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Newsletter

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Twenty-Ninth Sunday (A)

World Mission Day, Day of Prayer for the Evangelisation of the World

Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time

Vol III, psalter week I

Readings: Isaiah 45:1.4-6 Psalm 95:1.3-5.7-10 I Thessalonians 1:1-5 Matthew 22:15-21

Children's Liturgy during the 10am Mass

Second Collection for Missio (Not to be confused with last weekend's annual Mission Appeal for the Missionaries of Africa) Today's Second Collection on World Mission Sunday is for *Missio*, the Church's official organ for the support of foreign missions. The money goes directly to Bishops in the mission territories: local church helping local church.

Render unto God what is God's

Taxes are a necessary evil for the sake of the common good. Although in some cases we might take exception to the political ideology behind them, Jesus demands a loyalty from us that transcends in importance the affairs of this world.

The scribes and pharisees have no concern for the truth as far as legitimate payment of tax is concerned; their intention is to catch Jesus out in order to get rid of Him.

But instead of falling into their trap, Jesus with divine insight into their hearts turns the question around - transforming the issue to that their personal disposition and the interior life rather than an abstract and merely notional question of taxes.

Whilst uncovering their malice Jesus appeals the hidden depths of their individual souls - the conscience.

Our conscience is that understanding of where we stand before God on any issue not just taxes; it is often a practical judgement on a question which requires us to take a position - indifference is not an option.

Indeed, rather than play into the polemical questions of taxes - Jesus takes the discussion to the level of personal salvation.

Relative to God, justice and conscience, there are more important questions to consider in the order of our priorities than simply the question of taxes.

In other words, in the ordering of my priorities do I put God first in my life. Practical questions and our dealings with the State are important only insofar as we do them in obedience to the will of God.

To render unto God what is God's, means to hand over my whole life to Christ; to accept that I belong to Christ and therefore, adhere at every level to what He expects of me as both a citizen, but more importantly a disciple of His.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 25 October

- Newman Circle, 7.30pm, Lounge, talk by David Hurst

Saturday 28 October

- Bereavement Support, 10.30am, Lounge

Sunday 29 October

- Continental Breakfast, after the 8.00am Mass - 12noon, Lower Hall

Friday 3 November

- Friendship Group, 2.30pm, Lounge

To that end, my moral life, my personal relationships and dealings with others - do these accord with Christ's teaching and God's law?

To render unto God what is God's means, first of all, to offer right worship. To attend mass on Sunday and frequent the sacraments, but also to establish an interior world with God at its centre: an active prayer life in order to establish a personal relationship with God which informs all other judgements and principles.

This is what St. Paul means by offering ourselves, including "our living bodies", as he puts it, as a living sacrifice of praise to the Father. This means standing on

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THE PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr David Gibbons, KCHS

Parish Clergy: Fr Matthew Donnelly, Fr Jackson Sebastian and Deacon Julian Burling

Team member: Sr Dorothy Perrott OSU

principle even when I am questioned about personal morality as a Catholic - indeed, do I stand on principle or do I compromise?

Being composite beings, body and soul, means precisely this: that my integrity as a Catholic Christian and, therefore, my salvation depends on observing and practising all that Jesus taught (moral, spiritual, practical), which comes down to us through the Catholic Church to this very day.

Fr Matthew Donnelly

COLLECTION FOR JRS

The Jesuit Refugee Service supports destitute refugees, who are in particular need of adult trainers and puffer jackets in good condition. All donations gratefully received; they may be dropped off at the entrance to the church next weekend, 28/29 October.

#REDWEDNESDAY

This Sunday 22 October Bishop Oliver Dashe Doeme will launch this year's #RedWednesday Rosary Campaign. *Aid to the Church in Need* is calling on UK Christians to taking part in 'Rosary campaign and #Red-Wednesday/£100k/Matched Challenge4Africa'. Their aim is to reach pledges of 100,000 decades of the rosary for persecuted Christians in Africa – incl. the 45,000 Christians killed since 2010 and the four million refugees in Nigeria who have lost homes, jobs and family members in appalling acts of violence and injustice because of their faith in Christ. With your help ACN can provide food, shelter and trauma counselling. To find out more, make a gift, to pledge your rosary decades, or find out about events please visit www.acnuk.org/redwednesday.

Parish Notices

HOLY ROSARY

During this month of the Holy Rosary, the Rosary will be recited at 9.30am each weekday, before the 10.00am Mass. On Saturdays the Rosary is offered for World Peace. Do come and join in this very powerful prayer.

ALL SAINTS' DAY ALL SOULS' DAY

Wednesday 1 November is a Holyday of Obligation, a day when you should attend Holy Mass if at all possible. Masses will be as follows:
Tuesday 31 Oct 6.30pm,
Wednesday 1 Nov 9.00am (in Sacred Heart School), 10.00am, 6.30pm & 8.00pm.

Requiem Mass for all the Faithful Departed on Thursday 2 November at 10.00am, 6.30pm and 8.00pm.

CHURCH MAIN ENTRANCE

In cold weather please use the side doors at the main Entrance, not the central doors. In this way we can keep the heat in (and save on heating bills) and keep the cold out. Thanks for your co-operation.

CALL FOR CHRISTMAS VOLUNTEERS!

Every year the Sacred Heart Parish has been pleased to organise a lunch on Christmas Day for all those who may find themselves on their

own for the festive season. We want to do the same again this year, but we very much need volunteers to cook and prepare the lunch and someone to fulfil the role of co-ordinator. If you think you could help and join us in this wonderful tradition, please contact Thelma in the Parish Office on 020 8946 0305.

SUNDAY COOK

The priests are looking for volunteers to help with cooking their Sunday lunch one Sunday per month in the Presbytery kitchen. Please contact Thelma in the Parish Office (020 8946 0305) if you are able to help.

Other Notices

DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

Our Holy Father Pope Francis announced a Day of Prayer and Fasting for an end to the Israel-Hamas war, to be observed on Friday 27 October; it will be 'a day of penance to which I invite sisters and brothers of the various Christian denominations, those belonging to other religions, and all those who have at heart the cause of peace in the world, to join in as they see fit, ...'.

RACIAL & 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-4.00pm on Saturday 28 October 2023. You are all welcomed to this archdiocesan initiative chaired by Canon Victor Darlington, Episcopal Vicar for the Southeast. There will be contributions from a range of speakers, including Archbishop John Wilson; participation in person or via Zoom; free registration at <https://forms.microsoft.com/e/1G3DvSI24W>) to get a reservation for the seminar

and the Zoom link. For more information please contact racialjusticecommission@rcaos.org.uk.

SOUTHWARK ARUNDEL & BRIGHTON BRETHERN

This charity (number 1203417) supports priests in the two dioceses who are in need of treatment or who are retired. If you can help, please send a donation to 3 Birch Way Warlingham, CR6 9DA (cheques payable to Southwark Arundel & Brighton Brethren CIO) or ring 07939 654522 to obtain the bank account details.

Parish Organisations

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

The Bereavement Team invites everyone experiencing loss in their lives, no matter how long ago, to drop in for a coffee and a

chat on Saturday 28 October from 10.30-11.30am, in the Parish Lounge. For more information, please email bereavement@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Friday 3 November at 2.30pm in the Lounge: We have invited Father David to join us for tea. As always, everyone is welcome.!

Social & Cultural

NEWMAN CIRCLE

Talk on Wednesday 25 October in the Parish Lounge at 7.30pm. Topic: *Merton Citizens* which is a grass roots alliance of 16 Local Organisations in Merton, established in 2018 to seek to make Merton a better place in which to live & to promote the common good. These 16 organisations include religious institutions, schools & non-profit organisations.

Speaker David Hurst, a Sacred Heart parishioner, member of the Parish Pastoral Council, member of Merton Citizens will talk about Merton Citizens' work with Merton Borough Council on

a range of issues which affect our local community and the role *Merton Citizens* is playing in promoting the common good in Merton. Please come to the meeting & consider whether you might be able to play a part in further promoting the common good in Merton.

PURCELL SINGERS CONCERT

This Saturday 21 October at 7.30pm, to celebrate the 150th anniversary year of the birth of Rachmaninoff, the Purcell Singers will be performing his well-loved *All-Night Vigil* (Vespers) at St George's Cathedral, Lambeth Rd, SE1. Tickets are £12 -£60; all are welcome (please

visit <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/news-events/>).

SYRIAN MEAL

Join Churches Together in West Wimbledon (CTWW) on Thursday 16 November at 7.00pm for a Syrian Meal, followed by 'scriptural reasoning' on how different faiths view the concept of home. Venue: Morden Salvation Army, 21 Crown Lane, SM4 5BY.

Reserve free space via Eventbrite or contact Cathy Dickenson (CMMD@duck.com).

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.

APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION 'LAUDATE DEUM'

Pope Francis' Encyclical *Laudato Si'* set out the principles regarding our duty of care for our common home and stressed the urgent need to address the issue of global warming. *Laudato Si'* is an update, making clear how much more urgent the situation is, given the very limited progress achieved over the years since *Laudato Si'*. The text is available on the Bishops' Conference website <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2023/10/laudate-deum-exhortation-041023.pdf> as well as on the Southwark website.

The Bishops' Conference has a short introduction to the document at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/pope-francis-releases-apostolic-exhortation-laudate-deum/>. There is also good introductory material on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/news/campaigning-news/pope-francis-laudate-deum-new-call-for-action-on-climate-crisis>. One of the most immediate questions is, what can we do ourselves? For a range of useful resources, with practical suggestions please visit: <https://laudatosicentre.org.uk/>.

Exploring our Faith

LOVE HEALS BODY MIND AND SPIRIT

You are welcome to come to a 1-day retreat of quiet reflection on Saturday 28 October 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; email: lovehealsbodymindspirit@gmail.com

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A DAY WITH MARY

You are invited to a *Day with Mary*, a day of instruction, devotion and intercession, on Saturday 28 October, at Westminster Cathedral, SW1P 1LT, 9.45am-5.30pm; celebrant & preacher: a chaplain of the Cathedral; sermons on Our Lady by Fr Stephen Boyle; Exposition & Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, Meditations on the Passion of Our Lord, Silent Prayers (www adaywithmary.com).

LONDON JESUIT CENTRE

Art & Soul, A Creative Day Retreat with Sheila Jones: an in-person 1-day retreat

which offers a space of prayer and reflection with scripture, poetry, music and the opportunity to engage creatively with mixed media art forms (such as collage) as a way of exploring and expressing the deep movements of your soul. No artistic skills are required and all materials are provided. With time for guided & silent prayer and the opportunity to share with others. Saturday 11 November 10.30am-4.30pm Suggested contribution £30; London Jesuit Centre, London W1K 3AH, to find out and to register please visit <https://londonjesuitcentre.churchsuite.com/events/jo6qouyj>.

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 Jackson Sebastian & Deacon Julian Burling
8.00am Fr Matthew Donnelly
10.00am Fr Jackson Sebastian
12 noon Fr David Gibbons & Deacon Julian Burling
5.00pm Fr Matthew Donnelly
8.00pm Fr Jackson Sebastian

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Tom Pilkington, Robert Collins and Orysia Todriv

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Joseph Moran, Hildgarde Dom Paul, Harry Carney, Anthony Kennedy, Patrick Scanlon, Mary Kearns, John Shannon Anastasia McGurk, Patricia McGurk and Sr Dorothy Wilcock SSA

The sick: Sylvia May, Zachary Roberts, Audra Wamsteker, Penelope Sewell, Hui Lee Ng, 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)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 21 October The Blessed Virgin Mary
6.30pm Nicci Brenninkmeijer Thanksgiving

Sunday 22 October World Mission Sunday
12noon Giuseppe Varchione 1st Anniversary Mass

Monday 23 October Feria
10.00am Philomena MacMahon Ints.
12.30pm Memorial Mass for Margaret McNerney
6.30pm Mary & Thomas Kearns RIP

Tuesday 24 October Feria
10.00am Suzanne, Gabriella, Jeffrey Thanksgiving
11.00am Funeral Mass Robert Collins RIP
6.30pm John Shannon RIP

Wednesday 25 October Our Lady, Queen of Palestine and the Holy Land
10.00am Giuseppe Ratto RIP
6.30pm Queen of Peace

Thursday 26 October Feria
10.00am Sr Vianni (Recovery)
6.30pm Maria Keaveney-Jessiman RIP

Friday 27 October Feria, Day of Fasting and Prayer for an end to the Israel-Hamas war
10.00am Ellen Kehoe RIP
6.30pm Jean Mellows RIP

Saturday 28 October Ss Simon and Jude, Apostles, Feast
10.00am Cecil Lobo RIP

MUSIC AT THE 12 NOON MASS

Entry hymn: 21 *All my hope on God is founded*

Kyrie/Gloria: 459/460

Offertory motet: *From the rising of the sun*, Frederick G Ouseley

Communion motet: *Oculi omnium*, Charles Wood

Communion hymn: 111 *Christ is the world's light*

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

COLLECTIONS

- Last weekend's Second Collection for the Society of African Missions raised **£6,115**.
- The total for First Collection in September 2023 comes to **£31,973.31**.

Thank you for your generosity.

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.

