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Newsletter

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**Sixteenth Sunday
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**Sixteenth Week
in Ordinary Time**

Vol III, psalter week 4

Next Sunday's Readings

- Book of Kings 3:5.7-12
- Psalm 118:57.72.76-77.127-130
- Romans 8:28-30
- Matthew 13:44-52

Upcoming Events

Friday 4 August

- Lectio Divina, every Friday 11am-12noon (zoom, see p.3)
- Friendship Group, 2.30pm, Parish Lounge

14, 15 & 16 September

- Musical *Oliver!* (see p.3), 7pm, Upper Hall

Tuesday 26 September

- Induction Mass for Fr David Gibbons, 6.30pm, Church

Wednesday 27 September

- Newman Circle, Talk (see p.3), 7.30pm, Parish Lounge

He set before them other parables

In today's gospel Jesus described the kingdom of God in three parables.

The first parable is about the weeds that grow among the field of wheat, and as such was an image of judgement. Jesus indicates that there is a phase between his initiation of the Kingdom of God and the final event of judgement which brings in the full victory of God over evil of all kinds. The challenge for the original audience was to accept this middle period as one of tolerance in the present. The disciples' acting on their own to separate the good and the bad runs the risk of rooting out the good along with the bad. Like the nature of God's kingdom, we need to be patient and be prepared to wait. God will gather what is good in his own time.

The other two parables, one involving a man and the other involving a woman - each have a similar focus. Both draw a contrast between something very small and the very significant impact it makes. A tiny mustard seed produces a tree which becomes a home for the birds of the air. A tiny amount of leaven transforms a significant amount of flour.

In each case the kingdom of God is like that. They assure us that from small beginnings in the ministry of Jesus, considerable growth will result. Just because Jesus does not do everything at once, it doesn't give grounds to dismiss him as a fake.

In the realm of God what is very small can turn out to be very significant. Even the smallest acts of kindness can have an impact for good beyond anything we might imagine. Small initiatives taken in the service of the Lord can create an opening for the Lord to work powerfully.

We can be tempted to think that unless some event within the Church is big and impressive in the eyes of the world it does not count for much. Yet, the parables suggest that small actions, tiny initiatives, often unnoticed by others, can promote the kingdom of God.

Fr Joe Donkor

THE PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Acting Parish Priest: Fr Joseph Donkor

Parish Clergy: Fr Matthew Donnelly, Deacon Julian Burling and Deacon Shaun Crocker

Team members: Sr Dorothy Perrott OSU, Sr Francis SSA

MARCH FOR LIFE 2023

Saturday 2 September: Many are concerned about restrictions on freedom but it is often not until these restrictions affect us personally that we speak up. Abortion destroys the most fundamental freedom, the freedom to live - and it leaves so many women and men deeply wounded. Join thousands of others at this family-friendly event to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves. Mass at 10.30am at Westminster Cathedral; morning events from 10.30am-1pm, Emmanuel Centre, SW1P 3DW; the March starts at 1.30pm from Emmanuel Centre to Parliament Square. Please find full details at <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk>.

PROMOTING RACIAL AND CULTURAL INCLUSION

There will be a Seminar entitled 'Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion in Our Parishes, Schools and Communities' at the Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Southwark, from 9.30am-4pm on Saturday 28 October. You are welcomed to this archdiocesan initiative by the Commission for Promoting Racial & Cultural Inclusion chaired by Canon Victor Darlington, Episcopal Vicar for the Southeast, a stimulating and hope-filled day of discussion. There will be contributions from a range of speakers, including Archbishop John Wilson. For more info & registration (free), please visit <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/commission-for-promoting-racial-and-cultural-inclusion/what-we-do/> or write to racialjusticecommission@rcaos.org.uk.

Parish News

INDUCTION MASS FOR FR DAVID GIBBONS

Fr David Gibbons, our new parish priest, will be inducted into our Church of the Sacred Heart by Bishop Philip Moger on Tuesday 26 September during the 6.30pm Mass. Please reserve this date and let us join together in welcoming our new parish priest.

Refreshments will be served after Mass in the Upper Hall, and all are welcome.

CHURCH CAR PARK

Parishioners are advised that the entrance to the car park will be temporarily widened to allow for heavy

contractors' vehicles to enter and leave the Wimbledon College site. Vehicle movements will be during weekdays up to mid-Autumn and will be supervised by marshals. Drivers are requested to take particular care when entering the car park and respond to directions from the marshals.

NEWSLETTER

This weekend's Newsletter is the last before the summer break, Newsletter distribution will be resumed on 2/3 September.

NO EXPOSITION

Please note that there will be no Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament after the 10am

Mass next Wednesday 26 July.

CALLING ALL GARDENERS!

As part of the Flower Group's efforts to be more sustainable, we would like to celebrate nature and the environment by using garden flowers and greenery, grown by members of the parish, to use in the church on the weekend of 30 Sept/1 Oct. The Flower Group invites parishioners to donate home grown flowers & greenery to decorate the church for this celebration.

More information about how to get involved will be available in early September, after the summer break.

Announcements

ANNUAL MARRIAGE MASS - LAST CHANCE

Are you celebrating your 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or any later wedding anniversary this year? If so, you are invited to join in celebrating a Mass for married couples at 3pm on Saturday 23 September at St George's Cathedral (chief celebrant Bishop Paul Hendricks). You can apply for a written personal invitation to the Mass from Archbishop John Wilson (invitation also covers a small number of family guests). To book & for details please email mflsw@rcaos.org.uk by 31 July.

GRIEF IN LOSS, HOPE IN CHRIST

A weekend for those who have been bereaved: this weekend takes place away from the pressures of day-to-day life and can help one begin to come to terms with bereavement. It is a time for quiet, prayer, talking and acceptance. Due to the special nature of this weekend retreat, held at Aylesford Priory, places are ordinarily limited and subject to a telephone call to determine if it is right for you. 6-8 October (cost £230 single, £210 shared). For details phone 01622 717272

or email reception@thefriars.org.uk.

SAVE THE DATE

The Commission for Justice Peace and Integrity of Creation for the Archdiocese of Southwark will be holding an Autumn Assembly on Saturday 23 Sept. entitled: *The Right to Stay: Free to Choose*, Addressing the motivations that affect decisions taken to leave one's native land. Everyone welcome - more information will follow shortly.

Parish Organisations

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Friday 1 September, 2.30pm, Friday 4 August, 2.30pm, in the Parish Lounge: Your Objects of Interest. Please bring something along.

Friday 1 September, 2.30pm, in the Parish Lounge: Poetry Afternoon with Wendy Tansey and friends.

Tea and cakes as always. Everyone welcome!

Social & Cultural

EDGE HILL PLAYERS - OLIVER!

The award-winning Edge Hill Players' next production will be Lionel Bart's *Oliver!*

This rags to riches tale is based on one of Charles Dickens' most famous novels. Performances take place on Thursday 14, Friday 15 and Saturday 16 September at 7pm in the Upper Hall. Tickets and further information available at www.edgehillplayers.com or 07742 230 493.

WIMBLEDON NEWMAN CIRCLE

Wednesday 27 September at 7.30pm in the Parish Lounge: talk on 'The History of the Catholic Church in England',

speaker Julian Burling, Deacon & Barrister, all welcome.

OPEN EVENTS

Ursuline High School: you are invited to join one of their Main School and Sixth Form events to hear from their Headteacher, take a tour of the school and meet many staff and existing students: Open Evening: Wednesday 27 September, 6.30-8.30pm for Year 5 and 6 students and parent/carers (year 4 and 5 in the academic year 22/23)

Open Mornings: Monday 2 - Friday 6 October 9am or 11am for Year 6 students

and parent/carers (Year 7 entry in September 2024).

Sign up www.ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk/admissions/open-events-2. Bookings open until 18 September, limited availability, ticketed entry only.

Sixth Form: Thursday 12 October, 5.30-7.30pm for Year 11 students and parent/carers (Year 12 entry September 2024), sign up www.ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk/sixth-form/admissions/open-events; bookings open from early September, limited availability, ticketed entry only.

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.

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS

Today the Church celebrates the 3rd World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly, established by Pope Francis: the observance is celebrated each year on the 4th Sunday of July, coinciding with the feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary's parents and Jesus' grandparents, Ss Joachim and Anne. According to Vatican News, the theme was chosen to be in tune with that of World Youth Day in Lisbon ('His mercy is from age to age', Lk 1:50): 'Mary arose and went with haste', taken from Luke's Gospel when Mary immediately goes to meet her elderly cousin Elizabeth after the Angel's annunciation. Thus, it is a theme that highlights the importance of dialogue between generations, which is fundamental for perceiving and contemplating God's merciful action on behalf of human beings. Pope Francis' message in full, please visit <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/nonni/documents/20230531-messaggio-nonni-anziani.html>

'Heavenly Father, we pray for grandparents, all elderly people, ever grateful for their love and commitment: bless them in every way possible.'

Exploring our Faith

A DAY WITH MARY

You are invited to a *Day with Mary*, a day of instruction, devotion and intercession, this Saturday 22 July, at St Anselm's, Tooting Bec SW17 8BS, 11am-5.30pm; celebrant & preacher: Fr Alfred Ebalu; sermons on Our Lady by Fr Peter Littleton; Exposition & Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, Meditations on the Passion of Our Lord, Silent Prayers.

LOVE HEALS BODY MIND AND SPIRIT

You are welcome to come to a 1-day retreat of quiet reflection on Saturday 29 July from 11am-4.30pm, at the Catholic Church of our Lady of Assumption & St Gregory, Piccadilly, W1F

9JR; Holy Rosary, Latin Mass in the Extraordinary Form (Celebrant Priest: Fr Mark Elliott); lunch break (please bring your own lunch, tea & coffee available); talk based on Scripture, Catholic Christian Meditation, Blessed Adoration - Divine Mercy, Individual Healing Prayers. For more information, please visit www.lovehealsbodymindspirit.com.

ENROL NOW: CCRS

The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) provides parish leaders with knowledge and understanding of theology and the Catholic faith. Learn in person, by distance learning or online; for more detailed information visit brs-ccrs.org.uk.

PILGRIMAGE OF REPARATION

You are invited to join the Pilgrimage of Reparation & Prayer for the Sanctity of Life, to Walsingham on Saturday 5 August, led by Archbishop Kevin McDonald. For details, please see the poster on the noticeboard, or visit www.prolifepilgrimage.org. Please join in the 'great prayer for life' asked for by Pope Saint John Paul II.

LECTIO DIVINA GROUP

We meet every Friday 11-12pm by zoom and prepare the three readings for the following Sunday. Why not join us for a taster? For more information please call 07981 941 516.

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.

CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

6.30pm (Sat) Fr Joseph Donkor
8.00am Fr Joseph Donkor & Deacon Julian Burling
10.00am Fr Michael Barnes SJ
12 noon Fr Michael Barnes SJ
5.00pm Msgr. Matthew Addai
8.00pm Msgr. Matthew Addai & Deacon Julian Burling

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 22 6.30pm Bridget & Edward Burke
Mon 24 10.00am Jan Ptaszynski RIP
6.30pm Brian Birch RIP
Tue 25 10.00am William Holden RIP
6.30pm Queen of Peace
Wed 26 10.00am Anne Coughlan
6.30pm Frank Fitzpatrick RIP
Thu 27 10.00am Sadie Smith
6.30pm Shirley Delord RIP
Fri 28 10.00am Mary Alphonse
6.30pm Giancarlo Enzo and Renzo RIP
Sat 29 10.00am Leo McCauley RIP
6.30pm Denis Geoghegan RIP
Mon 31 10.00pm Eunan MacIntyre RIP

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Charlie Ducker, Patrick McGovern, Beryl Elliott, Maria Nora Devlin and John O'Neill
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Maria Dusauzay, Brian Birch, Jan Ptaszynski, Michael Bourne, David Winterbourne, Rudy Webber, Julian Clark, Bridget Hanna, Joan Osborn, Anthony Hennessey, George Bertuchi, Peter Creely, Anne-Marie Martell, Agatha Flattery, Margaret Jacob, Thomas Pearson, Loughlin Callahan, Richard Milward, Mary Brennan, Charles McEntee and Zigmund Sobeki
The sick: Hui Lee Ng, Edwar Wassef, Nicky Steiner, Alexia Graham, Natalie Williams, Karolina Masica, David Fry, Paul Stromborg, Mike Greene, Teresa Escalona, Donal Weir, Giovanni Baldacchino, Kim Carr, Luca Buttaci, David Steele, Shanu Mathew, Maureen May, Ryan Lyndsey, Samar Staussi, Emily Grey and Andrew Tan

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 Peter Littleton (020 8725 3069 or 020 8672 1255)

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

Kingston Hospital: Fr Tony Oleh (020 8546 7711)

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Sun 23 July World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly
Mon 24 July St Charbel Makhluf, Priest
Tue 25 July St James, Apostle, Feast
Wed 26 July Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sat 29 July Saints Mary, Martha and Lazarus, Memorial

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

Entry hymn: 363 *Sing the refrain 'Lift high the Cross...* Choir sing v. 1-4 & 9-12 (K/G/S/A) *Mass of St Ignatius*, F. Laloux *Ave Maria*, Robert Parsons *Tantum ergo*, Fernand Laloux
Post-communion hymn: 663 *Soul of my Saviour*

The choir now take their summer break and return on Sunday 3 September.

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 / wimparish@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk

PARISH SERVICES

Parish Office/Reception Hours: 9am - 4pm (Mon-Fri), 020 8946 0305

Executive Assistant & Hall bookings: Thelma D'Costa (Mon - Fri 9am - 4pm) Caretaker: George McLennan

Parish Pastoral Council: ppc@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk

Baptism, Marriage, First Sacraments, Funerals contact the parish office.

Bereavement Support: one to one support or bereavement drop-in, for more information please contact the co-ordinator by email bereavement_group@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk

Sacred Heart SVP Conference meets to help those living locally in need. All enquiries are dealt with confidentiality. Leave contact details with the parish office or email presidentA190704@svp.org.uk.

For donations, please scan the QR Code with your phone; your donation will help fund the wide range of liturgical, spiritual and cultural activities which run in the parish. Thank you.

