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## Newsletter

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**Twenty-Second Sunday  
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**Twenty-Second Week  
in Ordinary Time**

**Vol III, psalter week 2**

### Next Sunday's Readings

- Ezekiel 33:7-9
- Psalm 94:1-2.6-9
- Romans 13:8-10
- Matthew 18:15-20

### Upcoming Events

#### 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

#### Thursday 28 September

- Wimbledon Catenians, Race Night, 7pm, Lounge

#### Saturday 30 September

- 6.30pm Farewell Mass for Fr Joe, followed by reception, Upper Hall

## Welcome and Greetings

With the beginning of the new month of September we welcome and greet everyone!

Surprisingly, today's Gospel has a crucial word for us. While they're on their way up to Jerusalem, Jesus speaks about the painful destiny awaiting him in the capital. His disciples don't understand him. Peter shrinks from those words of Jesus. Peter then takes Jesus aside and starts to remonstrate with him: *'Heaven preserve you, Lord'*. *'This must not happen to you'*. In response to Peter's comments, Jesus is loud and clear: *'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'* The development of Peter's thought does not support a giving up attitude. As always with the Gospel it is our attitude that matters.

Not one among them seems to understand that closely following him, working with him, will be a path not of power, success, and greatness, but of sacrifice and the cross. Jesus gets them all together and makes his thinking clear. He sums it up this way: *'What then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life?'* Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life? This is later echoed in the parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31).

Like the disciples we shrink even from words like self-denial, mortification, asceticism, and discipline. We run from the cross. The first reading shows that the prophet Jeremiah knew how to accept the reality of his cross (vocation). As today's second reading remarks: *'Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind.'*

All the readings, however, raise the standard for us Christians even higher. In our lives we need to find something specific which requires us to go beyond the usual expectations. We know of people who volunteer in hospitals or prisons or with the homeless. We know of people who serve food banks or in charity shops. Others teach English to refugees or assist with the care of young children. They give their time freely and generously in the service of less fortunate. So, it is meant to be with each one of us.

Above all, we welcome our new parish priest, Fr David Gibbons into Sacred Heart Wimbledon. You belong to us...this is your home!

*Fr Joseph Donkor*

### THE PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr David Gibbons

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

Team members: Sr Dorothy Perrott OSU, Sr Francis SSA

## SECOND COLLECTION

Next Sunday, 10 September, is Education Sunday, the second collection will be in support of Catholic Education Service (CES). The CES acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Cath. education. Cath. schools make up 10% of the schools, academies & colleges in England educating over 800.000 pupils. The CES is the chief negotiating and advisory body on matters affecting all aspects of Catholic education.

## MARCH FOR LIFE 2023

Sat 2 Sept: Come and join 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; March starts at 1.30pm from Emmanuel Centre to Parliament Square. Please find full details at <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk>.

## JESUIT MISSIONS EVENT

To mark the beginning of Season of Creation taking the theme *Let Justice and Peace Flow*, Jesuit Missions is holding a special event at the London Jesuit Centre, on Wednesday 6 September at 6.30pm. Working in collaboration with their partners in Antananarivo, Madagascar, Jesuit Missions will be hosting an evening to share a documentary which looks at the impact of climate change in this extraordinary and biodiverse country, followed by a Q&A with Paul Chitnis, Director of JM, who recently returned from a trip to Madagascar. (Contact Lynn McWilliams: [lynn@jesuitmissions.org.uk](mailto:lynn@jesuitmissions.org.uk) or 07305 927 754).

## Parish News

### INDUCTION MASS

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. Let us join together in welcoming Fr David.

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

### FAREWELL TO FR JOE

Sadly, we are saying farewell to Fr Joe this month. To celebrate his time at Sacred Heart, everyone is

invited to Mass at 6.30pm on Saturday 30 September followed by a 'bring a plate' reception in the Upper Hall.

There will also be a collection for him on that weekend.

### CHURCH CAR PARK

As works continue to be carried out at Wimbledon College, and contractors' heavy vehicles enter and leave the building site, parishioners are requested to take particular care when entering the car park and to respond to directions from the marshals.

### DEFIBRILLATOR

A defibrillator, a life-saving

machine which in the event of an emergency provides an electric shock to the heart of someone in cardiac arrest, has been donated to the parish. The device is lightweight, highly portable and very easy to use. No training is needed to use it because, once opened, it issues clear verbal instructions on what to do. It is located in the Lounge entrance lobby. For interested parishioners there will be the opportunity to learn more in a short 5 mins briefing next weekend after each Sunday Mass.

## Announcements

### GRIEF IN LOSS, HOPE IN CHRIST

A weekend for those who have been bereaved taking place away from the pressures of day-to-day life and offering help to begin to come to terms with bereavement. It is a time for quiet, prayer, talking and acceptance. Due to the special nature of this 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](mailto:reception@thefriars.org.uk).

### THE RIGHT TO STAY

Archdiocese of Southwark 2023 Autumn Assembly by the Justice & Peace

Commission on Saturday 23 September entitled *The Right to Stay: Free to Choose* in response to the message of the Holy Father for the 109th World Day of Migrants and Refugees; at St Edmund of Canterbury Catholic Church, 20 Village Way, Beckenham, Kent BR3 3NP. Parish Mass 10am. Registration 10.30am. Programme starts at 11am, finishes at 4pm. Free entrance, donations suggested. Lunch provided. All are welcome. Keynote speaker: Rt. Rev. Paul McAleenan, Bishop for Migration & Refugees and Member of the Department for Intl. Affairs at the Bishops Conference for England and Wales on *'Love the Stranger, What really happened at*

*Napier Barracks?'* To reserve a place please email [justiceandpeace@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:justiceandpeace@rcaos.org.uk)

### SPECIAL MASS

The Archdiocese of Southwark & LoudFence warmly invite you to a Service of Acknowledgement, Reflection & Prayer for those who have been harmed by Abuse and for those who work with or support those that have been harmed, on Sunday 27 September at 6.30pm, St George's Cathedral, SE1 7HY. After the service, in partnership with LoudFence, everyone is invited to tie a ribbon to the tree of reflection as a sign of solidarity, care, hope to survivors and as a memorial for those that have been lost by abuse.

## Parish Organisations

### THE SOCIAL CLUB

The Social Club was founded nearly 60 years ago. We are a group of all ages that meet

in the Parish Lounge on Sundays from 8.30-10pm to chat with friends and make new friends too. A bar is

open for anyone who wishes to buy a drink at very reasonable prices! Come, have a game of pool ... and relax!

## Social & Cultural

### EDGE HILL PLAYERS - OLIVER!

The multi award-winning Edge Hill Players are back with their stunning new production of Lionel Bart's *Oliver!*

This is the rags to riches story based on one of Charles Dickens' most beloved novels. Performances take place on Thursday 14, Friday 15 and Saturday 16 September, all at 7pm in the Upper Hall. Tickets available from [www.edgehillplayers.com](http://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 are welcome.

### THE WIMBLEDON CATENIANS

The Wimbledon Catenians invite you to a Race Night

on Thursday 28 September from 7pm in the Lounge, races start at 7.30pm. Please RSVP to the contacts below. The profits from the evening will go to Sands ([sands.org.uk](http://sands.org.uk)) - a Neonatal Charity supporting bereaved families) and to the Sacred Heart Church. You are most welcome to this special fun evening with excellent food from a popular chef. Ticket is £25, payable on the night. (Tom Conlon: [tomconlon.uk@gmail.com](mailto:tomconlon.uk@gmail.com) 07837 778 247; Des O'Brien [des@boxofcours.com](mailto:des@boxofcours.com) 07736 424 111).

### CHURCHES TOGETHER W-WIMBLEDON

Churches Together West Wimbledon invite you to an Eco Group Event on Wednesday 9 September at Christ Church, 2a Cottenham Park Rd, 6-8pm: *Feeling the heat*, film 'The Ants and the Grasshopper' and discussion about climate change. Refreshments available.

### OPEN EVENTS

Ursuline High School: 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](http://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/carer (Year 12 entry September 2024), sign up [www.ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk/sixth-form/admissions/open-events](http://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.

### 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](mailto:racialjusticecommission@rcaos.org.uk).

### JESUIT MISSIONS STAMP CUTTING

Volunteers welcome to help trim & sort used stamps to raise money for JM: Thu 7 September, 9.30am-12.30pm - coffee provided, please bring your own scissors. 11 Edge Hill, SW19 4 LR.

## Exploring our Faith

### A DAY WITH MARY

You are invited to a *Day with Mary*, a day of instruction, devotion and intercession, on Saturday 9 September, at The Catholic Church of Our Lady, Lodge Road, St John's Wood NW8 8LA, 9.30am-5.15pm; celebrant & preacher: Fr Kevin Jordan; sermons on Our Lady by Frs Ben Woodley and James Cadman; Exposition & Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, Meditations on the Passion of Our Lord,

Silent Prayers.

A Day with Mary invite you to participate in a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 9-18 March 2024. Pilgrimage will include visits to all major religious sites - incl Haifa, Nazareth, Capernaum, Sea of Galilee, Mount Tabor Bethlehem, Jerusalem; for more detailed information & booking forms please visit [adaywithmary.com](http://adaywithmary.com) or contact [gill@tangney-tours.com](mailto:gill@tangney-tours.com).

### HOLY FATHER'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION

The Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month and we are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention: *This September, let us pray for those people living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.*

### 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 Matthew Donnelly  
8.00am Fr Joseph Donkor  
10.00am Fr David Gibbons & Deacon Julian Burling  
12 noon Fr Michael Barnes SJ  
5.00pm Fr David Gibbons & Deacon Julian Burling  
8.00pm Fr Matthew Donnelly

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 2 6.30pm Gianni Lazzari RIP  
Mon 4 10.00am Margaret Kelly RIP  
6.30pm Holy Souls  
Tue 5 10.00am Frances Barden Ints.  
6.30pm Gerry Donachie RIP  
Wed 6 10.00am John Wilson Thanksgiving  
6.30pm Mary Prior RIP  
Thu 7 10.00am Therese-Marie Ekassi healing, restoration  
6.30pm Bernie Canavan  
Fri 8 10.00am Holy Souls  
12noon Funeral for Kerry Gonet RIP  
6.30pm Eugen Desmier RIP  
Sat 9 10.00am Beryl Botelho RIP

### 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)

### 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

Solemn Latin Mass

Mass setting: *Missa de Angelis* (as in booklet)

Offertory motet: *Ave Maria*, Edward Elgar

Communion motet: *Tantum ergo*, Louis Vierne

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), 020 8946 0305

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

Parish Pastoral Council: [ppc@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:presidentA190704@svp.org.uk).

### WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

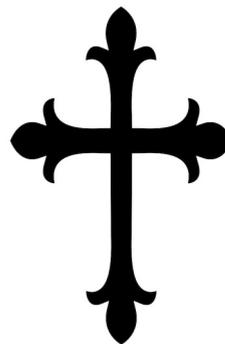
**Those who have died recently:** Kerry Gonet, Lucia Zarkovic and Pamela Hannigan

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Desmond Gunning, Molly Goodhardt, Paul Helm, Krystyna Podworska-Sillitoe, Eira Nancy Smith, Michael Barrett and Maria Prescott

**The sick:** Hui Lee Ng, 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.

**We would like to bring the list of prayers for the sick of our parish up to date and kindly ask parishioners to notify the Parish Office if they want to have names mentioned in the newsletter & bidding prayers.**



### FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

**Mon 4 Sept** St Cuthbert, Bishop  
**Fri 8 Sept** The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Feast  
**Sat 9 Sept** St Peter Claver, SJ, Priest, Memorial

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.

