray and praise thee without ceasing'. This is answered joyfully on the organ tuba stop, until all calms down momentarily before a choral fugue that employs the anthem's opening theme.

The final line of Wesley's hymn, 'Lost in wonder, love and praise', heralds a loud, concluding: 'Amen!'

Simon Mold

Our Director of Music, Bob Rathbone, tells Edgeways that these beautiful pieces may be replayed on or around the Feast of the Sacred Heart in 2025.

Jesuit Missions' work in Myanmar



Photograph from Jesuit Missions

On Sunday 1 July, Adam Shaw from Jesuit Missions, headquartered at 11 Edge Hill, spoke after all Masses to outline Jesuit Missions' ongoing work with marginalised communities across the world, especially in Myanmar.

Currently, Jesuit Missions is focussed on the projects we support in Myanmar, a country that remains in the grip of a destructive civil war. We continue to provide immediate assistance to those fleeing the conflict through our role in the Xavier Network, an international group of Jesuit development organisations. This includes funding for specialist vehicles that take food and medical supplies to refugees stranded in hard-to-reach areas.

Jesuit Missions also supports education programmes, which we see as crucial for giving the country's youth the chance of a brighter future. Many of the students studying at the schools we work with

come from poor families living in rural parts of the country. In several cases, they have spoken about wanting to qualify as teachers so that they can pass on their knowledge and skills to the rest of their communities.

Thank you, as always, for your valued support and most welcome donations.



Please visit jesuitmissions.org.uk to donate to Jesuit Missions.

You can also find a host of resources to help you engage with Jesuit Missions' Season of Creation 2024 campaign.

Wednesday 31 July Farm Street Church packed full for the Feast of St Ignatius of Loyola



The new processional cross. Jesuits in Britain.

Despite sustaining damage during the Second World War, Farm Street Church remains an artistic and architectural landmark with its rich interior decoration, stained glass windows – including one by Irish painter and stained glass artist 'Evie' Sydney Hone – and the high altar designed by Augustus Pugin.

The service, which was celebrated with much music, also marked the inaugural use of a processional crucifix, which was blessed before the Mass.

Speaking during the service, parish priest Fr Dominic Robinson SJ reflected: "Throughout our long history, Farm Street has been well known for different reasons: welcoming converts to Roman Catholicism, famous writers, beautiful music and art, spiritual accompaniment in the tradition of St Ignatius, ministry to young adults, and outreach to the poorest and those on the margins."

The beautiful Church of the Immaculate Conception in Farm Street, Mayfair, has been the London home of the Jesuits in Britain since it was consecrated on 31 July 1849, the feast day of St Ignatius of Loyola, who founded the Society of Jesus in 1540.

On the occasion of its 175th anniversary, over 400 Jesuits, parishioners, and alumni from Jesuit schools – including several Sacred Heart parishioners – gathered at Farm Street Church for a Mass and reception to worship and celebrate.

"Today, as the high point of our Jubilee 175 Year, is a day to celebrate our heritage, to give thanks to our forebears for their vision and commitment, and equally to look to the future with great hope and excitement for continuing our mission to be a beacon of hope, faith and love in action amid an ever more challenging landscape."

A version of this article was originally published by the Jesuits in Britain on their website, www.jesuit.org.uk.

Wimbledon College alumni meet St Bernadette in Bartrès

Every summer, the Wimbledon College Lourdes Hospitalité – a group of alumni from Wimbledon College, our families, and welcome friends – visits Lourdes in southwest France. We spend a week serving the pilgrims who visit the Marian sanctuary, particularly the many sick and disabled pilgrims who are drawn to the grotto's healing waters.

This year's main working party served between 22 and 29 August. We numbered 17, including two current students, and we were very grateful to be joined by Fr John Moffatt SJ as our chaplain. It was a busy week of service: on Monday morning, we had to be at the station (*pictured*) for 6am to help load and unload five pilgrim trains. 'The Wombles' could also be spotted in service at the grotto, airport, processions, baths, and accommodation.

The busy schedule of a *hospitalier* often requires us to find moments of prayer in and through our service. But this year, two very *simpatici* Italian scouts invited us on a pilgrimage to Bartrès, an hour's walk from Lourdes, in the steps of St Bernadette.

Bernadette's family sent her to Bartrès in September 1857 to tend the sheep of a foster family. She was in poor health, given her family's pitiful living conditions in the tiny Cachot in Lourdes, and besides, sending Bernadette away gave the rest of the family one less mouth to feed.

Bernadette passionately embarked on First Holy Communion classes in Bartrès. Though she made a great effort to learn, she was uneducated and self-admittedly



ignorant; many doubted her ability to ever pass. By January 1858, it had become clear that she would not be able to make her First Holy Communion in Bartrès, and Bernadette returned to Lourdes.

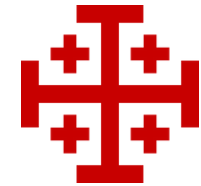
There, through Lent and Easter 1858, in a series of 18 apparitions, Our Lady gave this insignificant peasant girl a divine course of catechism, and Bernadette received her First Holy Communion before the last apparition. During our visit to Bartrès, we venerated a tablet on which Bernadette practised her handwriting; she signed it 'December 1858', after the apparitions, when she was finally deemed worthy of a proper education.

Our pilgrimage to Bartrès was a moving opportunity to reflect on Christ's special love for the poor and marginalised, and ask how we use the gifts of the Holy Spirit to reflect this love to those we meet.

Matteo Baccaglioni

To learn more about the Wimbledon College Lourdes Hospitalité, please visit wimbledonlourdes.org.uk.

Thursday 12 October Canon David invites you to the 9th Jerusalem Ball



Photograph by Jerusalem Ball

The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem – of which Canon David is a Knight Commander – proudly presents the 9th Jerusalem Ball on Thursday 12 October at the Gladstone Library, 2 Whitehall Court, London.

Doors will open at 6.30pm, welcoming guests with a Chapel Down Brut reception, three-course dinner, and an evening filled with music, dance, and camaraderie. A live auction will feature exclusive items, including a running shoe signed by Usain Bolt, a lavish wine package featuring rare Burgundies, a unique dining experience at akub Restaurant in Notting Hill, and a specially commissioned Icon of Our Lady, Queen of Palestine and all the Holy Land.

The biennial ball directly supports the works of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem in the Holy Land, where the need for aid is more pressing than ever due to the ongoing crisis. The Jerusalem Ball serves as a beacon of hope, and the Order warmly invites you to join them in shining that light and making a difference.

Tickets are £175, and can be purchased at jerusalemball.org.uk. For those unable to attend, donations in aid of the Order's work are gratefully welcome.

A limited number of tickets for under-35s are available at £135. Please email jerusalemball@eohsj.org.uk for more information, mentioning Sacred Heart Church.

A greener parish awaits!

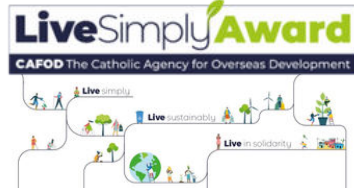
After an active parish Environment Group had been established, Canon John and the Parish Council made environmental action a priority. In summer 2019, we applied to join the CAFOD Live Simply scheme.

Underpinning everything was the important message from Pope Francis's 2015 encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, to learn to love the created world as a gift and then to better care for it.

A hall full of parishioners took part in a Lenten workshop on *Laudato Si'* and parishioners generated ideas for how, as individuals and as a parish working together, we might live more sustainably.



Pupils from Sacred Heart Primary School decorated the Sanctuary green to celebrate our Live Simply Award, July 2021.



Canon John receiving the Live Simply Award from CAFOD's Christine Allen, July 2021

The parish then took practical steps to reduce environmental impact:

- we changed our waste disposal contractor;
- we started recycling food waste;
- we increased our overall recycling rate from a standing start to 60%;
- we cut our carbon emissions by six tonnes a year;
- the parish flower group reduced 'flower miles' by buying local or seasonal flowers where possible, and using only biodegradable foam for arrangements; and
- led by the indefatigable Marion Noble, we planted a wild flower garden and new apple trees.

In July 2021, after the Family Mass, the parish was honoured to receive the 'Live Simply' award from the Director of CAFOD. The plaque is displayed in the church entrance.

Inaugural meeting of the new Parish Environment Group

11.00am Sunday 17 November
Parish Lounge

This exciting event follows our recent articles on reforming the Parish Environment Group (see March 2024 *Edgeways*, pp.19–21, and June 2024 *Edgeways*, p.19, republished on the previous page). The meeting will be hosted by John Paul de Quay of the Ecological Conversion Group; learn more about the Group at www.theecg.org.

Sunday 1 September to Friday 4 October marks the **Season of Creation**, making it particularly timely to reform the Parish Environment Group. This ecumenical event grew out of the Orthodox celebration of a 'Day of Creation' on 1 September, which combines elements of the harvest festival with a more universal approach to celebrating Creation as a whole. You can learn more about the Season of Creation at www.seasonofcreation.org.

Remember those summer days?

This photograph from Ruth Naylor dates to our Feast Day on 9 June. What a beautiful, bustling sight it is!

You can read more about the Feast Day in July 2024 *Edgeways*, archived online at www.sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/Groups/290390/Edgeways.aspx.



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Churches Together: support needed!

Sacred Heart Wimbledon has been an active member of the ecumenical group 'Churches Together in West Wimbledon' for many years.

The other members in the association are Wimbledon Quakers, Raynes Park Community Church, Christ Church Copse Hill, St Matthews' Durham Road, St Saviours' Grand Drive, Holy Cross Motspur Park, and Raynes Park Methodist Church.

Annual activities include a joint service each January, the procession of Christian witness at Easter, a Pentecost social event, and distributing Christmas service leaflets in Advent.

The parish is looking for additional support to represent Sacred Heart at quarterly meetings and carry out some duties as required. This is not onerous and it is very fulfilling being part of a wider Christian Group! If you are interested, please contact David at dthursts2@gmail.com.

PARISH DIARY...

Thu 12 – Sat 14 Sep	7.00pm	'Kiss me Kate' in the Upper Hall
Sun 15 Sep	11.00am	Café after the Family Mass in the Lounge
Sun 22 Sep	11.00am	Continental Breakfast in the Lower Hall
Fri 27 Sep	7.00pm	Fr Matthew's leaving party in the Lounge
Sun 29 Sep	11.00am	Café after the Family Mass in the Lounge
Sun 29 Sep	3.00pm	Parishioners' Welcome in the Lounge
Thu 10 Oct	10.30am / 7.30pm	Safeguarding Training in the Lounge
Sat 12 Oct	10.45am – 6.00pm	'Schola Gregoriana' Workshop Day
Sun 13 Oct		Appeal for parish volunteers
Wed 23 Oct	7.00pm	Newman Circle film screening: 'The Letter' on <i>Laudato Si</i> in the Lounge
Sun 17 Nov	11.00am	Parish Environment Group meeting in the Lounge
Date TBC		Marriage Enrichment Day

Baptisms

We welcome into the family of the Church the following who have recently been baptised: Aveline Martha Laurence Sassnick.

Weddings

We congratulate the following newly-weds: Maurizio Vito Deufemia and Neura Elias El-Bitar; Scott Cameron Hurry and Sarah-Jane Rogers; and Peter John Saunders and Meaghan Grace Hinkis.

Deaths

We offer our sympathies to the families of Brayn Ceney, Harriette Cahill, and Mario Dresseno.



Are you bored of working alone?

The Parish Council is investigating providing WorkSpace at separate tables on some days in the Youth Room...with WiFi and teas and coffees provided! If this is of interest to you, in return for a nominal donation to the parish, please email David at dthursts2@gmail.com.

AND FINALLY...



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