



# THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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## Newsletter

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**29th Sunday in Ordinary  
Time (B)**

**Weekday Readings for  
29th week in Ordinary Time  
Vol III. Psalter week I**

**Next Sunday's Readings  
Thirtieth Sunday**

- Isaiah 53:10-11
- Psalm 32:4-5.18-20.22
- Hebrews 4:14-16
- Mark 10:35-45

### Upcoming Events

#### Sunday 17 October

- Children's Liturgy during the 10am Mass

#### Wednesday 27 October

- Newman Circle , 7.30pm Upper Hall, Fr M Barnes SJ

#### Friday 29 October

- Young Adults' Socialm 7.30pm Youth Room

#### Saturday 30 October

- Bereavement Support 10.30am Lounge

## Pastoral Letter for the Opening of the Synod

Archbishop John Wilson writes:

“[...] I encourage everyone in our Archdiocese to take part in the Synod by participating in their local parish process which will take place primarily over the next month. You can also participate by submitting a response directly online or in writing. Each parish is different, and we must be mindful of the challenges still presented by Covid 19; but please try to listen and reflect as widely as possible, including schools, people of all ages and backgrounds, and groups and organisations within the local community. I look forward to meeting with the parish delegates to hear what has emerged.

Allow me to finish by sharing again what I said when I became your Archbishop:

We have a hope in the Lord Jesus...These are the most important first words I could ever say to you. In the Lord Jesus we have a hope for our world, a world which God created, a world which God loves. In Him we have a hope for our common humanity which God shared by taking flesh and dwelling among us. In the Lord Jesus we have a hope for the Church, Christ's Body, called to announce the Gospel with confidence and joy. In Him we have a hope for each other, that our lives have a purpose, a dignity and a destiny, that we can live in love, with justice, for peace. We have a hope in the Lord Jesus, crucified and risen from the dead, alive in His Church, alive in His Word, alive in His Sacraments. Dear friends we have a hope in the Lord Jesus, alive in us by the power of the Holy Spirit.<sup>8</sup>

[...]

<sup>8</sup> Homily for the Mass of Installation as Archbishop of Southwark, Feast of St James the Apostle, 25 July 2019, St George's Cathedral, Southwark.

### THE PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Parish Priest: Canon John Clark

Parish Clergy: Fr Joseph Donkor, Fr Matthew Donnelly, Deacon Julian Burling, Deacon Joseph Gulliford and Deacon Sean Crocker

Team Members: Sr Dorothy Perrott OSU, Sr Francis SSA

Youth Minister: Eleanor Bowman

## SYNOD 2021-2023

The Holy Father launched the Synodal Process for the Universal Church last weekend, Pope Francis' homily can be found at <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2021/documents/20211010-omelia-sinodo-vescovi.html>.

This Sunday, 17 October at 10am, Archbishop John Wilson will launch the Synodal Process in Southwark with a livestreamed Mass at St George's Cathedral (<https://youtu.be/aiCHG9JuqaY>).

Here are just a few words from the Holy Father at the launch Mass: *'Let us have a good journey together! May we be pilgrims in love with the Gospel and open to the surprises of the Holy Spirit. Let us not miss out on the grace-filled opportunities born of encounter, listening and discernment. In the joyful conviction that, even as we seek the Lord, he always comes with his love to meet us first.'*

### POPE SAINT

#### JOHN PAUL II NOVENA

On Friday 22 October, an 'Assisted Dying' Bill will receive its Second Reading, with full debate, in the House of Lords. If successful, it will enable terminally ill adults with less than six months to live, assistance to commit suicide.

From 14 - 22 October, in the lead up to the Second Reading, the bishops encourage the faithful to unite for nine days of prayer, seeking the intercession of Pope Saint John Paul II, as part of our efforts to help defeat this attempt to legalise assisted suicide. For the Novena please visit: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2021/10/Novena-Pope-St-JPII-Assisted-Suicide-2021.pdf>

## Parish News

### SAFETY NOTICE!!!

Would parents please take particular care to keep their children away from lighted candles.

Candles can be the cause of the most awful accidents if clothing catches fire.

### FIRE WARDENS - VOLUNTEERS

During the Covid period, when Mass attendance was restricted, there has not been a need for Fire Wardens. Now, that we are back to 'normal' we need to have Fire Wardens on duty at all

Sunday Masses. Our previous arrangement with volunteers 'turning-up and signing-in' was unfortunately not successful, so, in future we shall have a rota. Many of those who volunteered previously have kindly agreed to continue but we still need more volunteers for all Masses, especially for the 6.30pm Saturday Vigil Mass and 10am Mass.

If you are willing to volunteer for this essential duty, please give your name and contact details to the Parish

Office. Thank you for your support!

### SOUND SYSTEM AND LOOP IN THE CHURCH

We would like to make sure that our sound system and loop are working correctly. If you attend a service and find that the sound is not satisfactory, please let us know by contacting the parish office on 020 8946 0305 or by emailing George McLennan, parish caretaker, at [george@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](mailto:george@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk).

## Announcements

### COLLECTIONS

Next Sunday 24 October is World Mission Sunday; the second collection that day will be for Missio, the Church's official organ for the support of the Foreign Missions.

On Sunday 31 October we will be holding a harvest collection for *Christian CARE Association*, a charity working in the London Borough of Merton. Volunteers, many from churches of different denominations, show care and concern for our neighbours, as Jesus did. They are supported by churches,

schools, women's groups, and many individuals in the Borough and across the UK. They welcome and offer help to anyone. Each year they support around 160 families whose lives are in crisis. For more information please visit <https://christiancaremerton.org.uk/>

### MEMORIAL SERVICE

Lantern Methodist Church is organising a Memorial Gathering on Sunday 31 October at 10.30am to remember all those lost during the pandemic. Everyone welcome; for more details please visit

[www.lanternmethodist.com](http://www.lanternmethodist.com).

### CANDLE LIT PROCESSION

A candle-lit procession in anticipation of COP26 will take place on Mon 1 Nov. The event will give an opportunity to come together to pray for the success of COP26 scheduled from 31 Oct - 12 Nov in Glasgow. All are welcome. Starting at 6pm outside Westminster Cathedral, finishing at Farm Street Church, with refreshments; sign up at <https://londonjesuitcentre.org/cop-26-candle-lit-procession>.

## Parish Organisations

### YOUNG ADULTS

Our next young adults' social will take place on Friday 29 October. Join us from 7.30pm for a film night and social in the parish Youth Room. For more information contact Eleanor at [eleanor@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](mailto:eleanor@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk).

### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

Saturday 30 October from 10.30-11.30am, in the Parish Lounge: the Bereavement Team invites everyone experiencing loss in their lives, no matter how long ago, to drop in for a coffee and a chat. For more info

call 020 8946 5198 or see the website.

### FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Friday 5 November at 2.30pm in the Lounge. Talk: "Cataracts and Crocodiles An adventure on The Blue Nile" by Joe Ruston. Tea and cakes to follow. All are welcome!

## Other Notices

### OUR PARISH WORKING IN THE COMMUNITY

For many years in normal, non-lockdown, times, volunteers from the parish have been working for others, both in the parish and in the wider Merton community, in a wide range of ways. These are the *Ecumenical Group*, *Churches Together in West Wimbledon*, the *Saint Vincent de Paul Society* befriending and supporting needy people, the *Manna Society* collecting food and clothing for the poor and homeless, the *Soup Run* where volunteers prepare and take food in person to people living on the streets each Tuesday and Friday, the *Merton Night Shelter* held in the Lower Hall before Covid intervened and, since 2018, *Merton Citizens* which led directly to us actively supporting 'Care4Calais' refugees living near to us and also 'The Heart Project' the community programme to sponsor a Syrian refugee family. As well as volunteers, we now need leaders to take up the mantle that Pope Francis challenged us as lay faithful to 'get involved'. For more information on any of these charitable community initiatives, please email David at [dthurst52@gmail.com](mailto:dthurst52@gmail.com).

### THE PASSAGE

The Passage is grateful to those parishioners who

have volunteered to help with its street collection on Tuesday 19 October. There is a final opportunity to volunteer, please contact Andrew Hollingsworth at [drew.h@passage.org.uk](mailto:drew.h@passage.org.uk) or call 020 7592 1886 (07928 703131) by 12 noon on Monday 18 October. Do look out for Passage collectors on Tuesday if you are in Westminster in Victoria Street or Oxford Street. If you do not carry cash, your donations can be made by visiting [www.passage.org.uk/street](http://www.passage.org.uk/street).

### NEWMAN CIRCLE

On Wednesday 27 October at 7.30pm (Upper Hall) the Wimbledon Newman Circle invites you to a talk by Fr Michael Barnes SJ - known to so many parishioners as an excellent preacher & eminent professor who currently is at the Margaret Beaufort institute of theology, Cambridge: "A pilgrimage of hope with Pope Francis into a post pandemic world" We are living at a time of much anxiety as a result of the Covid pandemic, Brexit & climate change inter alia. How do we move forward? Pope Francis suggested a way in his book *Let us dream; the path to a better future*: "...to come out of this crisis better, we have to see clearly, choose well & act right. Let us talk about how. Let us dare to dream."

### ST MARTHA'S GUILD OF CHURCH CLEANERS

"We need two cleaners to clean our warm and welcoming church. We are a team of men and women, friendly, sociable, and dedicated cleaners. All ages are most welcome, and you will be blessed. Each person is given and responsible to a designated area to clean. We generally meet on Mondays after the 10am Mass or any day convenient to you." Contact: Anne Remedios, 020 8946 3653 or [anneremedios@outlook.com](mailto:anneremedios@outlook.com).

### SCHOOL TOURS

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School invite you to book a small group tour with the Headteacher to discover what makes Sacred Heart School special. Please visit [www.sacredheart.merton.sch.uk/admissions](http://www.sacredheart.merton.sch.uk/admissions) or call 020 894 20 215.

### VACANCY

Holy Cross School, George Road, Kingston, is looking for enthusiastic cleaners to join their busy facilities team, permanent, PT, term time only (plus 4 weeks); £10.36 p/h, required asap; various contracts available (12.5, 15 or 30 hrs); please submit an application form to [recruitment@holycrossprep.com](mailto:recruitment@holycrossprep.com). Please visit the [www.holycrossprepschool.co.uk](http://www.holycrossprepschool.co.uk) vacancy page for full details & application form or contact Lindsey Banks, Deputy Bursar on 020 8942 0996.

### SAFEGUARDING

It is the policy of the Catholic Church in England and Wales to report all allegations of abuse to statutory authorities, regardless of whether the abuse occurred recently or in the past, or whether the accused person is living or deceased. If you are concerned about the welfare of a child or adult at risk, do not delay in contacting the police, using 999 if a child or adult is believed to be in immediate danger. Further safeguarding information can be found on the parish website.

### New to the Parish?

Please introduce yourself to a member of the Parish Team after Mass and register online at <https://sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/> or by filling in a registration form, available at the back of the church.

### TRAIN AS A RELATIONSHIP COUNSELLOR WITH MARRIAGE CARE

Catholic Marriage Care are the largest faith-based relationship support specialists in the UK. They are looking for empathetic listeners who would like to train and volunteer with them as relationship counsellors and make a world of difference to couples and families. For more information please visit [www.marriagecareorg.uk/crc](http://www.marriagecareorg.uk/crc). There will be an online CRC open event for anyone who would like to know more about this role, the training and Marriage Care on Monday 25 October from 1-2pm via Zoom. To join the Open Event, please contact Rachael O'Brien at [rachaelo@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto:rachaelo@marriagecare.org.uk).

### CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

6.30pm (Sat) Fr Joseph Donkor  
8.00am Fr Joseph Donkor  
10.00am Fr Michael Barnes SJ  
12 noon Fr Matthew Donnelly  
5.00pm Canon John Clark  
8.00pm Fr Matthew Donnelly

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 16 6.30pm Blessing of Wedd. Rings Carolina/Gabriel  
Mon 18 7.30am Zygmunt Sobocki RIP  
10.00am Marie Brueton RIP  
6.30pm Michael Murphy RIP  
Tue 19 10.00am Dash Goonawardena RIP  
6.30pm Zygmunt Sobocki RIP  
Wed 20 10.00am Miriam Vetalicio RIP  
6.30pm Holy Souls  
Thu 21 10.00am Beith Brownutt RIP  
6.30pm Maureen Shioma Obasi Ints.  
Fri 22 7.30am Holy Souls  
10.00am Sr Mary Boland Ints.  
6.30pm Marie Barretto RIP  
Sat 23 10.00am Holy Souls

### WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

**Those who have died recently:** Betty Radevsky, Joy Laundry, Kevin Deegan, Canon Richard Hearn and Dawn Greatrek.

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Francie McHugh, Paulette Doughty, Leonard Laundry, Joseph Moran, Harry Carney, Marvin Macapagal and Anthony Kennedy.

**The sick:** Cathy Stayne, Jacqui O'Connor, Ian Parr, Roberta (Bobby) Lydon, John Reynolds, Jane Boyle, John Alexander, Teresa Sobocki, Mick Sammons, Teresa Smith, Ryan Lindsey, Laurie Cromwell, Robin Lathey, Nancy Drapper, Christopher Browne, Patricia Small, Simon Wood, Pamela Hannigan, Samar Staussi, Andrew Tan and Rita Aguiar.

*[Please advise the Parish Office when names can be removed.]*

Please note that for data protection reasons, individuals must explicitly agree for their names to be mentioned in our newsletter. Please let the Parish Office know in writing if either your name or the names of your relatives and friends should appear in our sick list.



### HOSPITAL CONTACTS

If you or a member of your family are admitted to one of the local hospitals, do please let the hospital's Catholic chaplain know.

St George's Hospital: Fr Mark Higgins (020 8725 3069)

St Heliers and Epsom Hospital: Fr Philip Pak (020 8296 2000)

Kingston Hospital: Fr Tony Oleh (020 8546 7711)

### FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

**Mon 18 Oct** St Luke, Evangelist

**Tue 19 Oct** Ss John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions

**Fri 22 Oct** St John Paul II, Pope

**Sat 23 Oct** St John Capistrano, Priest

### EXPOSITION

Wednesdays & Fridays  
after the 10.00am Mass  
and from 5.25 - 6.25pm

### RECONCILIATION

Monday - Saturday:  
6.00 - 6.20pm  
and Saturday morning  
10.30 - 11.30am

### MUSIC AT THE 12 NOON MASS

K: from Mass in C (John Ireland)  
G: 460  
Salve Regina: 628  
Offert. hymn: *Praise to the Holiest* (606)  
S: Gathering Mass (433)  
Communion motet: *Adoramus te, Christe* (Lassus)  
Post-communion hymn: *When I survey the wondrous cross* (801)

If you wish to include items in the weekly newsletter, please keep them brief, - if possible no more than 40 words - send them by Tuesday before publication to [newsletter@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk) / [wimparish@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](mailto:wimparish@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk)

### PARISH SERVICES

Parish Office/Reception Hours: 9am - 4pm (Mon-Fri)

Executive Assistant & Hall bookings: Thelma D'Costa (Mon - Fri 9.30am - 4pm) Caretaker: George McLennan

Parish Pastoral Council: [ppc@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](mailto:ppc@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk) or contact Anne Waldron (Chair) at [anne@annewaldron.com](mailto:anne@annewaldron.com) or 07886 034 323

Baptism, Marriage, First Sacraments, Funerals contact the parish 020 8946 0305

Bereavement Support: For more information please contact the co-ordinator by email [bereavement.group@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](mailto:bereavement.group@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk) or call 020 8946 5198, Referral forms available in the Presbytery Reception