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33rd Sunday of the Year – November 18th/19th 2023

First Reading Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31

A perfect wife – who can find her?

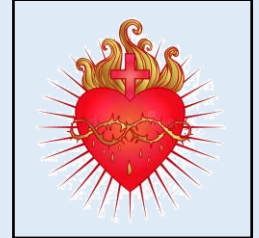
Responsorial Psalm 127: O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Let not the Day of the Lord overtake you like a thief.

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

You have been faithful in small things; come and join in your Master's happiness.



Intentions for the Masses Celebrated this Weekend

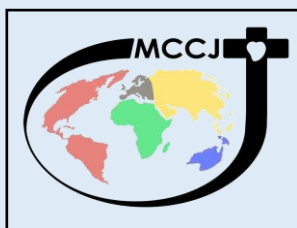
Saturday	6:00 p.m.:	Hurbert "Pop" Collingwood RIP
Sunday	10:00 a.m.:	Fr. David Maskell RIP
	11:30 a.m.:	Oscar Daniel Guerra RIP and Oscar Miguel Guerra RIP (Rosa-Belen Aiello)

Saints of the Week

Monday	20 th November:	St. Edmund of East Anglia, King
Tuesday	21 st November:	Presentation of the Virgin Mary
Wednesday	22 nd November:	St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
Thursday	23 rd November:	St. Columban, Abbot
Friday	24 th November:	St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions, Vietnamese Martyrs
Saturday	25 th November:	St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr

EVENTS

Comboni Missionaries Gathering – 19th November to 24th November



Kindly be reminded that there will be **no Daily Mass at 6:00 p.m.** this coming week in the Chapel of the Fathers' house from Monday, 20th November to Friday, 24th November as we prepare for this Gathering. Please note that this is the first of two groups of Fathers who will be meeting at Sacred Heart; a second group is scheduled for early December.

Also, there will be **no coffee service after the 10:00 a.m. Mass** today, Sunday 19th November, in the Church Hall.

Musical Miscellany: A Prelude to Christmas

Our "Musical Miscellany" is shaping up to be an enchanting evening, featuring a diverse lineup of exceptionally talented musicians. Join us for a night that goes beyond the ordinary, a celebration that not only brings together fantastic music but also creates an atmosphere of joy as we step into the Advent Season.

Save the date: **Saturday, December 9th, at 7:00 p.m.** Be part of this musical journey! Ticket prices are suggested at £20 for adults and £10 for children under 12. All proceeds will support our Nekemte School Project. This promises to be a memorable evening that will set the festive mood leading us to the celebration of Christmas! Tickets are now available from any Pastoral Team Member.



Gifts of Love: Project Elf Donations

Thank you to all who have generously contributed to "Project Elf", organised by the Catholic Prison Charity PACT, for children with a parent in Coldingley Prison. We are still accepting new gifts like board games, craft kits (but not with play-doh or plasticine), books, cuddly toys and vouchers for older children. There are 6 boys & 4 girls aged 3 years or under, 31 boys & 24 girls between the ages 3 to 11, 9 boys & 11 girls aged 11 to 16.

Please do not wrap the gift, as all must be inspected before entering the Prison, volunteers will wrap them, once inside. Our collection will end next **Sunday 26th November**. Place gifts in the White Bag at the entrance to the Church or give to a Member of the Pastoral Team or one of the Fathers. Your generosity is helping to make a Christmas filled with love and connection for these families during their Christmas Family Day visit.



The Welcome Café is Back

Roll up your sleeves, folks, because the cat's out of the bag: next **Friday, November 24th**, from 10:30 to 12:30 the Welcome Cafe is about to spill the beans on the wild world of "Idioms & Expressions and their Meaning", courtesy of our speaker **Catherine Ware**. No need to beat around the bush, it's going to be a barrel of laughs! Even if it's raining cats and dogs outside, you can enjoy a cuppa and some good conversation. Whether you are a social butterfly or a wallflower, all are welcome to this idiom-packed presentation.



YOUTH CORNER

The master in today's parable stands for Christ. The servants stand for each one of us. God has given each of us a certain number of "talents." In Greek that word referred to a large sum of money. In the actual meaning of the parable, however, it refers more to what the English word implies - all the abilities and blessings we have received from God. God has given them to us, and we are free either to squander our gifts, burying them in the hole of selfishness, fear, laziness, and greed, or to use them as Christ would have us use them, which is the secret to happiness in this life and in the life to come.

There are three steps we must follow in order to invest our gifts well - from a supernatural perspective. First, we must identify what our gift is. We should always thank God for all countless blessings, but we should also reflect on the one or two strong characteristics, traits, or talents that God has given us personally. What type of thing do you enjoy most? What type of activity has always made you excited? What personality characteristic have people always complimented you on? What have you always dreamed of doing but were afraid to get started on?

The second step is to get right with God and stay that way. The third servant left his life-mission unfulfilled because he didn't have a good relationship with his master. We can avoid this path by praying daily, cleaning our consciences regularly by going to Confession, and studying the Bible and Church teaching; this is how we get to know our Lord and Saviour and have our talents bear fruit that will last.



The third step: put our gift at the service of others. Be creative, be courageous, be like Christ! He left us his new commandment - to love one another as he has loved us. And he showed us what love really is: to give our lives for others. We give our lives by putting our talents at the service of those around us instead of just serving ourselves. Today Jesus will give us yet again the perfect example of this self-giving in this Mass, through the Eucharist. When we receive him in Holy Communion, let's promise that starting this week, we will go out and courageously invest our God-given talents among those around us.

THE GIFT OF THE MASS

“Let your intentions be the seeds of divine blessings, and let Mass be the fertile ground where they take root and flourish.” – St. Augustine. Reflect for a moment on those remarkable souls and pivotal moments that have etched an everlasting impression on your heart. Ponder upon those held in your prayers, as well as those deserving of deep gratitude. Offering a Mass is a profound act of devotion, a prayer that not only nurtures the spiritual well-being of its intended recipients but also provides invaluable support to our Fathers and the entire Faith Community. If you wish to request a Mass, kindly complete an envelope available at the Church entrance, and then either place it in the Sacristy, deliver it to one of the Fathers, or deposit it in the letterbox at the Fathers’ House.



“The Eucharist is the sacrament of love: it signifies love, it produces love. The Eucharist is the consummation of the whole of one’s spiritual life.” - St. Thomas Aquinas

SACRED HEART WEBSITE

Stay updated on the latest updates, events, and services at Sacred Heart Sunningdale by visiting our website at <https://www.sacredheartsunningdale.com>. We value your input and welcome any feedback or suggestions you may have. If you know someone who would like to receive our weekly Newsletter and updates, please inform us and we'll add them to our mailing list, always with their consent. For those without computer or internet access, we're happy to send a copy of the Newsletter and the Sunday Missalette by post. Please provide your/their name and address and obtain the person's consent if appropriate. Thank you!

Christmas Cards Designed by Catherine Ware

Spread some holiday cheer and support a great cause! Christmas Cards are available at £5 for 6 cards. All proceeds will go to support our Nekemte School Project: If you would like to make a purchase, contact Pauline McKenna: paulinem6@gmail.com or Catherine Ware: catherine.ware@btinternet.com - a small gesture with a big impact! A sample of the card can be found on the table at the Church’s entrance.



Again, no Coffee After 10:00 a.m. Mass on November 26th

There will be no coffee service available after the 10:00 Mass next Sunday, November 26th. The Church Hall is being reserved for a special event, thank you for your understanding.

Weekly Appointments

- **Taizé Prayer Meetings:** We hold a prayer service every Friday following the spirituality of *Taizé* which is characterized by silent contemplation of the Word of God and inspired by *Taizé* Chants. The Prayer will take place after the 6:00 p.m. Mass and will last approximately 30 minutes in the meeting room of the Father’s house. All Are Welcome!
- The **Sacred Heart Church Newsletter** is sent via e-mail every **Saturday** morning.
- There is **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** every **Wednesday** from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with **Benediction** at 12:15 p.m.
- The **Lectio Divina Prayer Meeting** in person in the Father’s house *and on Zoom*, the first Thursday of the month. Our next meeting will be **7th December** and we will begin at a new time: **7:30 p.m.** Everyone is welcome to join!
- **Study Group:** The next Study Group Meeting will be **21st December**, beginning at 7:00 p.m. If you did not join the first encounter, you are still welcome to join as we are going through the book slowly. Send an email request to the parish email address and we will send you the Zoom link and schedule.
- **Confessions:** Every Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and on call. *Just ring the bell at the main door to the House.*

Services to our Faith Community

Church Cleaning Roster:

November 18th

Francine Laurie / Ann Marie Wilkinson

Next Week:

November 25th

Angela and Louis Lee

Volunteers can contact Mrs. Jenny Dias at: jenniferdias@btconnect.com or by mobile telephone on **07973 724404**.

Readers:

November 18th

6:00 p.m.: John Collingwood / Shiphrah Johnson

November 19th

10:00 a.m.: Ros McWhinnie

November 19th

11:30 a.m.: Bozena Kozyra

Next Week:

November 25th

6:00 p.m.: Siobahn Burns

November 26th

10:00 a.m.: Peter Wills & Papplewick Boys

November 26th

11:30 a.m.: Miguel, Daniel, James, Matthew

Flower Rota:

November 19th

Siobhan Burns

Next Week:

November 26th

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Coffee after 10:00 a.m. Mass

November 19th

There is no coffee this day

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Collection

Grateful thanks are in order for the **£684.66p** received in the Collection over last weekend's Masses, by hand or by post during the week. We warmly thank all those who continue to contribute to the upkeep of the Church through the Sunday Collection and/or a regular **Bankers/Standing Order**.

Prayer Requests for this Week

For the eternal rest of **Kevin Murray**, cousin of Jane Murray who died 16th November 2023.

For blessings on **Ottilie Christina-May Griffiths**, and her parents Joanne and Damion on celebrating her Baptism on 19th November 2023 at the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

For the eternal rest of **Cora Cahill**, sister of Hugh Mullin who died 10th November 2023.

Your prayers are also requested

For the eternal rest of **William Martin Dwyer**, brother of John Dwyer who died 28th October 2023.

For the eternal rest of **Filomena Jaconelli**, mother-in-law to Catherine Ryan who died 19th October 2023.

For the good health and recovery of **Melissa Taylor**, niece of Elaine and Erik Lorentzen.

For the health and recovery of **Sasha Gonin**, cousin of Sue Douet, who is critically ill in hospital

For the full recovery of **Jenny Dias** who suffered a stroke on Tuesday, 24th October 2023.

For the eternal rest of **John Carvell**, father of Trudy Monteagudo, who died 14th October 2023.

For the eternal rest of **Margaret Mills**, sister of Harvey Martin, who died 19th September 2023.

For the eternal rest of **Ethel Joachin**, mother of Jenny Dias who died on 11th September 2023

For continued recovery of **Randy Anderson** after brain surgery & for his Family, son-in-law of **Jan Olejniczak**, also for continued recovery of Jan after major surgery.

For good health and wellbeing of **Anne Colquhoun**, who is suffering from tinnitus.

We would like to encourage you not to hesitate to ring or send a message if the Fathers are able to assist you in any way.