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25th Sunday of the Year – September 23rd/24th 2023

First Reading Isaiah 55:6-9

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm 144:

The Lord is close to all who call him.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:20-24. 27

Life to me is Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Why be envious because I am generous?



Intentions for the Masses Celebrated this Weekend

Saturday	6:00 p.m.:	Ethel Joachim RIP
Sunday	10:00 a.m.:	Father David Maskell RIP
	11:30 a.m.:	Gerard Li (In Thanksgiving)

Saints of the Week

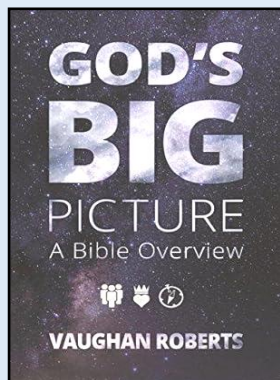
Monday	25 th September:	St. Cleopas
Tuesday	26 th September:	Ss. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs
Wednesday	27 th September:	St. Vincent de Paul. Priest
Thursday	28 th September:	St. Wenceslaus, Martyr
Friday	29 th September:	Ss. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
Saturday	30 th September:	St. Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church

EVENTS

New Study Group – “God’s Big Picture”

We will begin a new Study Group, reading the book: *God’s Big Picture, A Bible Overview* by Vaughan Roberts. Our meetings will be divided into four sessions, set to take place on the third Thursday of every month, commencing **October 19th**. Mark your calendars for the subsequent gatherings on November 16th, December 21st, and January 18th. Each session will run from **7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** via Zoom.

This book offers a compelling overview of the Bible's grand narrative from Genesis to Revelation. Purchase a copy and don't miss out. As the winter months envelop us in cold weather, we'll gather over Zoom, ensuring a warm and inviting space for our enriching discussions. For any questions, contact Alice De Lima either in person or at alicedelima@yahoo.com.



Seasons of Creation Study Day

Dr. Sarah Gardener is leading a Study Day entitled: *Reconnecting People with Nature: New Hope from Laudato Si*, the encyclical by Pope Francis, at 10:00 a.m. next **Saturday, 30th September** at St. Swithun's, Yateley GU46 6NH. For more information call 01344 756806.

Confirmation and First Holy Communion Candidates

For Confirmation candidates, classes will be conducted every Saturday during term time, starting **November 4th** from **12 noon to 1:00 p.m.** We understand that scheduling may require some flexibility, and we will make necessary adjustments to accommodate the availability of candidates. The celebration of the Sacrament, will take place at the end of April/beginning of May 2024.

The First Holy Communion classes will be held on the first Sunday of every month, starting **November 5th** at **10:00 a.m.** and concluding at **11:00 a.m.** Following each session, families will play a pivotal role in assisting their child in completing the relevant chapter of their workbooks throughout the rest of the month. The First Holy Communion celebration will take place on 2nd June 2024, Feast of Corpus Christi.

We encourage and warmly welcome families to actively participate in both the First Holy Communion and Confirmation sessions. Your presence and support are invaluable in nurturing the spiritual journey of your children. Please contact our coordinator, Pauline McKenna, either in person or at paulinem6@gmail.com to register and receive further information. She will be more than happy to assist you with any inquiries you may have. We look forward to embarking on this sacred journey together.



Harvest Festival 2023: Nourishing Hearts, Sharing Blessings



Our food drive began last Sunday, and we're grateful to those who've already stepped up. Your contributions are a lifeline for those in our community facing tough times and we invite everyone to join in. Your donations will be gratefully received beneath the main altar in Church until October 29th, Harvest Sunday. All items will go to a local food bank. In the words of Pope Francis: *To love God and neighbor is not something abstract, but profoundly concrete: it means seeing in every person the face of the Lord to be served and to serve him concretely.* Thank you for your generosity!

YOUTH CORNER

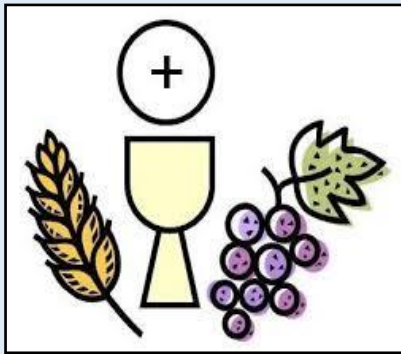
Christ himself is the generous landowner in this Sunday's parable, and the lesson he wants us to learn is that his generosity goes beyond even our wildest dreams. Paying labourers, a full day's wage for just a few hours of work demonstrates the Lord's abundant generosity. Only a truly generous heart would employ them with an hour left till sundown, and only an extraordinarily generous one would grant a full day's wage. That's Jesus!

In the parable, the landowner went above and beyond mere duty. As followers of Jesus, we are to follow his example, but we often fail to do the same. In our own hearts, we often stand by our "rights" to have something our way, when they are not rights at all, grumbling enviously because someone else is more successful or fortunate than us. Nothing steals our peace of mind like envy, which resents other people's successes. Nothing disturbs our souls like jealousy, it breeds discontent and fosters bitterness. And yet, for most of us, envy and jealousy come much more easily than generosity, than rejoicing in the victories of others as much as in our own.



It is safe to say that the Christ-like generosity we are called to live is beyond our reach if we try to reach it by our own strength. But thanks be to God, we don't have to. Christ comes to our aid. That's what this Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is all about. In Holy Communion, Christ transforms our self-centred hearts, making them more like His. Let's thank Him for His generosity and seek His grace to follow his example.

THE GIFT OF THE MASS



We invite you to take a moment to reflect on the people and circumstances in your life that hold a special place in your heart, those whom you would like to include in your prayers or express gratitude for in a meaningful way. Offering a Mass is a profound act, one that not only nurtures the spiritual well-being of those it is intended for, but also provides invaluable support for our Fathers and the entire Faith Community.

Your generous gesture ensures that we can continue to serve the Faithful and cultivate a vibrant spiritual environment that uplifts the hearts and spirits of all. The Mass, revered as the highest form of prayer, holds this esteemed title for many reasons. Chief among them is the fact that it is Christ's own prayer, His saving sacrifice, offered to the heavenly Father for His glory and for our ultimate salvation.

To request a Mass, kindly fill out an envelope available at the back of the Church, then leave it in the Sacristy, hand it to one of the Fathers, or drop it through the letterbox of the Fathers' House.

SACRED HEART WEBSITE

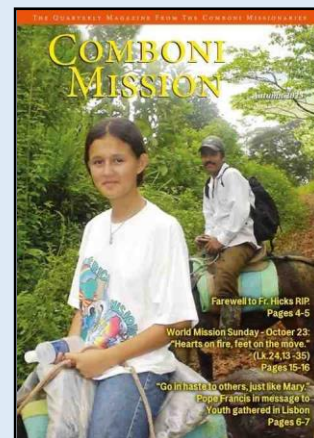
Stay updated on the latest updates, events, and services at Sacred Heart Sunningdale by visiting our website at <https://www.sacredheartsunningdale.com>. We value your input and welcome any feedback or suggestions you may have.

If you know someone who would like to receive our 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.

Comboni Mission Magazine

In this edition, along with a collection of articles that shed light on the current state of the Church worldwide, we pay heartfelt tribute to the life of our beloved Fr. Robert Hicks, and celebrate the Golden Jubilee celebration of Fr. John Clark, Comboni Missionary currently serving in Scotland.

Our Sacred Heart Community has also made contributions with Pauline Watts sharing her exhilarating experience at World Youth Day in Portugal, Kitty and Anthony Hooley take us with them on a pilgrimage journey through the Holy Land, and Valerie Pike offers a reflective piece on our Lectio Divina page. We're very happy our Faith Community continues to share stories and make meaningful contributions to our Comboni Magazine. Thank you! Copies are available at the Church entrance or can be delivered by post upon request.



Weekly Appointments

- **Taizé Prayer Meetings:** We are holding 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.
- 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** that takes place in person in the Father's house *and on Zoom*, the first Thursday of the month starting at **8:00 p.m.** Our next meeting will be **5th October.**
- **Study Group:** The next Study Group Meeting will begin **October 19th**, we will be reading "God's Big Picture, a Bible overview". All are welcome to join!
- **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:

September 23rd

Francine Laurie / Ann Marie Wilkinson

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

Readers:

September 23 th	6:00 p.m.:	Jo Smith
September 24 th	10:00 a.m.:	Sue Douet and Papplewick Boys
September 24 th	11:30 a.m.:	Miguel, Daniel, James & Matthew



Flower Rota:

September 24th

Pat Smyth

Collection

Grateful thanks are in order for the **£703.67p** 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

*"The Lord is near to those who call on Him,
who call trustfully upon His name" (Psalm 145:18)*

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

For abundant blessings to pour upon all who are participating in the **Alpha Course**, begun 18th September, that they may be filled with the Lord's wisdom, grace, and understanding.

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

For the good health and well being of **Tony Wilson.**

Your prayers are also requested

For the eternal rest of **Mary Dingwall** who died Tuesday 5th September 2023, at the age of 100.

For the eternal rest of **William (Bill) Aspland** who died 15th August, 2023 at the age of 80.

For the eternal rest of **Barbara Mary Onslow** who passed away on August 6th, 2023, aged 86.

For the eternal rest of **Fr. Robert (Bob) Hicks** who died 24th July, 2023 at the age of 85.

For continued recovery of **Randy Anderson** & for his Family, son-in-law of Jan Olejniczak.

For the continued recovery of **Ruth Fernando** the sister of Florence Fernando, from a stroke.

For continued good health and well-being of **Josie Beesley**, choir member of Sacred Heart.

For good health and wellbeing of **Anne Colquhoun** (Member of our Pastoral Team).

For continued good health and wellbeing of **Peter Gaffney**, the brother of Nicky Pardo.

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.