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**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year – September 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> 2024**  
**Education Sunday**

**First Reading** Isaiah 35:4-7

The ears of the deaf shall be unsealed and  
the tongues of the dumb shall be loosed.

**Responsorial** Psalm 145

My soul give praise to the Lord.

**Second Reading:** James 2:1-5

God chose the poor to be the heirs to the kingdom.

**Gospel:** Mark 7:31-37

He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak



**Intentions for the Masses celebrated this Weekend**

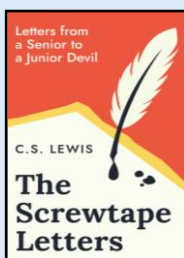
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.:</b>	<b>Patricia (Paddy) Tibbs RIP</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.:</b>	<b>Michael McCarthy RIP</b>
	<b>11:30 a.m.:</b>	<b>Juan Petersen RIP</b>

**Saints of the Week**

Monday	9 <sup>th</sup> September:	St. Peter Claver, Priest
Tuesday	10 <sup>th</sup> September:	St. Nicholas of Tolentine, Priest
Wednesday	11 <sup>th</sup> September:	St. Jean Gabriel Perboyre, Martyr
Thursday	12 <sup>th</sup> September:	The Holy Name of Mary
Friday	13 <sup>th</sup> September:	St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Saturday	14 <sup>th</sup> September:	Exaltation of the Cross

**EVENTS**

**"The Screwtape Letters" Study Group Starts Next Week!**



Are you ready to explore the wit, wisdom, and spiritual insights of C.S. Lewis? Join our study group on "The Screwtape Letters" beginning **next Wednesday, September 11th 2024 at 7:30 PM** via Zoom. We'll meet for approximately one hour every other Wednesday. To prepare, please acquire the book and read the first three letters (chapters) before our inaugural meeting. To receive our meeting schedule and thought-provoking discussion questions, email your name to: sacredheartsunningdale@yahoo.co.uk

**WELCOME CAFÉ**

Mark your calendars for a morning of inspiration and fun at the Welcome Café **Friday, 13th September**, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Our guest speaker will be **Clare Beahan** sharing her incredible skydiving journey in support of the Nekemte School Project in S.W. Ethiopia.

There will also be a "Jumping, Flying and Bouncing" Quiz that promises to keep everyone on their toes. It's going to be an engaging encounter, sure to include some laughs! Join us, bring a friend, and be part of the fun. Everyone's welcome, and we can't wait to see you there!



## Education Sunday – 8<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Education Sunday falls on the second Sunday of September each year, just as the new academic year starts and is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in England and Wales, established 176 years ago in 1848. It provides an opportunity to celebrate and give thanks to all involved in making Catholic schools places of enlightenment, as well as to look forward in anticipation of the year ahead.

*'Going to school means opening one's mind and heart to reality, in the wealth of its dimensions.*



*And this is so very beautiful! The family is the first core for relationships: the relationship with one's father and mother and with one's brothers and sisters is the basis, and it always accompanies us in life.*

*But at school we "socialise": we meet people who are different from us, different in age, culture, roots, abilities. School is the first society that integrates the family. Family and school should never be opposed! They are complementary, and therefore it is important that they cooperate in mutual respect. I wish you all — parents, teachers, people who work in the schools, and students — a beautiful journey this new academic year'. – Pope Francis*

### YOUTH CORNER

#### God's Healing Touch: Drawing Close Through the Sacraments

In today's readings, we see a powerful message about sin, healing, and hope.

Isaiah describes a world that has been damaged by sin, with people suffering and in need of help. The effects of sin don't just impact those who sinned but hurt everyone.

When Adam and Eve disobeyed God in the Garden of Eden, God told them that as a result of their sin, they would have to work hard to survive instead of living in the bountiful garden. Their sin hurt them and made them weaker.

But Isaiah said there would one day be signs of redemption and healing - the crippled would be healed, and the land would be fruitful again. This points to the coming of Christ to save us.

In today's second reading from the letter of James, he reminds us that the justice Isaiah spoke of is not something to be achieved in a single moment. It's an ongoing process. Dignity is not about outward appearances but about the profound truth that every person, through baptism, has become a brother or sister in Christ.



God wants to heal us from our weaknesses and infirmities. When we receive the Eucharist we are allowing God to physically touch and transform us through the Sacrament. God became human so he could reach out and touch us, heal us, and make us more like him. As we participate in the Eucharist today, let's be grateful that God wants to be close to us, to touch and transform us. Let's think about how we let the Sacraments like Mass and Confession help us grow to be more like Christ. The Sacraments are God's way of staying connected with us, providing ongoing healing and support.

#### This Week's Bible Brain Teasers

- A servant girl recognised Peter in the high priest's courtyard, what was her name?
- Which Old Testament book tells of a man who lost everything but remained faithful to God?
- "Blessed are \_\_\_\_\_ for they shall see God!" (from the Gospel of Matthew)

Answers to last week's questions:

- It was **Joseph of Arimathea** who went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.
- John was exiled to the **Island of Patmos**, where he wrote the book of Revelation.
- Wisdom: "I love them who love me, those who seek me early shall **find me**." Prov. 8:17

## THE GIFT OF THE MASS

Are you seeking a powerful way to express your faith, gratitude, or concern for others? Consider offering a Mass intention. "*The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life.*"

- Pope St. John Paul II.

### Why Offer a Mass Intention?

- **Honour a Loved One:** Celebrate the life of someone special, living or deceased.
- **Mark a Milestone:** Commemorate birthdays, anniversaries, or other significant life events.
- **Seek Intercession:** Request prayers for healing, guidance, or any specific intention.
- **Express Gratitude:** Give thanks for blessings received or prayers answered.
- **Venerate the Saints:** Honour a particular Saint or Holy Feast Day that holds meaning for you.



By offering a Mass Intention, you join in our faith's most perfect prayer while supporting our faith Community. Your generous contribution helps sustain our Fathers and enables us to continue serving the faithful, fostering a vibrant spiritual environment that uplifts all.

### How to Offer a Mass Intention

1. Reflect on your intention: Take a moment to consider who or what you'd like to pray for.
2. Fill out an envelope: Find Mass Intention envelopes at the back of the Church.
3. Submit your request: Leave the envelope in the Sacristy, hand it to one of the Fathers, or drop it through the letterbox of the Fathers' House.

Embrace this beautiful tradition of our faith, uniting your prayers with the ultimate sacrifice of Christ.

## SACRED HEART WEBSITE

We are currently re-designing our website. However, you can still stay informed by visiting <https://www.sacredheartsunningdale.com>. To receive our newsletter via email every Saturday morning, simply notify one of the Fathers, and we'll ensure you're added to the list. We can also mail a paper copy of the Newsletter and Sunday Missalette for those who are interested. Thank you for staying connected with Sacred Heart Church, Sunningdale!

## Weekly Appointments

- **Taizé Moment of Prayer:** We hold a prayer service every Friday 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. If you would like to receive it, simply give one of the Fathers your email address.
- 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 **3<sup>rd</sup> October** and we will begin at: **7:30 p.m.** You will be able to connect via Zoom beginning at 7:15pm. Everyone is welcome!
- **Study Group:** We will begin our new selection: C.S. Lewis' "The Screwtape Letters" on Wednesday, **11<sup>th</sup> September at 7:30 p.m.** via Zoom. If interested in joining, contact Fr. David.
- **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.*
- **Daily Mass:** From Monday through Friday daily Mass is celebrated at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel of the Father's House. Mass is preceded by Evening Prayer beginning at 5:45 p.m.

## SERVICES TO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

### Church Cleaning Roster:

September 7<sup>th</sup>

Noelle McNelis and Christopher Wood

### Next Week:

September 14<sup>th</sup>

Noelia, Antonio, Sofia and Irene Pimentel

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

### Readers:

September 7 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 p.m.:	<b>Jo Smith</b>
September 8 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 a.m.:	<b>Sue Douet</b>
September 8 <sup>th</sup>	11:30 a.m.:	<b>David Cleworth</b>

### Next week:

September 14 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 p.m.:	<b>Jeanie Lewis</b>
September 15 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 a.m.:	<b>Valerie Pike</b>
September 15 <sup>th</sup>	11:30 a.m.:	<b>Harvey Martin</b>

### Flower Rota:

September 8<sup>th</sup>

Dasha Lee

### Next week:

September 15<sup>th</sup>

Shiphrah Johnson

### Coffee after 10:00 a.m. Mass

September 8<sup>th</sup>

Clare, Pauline and Shiela

### Next week:

September 15<sup>th</sup>

Sonia, Trudy and Oscar



### Collection

Grateful thanks are in order for the **£802.35p** received in the Collection over last weekend's Masses. 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 for Education Sunday 2024

"Lord, Bless our students, teachers, and schools worldwide. Fill learning spaces with creativity and peace. Calm anxious hearts about returning to school. Equip teachers to nurture each student's potential. We entrust our youth to your care. Amen."

### Prayer Requests for this Week

For the good health and well-being of **Emma Biles** who is now home from hospital after a fall.

### Your prayers are also requested

For the eternal rest of **Betty Hooper** who died 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024 at the age of 94. We will celebrate her Requiem Mass, here at Sacred Heart, on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 11:30 a.m.

For the eternal rest of **Juan Petersen**, brother of Federico, who died 14<sup>th</sup> August 2024 and for his wife and children in this time of grief.

For the eternal rest of **Peter John Fitzgerald** who died on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2024, aged 81.

For the eternal rest of **John Valentine McCarthy** who died Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> July 2024 age 83.

For the eternal rest of **Michael McCarthy** who died in the evening of 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024

***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.***