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14th Sunday of the Year – July 6th/7th 2024

First Reading Ezekiel 2:2-5

The sons are defiant and obstinate, and they shall know that there is a prophet among them.

Responsorial Psalm 122:

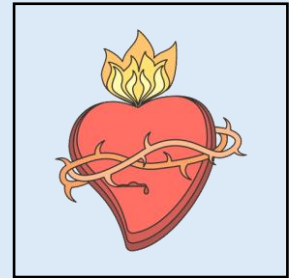
Our eyes are on the Lord till he show us his mercy.

Second Reading: 2Corinthians 12:7-10

I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me.

Gospel: Mark 6:1-6

A prophet is despised only in his own country.



Intentions for the Masses celebrated this Weekend

Saturday	6:00 p.m.:	Chantal, Beatrix, Phaedra and Juno (health & well-being)
Sunday	10:00 a.m.:	Mary and Oliver Pike RIP
	11:30 a.m.:	Anthony (Tony) Pereira RIP

Saints of the Week

Monday	8 th	July:	St. Killian, Bishop
Tuesday	9 th	July:	St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions, Martyrs
Wednesday	10 th	July:	St. Amelia, Virgin
Thursday	11 th	July:	St. Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe
Friday	12 th	July:	St. John Gaulbert, Abbot
Saturday	13 th	July:	St. Henry, King

EVENTS

WELCOME CAFE



Next **Friday 12th July** from 10:30a.m. to 12:30 p.m. all are invited to come join us when our guest will be **Peter Wills** speaking on the Shroud of Turin. Peter will share his insights into the ongoing debates and research surrounding this fascinating relic. It should prove to be an informative and thought-provoking encounter. Hope to see you there!

Sea Sunday – 14th July 2024

Next Sunday is Sea Sunday is a time to remember and pray for the brave men and women who work at sea, ensuring we have all we need. Stella Maris, the largest ship-visiting network globally, improves the lives of seafarers and fishers through local chaplains, expert information, advocacy, and spiritual support.

Key Facts:

- Ships bring over 90% of everything we use.
- There are approximately 1.9 million seafarers worldwide.
- Being a seafarer is one of the most dangerous jobs imaginable.

Envelopes to support seafarers and fishers worldwide are available at the back of the church. Please return them next week. A retiring collection for Stella Maris will be held next weekend.



Garden Party 2024 – Thank You



A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us at our Garden Party! We enjoyed a smorgasbord of abundant and diverse cultural dishes, and the weather cooperated, allowing everyone to relax and enjoy the festivities.

Special thanks to our incredible Pastoral Team, and all who helped with the preparations and clean-up, **David Cleworth** our MC, the talented musicians who entertained us throughout the day, and a special shout out to **Nuala** and **Sonia** for organizing and running the Raffle and Auction.

Thanks to your generosity, we raised an impressive **£5,266.00**, which will go towards transforming our garden area at the side of the Church into a peaceful, welcoming space. Everyone's contributions made it a truly wonderful day, we look forward to creating more wonderful memories together!

Taizé prayer

As a gentle reminder, we have Taizé prayer every Friday, a wonderful way to enter into the weekend and prepare for the week ahead. A half hour of gentle melodies, repetitive chants, and contemplative silence helping to enter a deep calm and peace. Our next gathering is on **Friday, July 12th, at 6:30 p.m.** in the Meeting Room of the Father's House. All are welcome.



YOUTH CORNER



St. Mark tells us that when Jesus preached in his hometown, he was "amazed at their lack of faith." Though impressed by his eloquence, the people were reluctant to believe and obey, similar to the rebellious Israelites in today's First Reading. In both the Old and New Testaments, God spoke clearly, but his people refused to listen. This is puzzling because God is omnipotent, and we are made to live in communion with him, so you would think that we would automatically respond well to God's words and presence. Why didn't they respond like iron filings being drawn to a magnet?

Because Jesus never forces himself on anyone. God respects human freedom and gives countless signs of his trustworthiness but leaves room for faith. He invites rather than compels, appealing to the heart with love and truth. If we refuse, he leaves us free to go our own way. He doesn't want followers who are slaves. His is a kingdom of freedom not bondage. Jesus wants friends, not slaves. St. Mark also tells us that Jesus couldn't perform many miracles due to the people's lack of faith. We might think miracles should inspire belief, but Jesus first appeals to us personally, inviting us to follow him. Only after we take a step of faith does he reward us with signs that confirm our faith with blessings that boost our trust. Demanding assurances from God treats Christianity like a business, not a friendship. If God wanted followers through fear, he would display power. But he wants us to follow him out of love.

Today, let's consider what invitations God has been sending to our hearts and how we've responded. Is he speaking through our conscience, inviting us to give up sinful habits and accept forgiveness? Is he calling us to a vocation or nudging us to serve others? As Jesus renews his commitment to us in this Holy Mass, let's listen to his voice and courageously follow wherever he leads, unleashing the full power of his grace.

This Week's Bible Brain Teasers

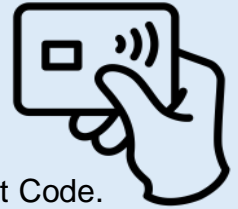
- In which city were the followers of Jesus first called Christians?
- Jesus was born during the reign of the first official Roman Emperor, what was his name?
- From Proverbs: _____ is a crown of glory, it is gained in a righteous life.

Answers to last week's questions:

- Moses received the 10 Commandments on **Mt. Sinai**.
- Israel's first king: **Saul**
- Whoever loves discipline, loves **knowledge**.

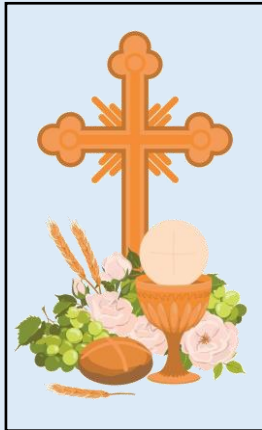
Support The Sacred Heart Church

For those who go cashless, why not consider making a 'one off' donation or setting-up a monthly standing order to support Sacred Heart Church, Sunningdale? Your contributions would be greatly appreciated and will help us continue the upkeep and maintenance of the Church. It can make things easier reliable, and will make a big difference. Let's keep our Church thriving together!



For those interested, please see Fr. David for the details of our Account and Sort Code. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support. We depend on it!

THE GIFT OF THE MASS



This Summer, as we revel in nature's beauty, let's offer thanks to the Creator for all blessings special anniversary by offering a Mass intention. Through the sacred prayer of the Mass, we open ourselves to the transformative power of God's grace, guiding us into deeper communion with one another. Let us approach the Eucharistic celebration with hearts receptive to this guidance, allowing ourselves to be truly nourished and transformed.

When we request a Mass for a particular intention, we call upon the divine presence to intercede on behalf of our needs and desires. This sacred moment unites our prayers with the sacrifice of Christ. If you would like to request a Mass, please fill out an envelope available at the rear of the Church, and then either place it in the Sacristy, hand it to one of the Fathers, or drop it in the letterbox at the Fathers' House.

The Mass, a profound prayer given to us by Jesus Himself at the Last Supper, is a memorial of His saving passion and death. Catholics have traditionally embraced four primary types of prayer within the Mass: adoration, confession, thanksgiving, and supplication.

SACRED HEART WEBSITE

We are excited to announce that our website is currently being redesigned. 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 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 Father's 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 **1st August** 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 take a break during the summer months and return again in the Autumn with a new selection – stay tuned in!
- **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:

July 6th Angela and Louis Lee

Next Week:

July 13th Angela and Rob Hayes

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

Readers:

July 6th 6:00 p.m.: Kitty and Anthony Hooley
July 7th 10:00 a.m.: Clare Beahan / Yalesh Fernando
July 7th 11:30a.m.: Bozena Kozyra / Miguel Kramer

Next week:

July 13th 6:00 p.m.: Jeanie Lewis
July 14th 10:00 a.m.: Peter Wills
July 14th 11:30a.m.: David Cleworth

Flower Rota:

July 7th Mary de la Piquerie

Next week:

July 14th Shiphrah Johnson

Coffee after 10:00 a.m. Mass

July 7th Hilary and Alice

Next week:

July 14th Kitty, Anthony and Nicky



Collection

Grateful thanks are in order for the **£1,064.63p** received in the Collection over last weekend's Masses, 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**.

Annual Peter's Pence Collection

Thank you for your generous contributions to last week's Peter's Pence Collection, we raised a total of **£461.80p**. Known as the Pope's Charity, each pound contributed to Peter's Pence helps Pope Francis extend his mission of peace, charity, and hope to those in need around the world.

Prayer Requests for this Week

For the eternal rest of **Alexander 'Alec' Joseph**, uncle of Zalmon, Shiphrah, Shalishah & Sheba Johnson, who died 4th July in Pakistan, age 72 and for his family.

Your prayers are also requested

For the eternal rest of **Anthony 'Tony' Pereira**, brother of Sharmi Wieck, who has just died unexpectedly.

For the health and well-being of **Norman Davies**, brother-in-law to Valerie Pike, who is very ill.

For the health and well-being of **John Cavilla** who was recently discharged from hospital.

For the eternal rest of **George Abraham**, brother-in-law of Maria Czarnecka, who died unexpectedly, and for his Family.

For the good health and well-being of **Bill Sox**, husband of Hilary who is in hospital.

For the good health and recovery of **Mary Vaughan Neil**, mother of Lucy, after a serious fall.

For the eternal rest of **Patricia O'Connor**, mother of Leonie Coakley, who died 29th May 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.