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**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year – August 31<sup>st</sup>/September 1<sup>st</sup> 2024**  
**World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation**

**First Reading** Deuteronomy 4:1-2. 6-8

Add nothing to what I command you, keep the commandments of the Lord.

**Responsorial** Psalm 14

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 5:21-32

This mystery has many implications for Christ and his Church.

**Gospel:** Mark 7:1-8.14-15.21-23

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.



**Intentions for the Masses celebrated this Weekend**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.:</b>	<b>Intention of Valerie Swail</b> (Mother's Anniversary)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.:</b>	<b>William James Cummins RIP</b>
	<b>11:30 a.m.:</b>	<b>Mary and Oliver Pike RIP</b>

**Saints of the Week**

Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup> September:	St. Justus of Lyon, Bishop
Tuesday	3 <sup>rd</sup> September:	St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday	4 <sup>th</sup> September:	St. Cuthbert, Bishop
Thursday	5 <sup>th</sup> September:	St. Teresa of Calcutta, Religious
Friday	6 <sup>th</sup> September:	St. Eleutherius, Abbot
Saturday	7 <sup>th</sup> September:	St. Clodoald, Hermit and Monk

**EVENTS**

**Faith in Action – Some September Highlights**

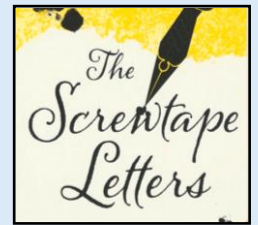
- \* **St. Gregory the Great** (3 Sept.) "True leadership serves, it does not dominate."
- \* **St. Teresa of Calcutta** (5 Sept.) "Small acts of love can change the world."
- \* **St. Peter Claver** (9 Sept.): "Service to others is the highest form of freedom."
- \* **Holy Name of Mary** (12 Sept.): "All generations will call me blessed."
- \* **Exaltation of the Holy Cross** (14 Sept.): "We adore you O Christ and we praise you because by Your Holy Cross, you have redeemed the world."
- \* **St. Matthew** (21 Sept): "Jesus said to him, 'Follow me' and he rose and followed him."
- \* **St. Pio of Pietrelcina** (23 Sept.): "Prayer is the key that unlocks the mysteries of the heart."
- \* **St. Vincent de Paul** (27 Sept.): "Charity is not just giving, it's giving with love."
- \* **St. Jerome** (30 Sept.): "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ."



These Feasts are superseded by Sunday this year: **Birth of Mary** (8 Sept.), **Our Lady of Sorrows** (15 Sept.), **Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael** (29 September).

## New Study Group Selection

Join our Study Group exploring the wit and wisdom of C.S. Lewis' "The Screwtape Letters". We'll meet every other Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom, starting **September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024**. Obtain the book, you can get a copy in a pdf format for free, just make a Google search, and read the first three letters (chapters) before our starting date.



To receive the meeting schedule and a thought-provoking discussion question prior to each gathering, let us know by sending your name to:

sacredheartsunningdale@yahoo.co.uk. Don't miss this engaging exploration in good company!

## Lectio Divina – The Letter of James

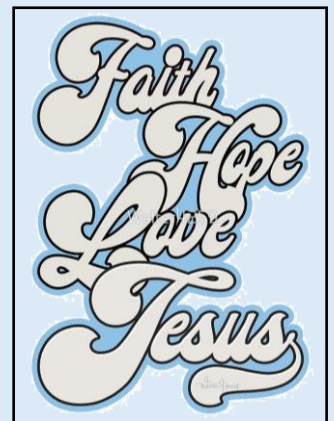


Join us on **Thursday, September 5th at 7:30 p.m.** as we explore the Letter of James. Throughout September, the Second Reading on Sundays will feature this powerful Epistle. Rich with practical wisdom, it is more a collection of teachings than a typical letter. We will cover parts from each of its five chapters.

We invite you to spend an hour with us in reflection and prayer. Attend in person at the Meeting Room of the Father's house or via Zoom (available from 7:15 p.m.):  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81858063598> Meeting ID: 818 5806 3598

## YOUTH CORNER

If we call ourselves Catholics, we should be striving to live as Catholics. This means at least two things. First, it means that we never stop trying to think, speak, and behave as Jesus Christ would want us to. It's not a question of eliminating all of our self-centred and sinful attitudes, words, and actions in one fell swoop. Rather, it's a question of our ongoing efforts. Our spiritual life, in this sense, is like a garden. A good gardener can never simply abandon the garden to itself, even if the good plants are healthy and strong. To make the garden fulfil its purpose, a gardener has to water, fertilise, protect, and weed on a regular basis. We too have to continuously strive to know Christ and shape our lives according to his standards, on a regular, ongoing basis. If we stop making our effort, the weeds will take over.



Second, it means accepting and embracing all of the Church's official teaching, not just the bits and pieces that we feel personally fond of. A 'pick and mix' Catholic, someone who picks and chooses among Catholic doctrine the way we pick and choose food items in a cafeteria, is not being a faithful Catholic. Certainly, we need to educate ourselves about all that the Catechism teaches, and that means sometimes honestly facing difficulties. But those doctrines are not optional; they are part of the deposit of faith, part of what God has revealed to us for our salvation. He is the doctor; we are only patients, and our health and happiness depends on following the doctor's orders!

Today, Jesus will renew his commitment to us in this Holy Mass. When he does, let's renew our commitment to him by expressing our deep desire to live as sincere and wholehearted Catholics—reliable, honest, and devoted followers of Christ, not insincere pretenders like the Pharisees in today's Gospel.

## This Week's Bible Brain Teasers

- Who was the wealthy man who asked Pilate for Jesus' body and placed it in his own tomb?
- Which island was John exiled to, where he wrote the book of Revelation?
- Wisdom: "I love them who love me, those who seek me early shall \_\_\_\_\_"? (Proverbs)

Answers to last week's questions:

- Jacob and Esau** were fraternal twins of Rebecca and Isaac and grandsons to Abraham.
- Jesus ascended into heaven from the **Mount of Olives**, **40 days** after his resurrection.
- Your word is a lamp for my feet, and **a light for my path**. Psalm 119:105

## Funeral Planning and Bereavement Support

We at Sacred Heart Church have a dedicated Bereavement Team available to assist with funeral planning and preparation, providing support during difficult times of loss, as well as information on pre-planning your own funeral. For those struggling with bereavement or loss, we also offer ongoing support if you'd like to talk to someone. For more information contact: Shiela Kettle, Siobhan Burn, Kitty Hooey or Fr. David



## About Supporting Sacred Heart Church



Do you 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 are greatly appreciated and will help us continue the upkeep and maintenance of the Church. 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

We invite you to take a moment and reflect on the people or situations in your life that you would like to pray for, or express gratitude for, in a special way. By offering a Mass, you not only contribute to the spiritual well-being of those for whom the Mass is offered but also provide essential support for the Fathers and the entire Faith Community. Your generous gesture ensures that we can continue serving the Faithful and fostering a vibrant spiritual environment that uplifts the hearts and spirits of everyone.



To request a Mass, kindly fill out an envelope located at the back of Church, then leave it in the Sacristy, hand it to one of the Fathers or pop it through the letter-box of the Fathers' House.

## SACRED HEART WEBSITE

We are currently re-designing our website. However, you can still stay informed by visiting <https://www.sacredheartssunningdale.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 **5<sup>th</sup> September** 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:

August 31<sup>st</sup>

Sheba Elisia Johnson, Zalmon Johnson and Valerie Pike

### Next Week:

September 7<sup>th</sup>

Noelle McNelis and Christopher Wood

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

### Readers:

August 31<sup>st</sup>

6:00 p.m.: **Vittoria Baruchello**

September 1<sup>st</sup>

10:00 a.m.: **Clare Beahan**

September 1<sup>st</sup>

11:30 a.m.: **Pauline Watts**

### Next week:

September 7<sup>th</sup>

6:00 p.m.: **Jo Smith**

September 8<sup>th</sup>

10:00 a.m.: **Sue Douet**

September 8<sup>th</sup>

11:30 a.m.: **David Cleworth**

### Flower Rota:

September 1<sup>st</sup>

Angela Hayes

### Next week:

September 8<sup>th</sup>

Dasha Lee

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

September 1<sup>st</sup>

Kitty, Anthony and Nicky Pardo

### Next week:

September 8<sup>th</sup>

Clare, Pauline and Shiela



### Collection

Grateful thanks are in order for the **£1,253.92p** 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**.

### The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of September 2024



**For the cry of the Earth:** "Let us pray that each of us listens with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis, making a personal commitment to care for the world."

*"We must regain the conviction that we need one another, that we have a shared responsibility for others and the world, and that being good and decent are worth it!"* Laudato Si No. 229

### 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 Funeral 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.***