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Third Sunday of Lent - March 11th/12th 2023

First Reading Exodus 17:3-7 The book of Exodus tells the story of God's unfailing desire to be in relationship with us.

Responsorial Psalm. 32: May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our trust in you.

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2. 5-8 Paul writes to the Romans, reminding them that through God's grace they have a reliable hope that cannot be disappointed.

Gospel: John 4:5-42 Jesus comes to meet this woman where she is and invites her to change her perception of God and by doing so changes her experience of herself.

A Note of Thanks

I would like to thank all the members of the faith community here at The Sacred Heart for the warm welcome extended to me over the last weekend. I am very happy to be here and I look forward to getting to know you, and you knowing me. You've already made me feel right at home! I also take this opportunity to thank Fr. Julio, my predecessor, for his sterling service to this community over the past three year. I wish him every blessing in his future endeavours.

Father David

Intentions for the Masses celebrated this Weekend

Saturday	6:00 p.m.:	Mel Genova - Birthday
Sunday	10:00 a.m.:	Ian Pettifer RIP
	11:30 a.m.:	Pascal Gardiner RIP

Saints of the Week

Monday	13 th March:	St. Leander of Seville
Tuesday	14 th March:	Blessed Giacomo Cusmano
Wednesday	15 th March:	St. Louise de Marillac
Thursday	16 th March:	St. John de Brébeuf
Friday	17 th March:	St. Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland
Saturday	18 th March:	St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

Death Announcements

We offer our sincerest condolences to **Fr. Andrew Pinsent** and Family on the death of his father **Charles Pinsent RIP** who died at home on just before mid-day of Saturday 4th March. His Requiem Mass will take place here at the Sacred Heart on Thursday 30th March at 11:30 a.m.

Similarly, we offer our condolences to **Judith Nagle** and Family on the death of her mother **Sheila Murphy RIP** age 86, who died on Saturday 4th March. Reception of the body here at the Sacred Heart will be on Monday 3rd April at 4:00 p.m. Her Funeral will take place the following day, Tuesday 4th April at 2:00 p.m.

EVENTS

Service for Anointing of the Sick Friday 24th March 2023

We are arranging a service for anointing of the sick at **2pm on Friday 24th March**. The service will be during Mass. There is a plan to provide tea, coffee, and cake in the Hall. If anyone requires transport, please contact a member of the Pastoral Team.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

As is traditional, during the Season of Lent we will pray the Stations of the Cross, but this year we will do it on **Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.** We will dedicate this moment to pray for peace.

WAY OF THE CROSS FOR PRISONERS

Bishop Moth is interested and supports Prison Ministry and he advocates dedicating the Way of the Cross to a version which has been written with Prisoners in mind. We plan to use this order of service for the last Stations of the Cross on **Saturday 1st April at 10am**. Please join us and avail of the opportunity to reflect on the lives of those in detention in the context of Christ's suffering and forgiveness.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR OUR YOUTH MINISTRY

We would very much like to hear from young people and parents of any suggestions you may have for activities that young people might find enjoyable and help them develop supportive relationships in our Church Community.

There have been various activities in the past such as **movie nights, a charity car wash and fund-raising fun for homeless kids**, which were very successful.

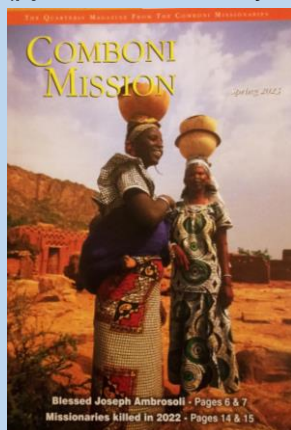
If you have ideas to nurture and support our young people, please contact **Pauline Watts** (pjwatts542000@yahoo.co.uk), Father or any Member of the Pastoral Team.

World Youth Day - Lisbon: July 31st/ August 7th 2023

World Youth Day brings together young people of all nationalities aged between eighteen and thirty-five years in fellowship, faith and fun. Past participants describe the trip as “*uplifting*” and a “*once in a lifetime experience*”.

We will welcome the Youth Ministry Advisor for the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton, **Mrs. Lizzie Wakeling**, among us on **Sunday 12th March 2023** to speak about the forthcoming ‘World Youth Day’ in Lisbon and the opportunity to see Pope Francis. Lizzie will speak during Mass to explain details of the trip organised by the Diocese and will be available to answer any questions at coffee or after Mass. Please, pass on news of this opportunity to hear Lizzie to anyone you think might be interested in joining up with other young people from around the Diocese and participating in this year’s ‘World Youth Day’.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please do contact Pauline Watts (pjwatts542000@yahoo.co.uk) who will be accompanying the trip as a Group Leader.



The Quarterly Magazine from the Comboni Missionaries

The **Spring 2023** issue of “Comboni Mission” is now available in the Church Porch, or from www.combonimissionaries.co.uk. If for any reason you are unable to reach the Church and/or do not have access to the Internet, we can always send you a copy through the post or pop it through your letterbox. Just give us a call. This issue features an article on two Comboni Missionaries working here, Fr. John Clark and Fr. Laurenti Tiziano, who are celebrating their ‘Golden Jubilee’ of Ordination to the Priesthood. There is also a poem written by our own Harvey Martin.

Mass Offerings

A Mass is very special and sacred. Whatever the reason it may be offered, for a particular Intention, in thanksgiving or for the Eternal Repose of a Soul, it is always important to remember that these Intentions offered to God as prayers of intercession and/or thanksgiving, in and through Christ's Passion and Death made present to us in the Sacrifice of the Holy Mass. We, as a Community gathered in the name of the Lord, pray for the Intention, the Deceased, those who are ill, or those facing various difficulties or challenges. We also offer a prayer of thanksgiving to God for the experience of God's loving grace helping us through a particularly challenging event or circumstance of life. If you would like to offer a Mass, please fill out an envelope available at the back of the Church and hand it to one of the Fathers.

THE FUND-RAISING APPEAL FOR THE PRIMARY SCHOOL IN NEKEMTE

The Nekemte School Appeal has raised a magnificent **£15,249. 65** to date from within the Sacred Heart community - such an achievement! Sincere thanks to all are expressed from Fr Melaku, the Priests of the Sacred Heart Church Faith Community, and the Pastoral Team.

The Pastoral Team will now begin actively fundraising outside of the Sacred Heart Church, in local schools and with other bodies where we are hopeful of further significant contributions. We will also be coming forward with new fund raising initiatives, some of which are already being discussed with Members of our Church who have volunteered support. We know that our end target of £125,000 is a huge one, but spreading the Appeal outwards now gives us additional opportunities to take Fr Melaku's wonderful message of "Education Eradicates Poverty" to so many more.

The Vision of the Church

Inspired by the great commission of Christ to the Apostles before He ascended into heaven, we want to "go out into the world and make disciples" (Matthew 28:19). The following are the values we hold at heart, and we want to promote: missionary outreach, a welcoming attitude, regular prayer life, team work, service and the joyful celebration of the Sacraments.

The Sacred Heart Church Website

We encourage you to visit the website for the Sacred Heart Church in Sunningdale which you can find at: <https://www.sacredheartsunningdale.com> It is very encouraging to receive your feedback so that we can continue to improve our service to you. If you know of anyone from the Sacred Heart Church who would like to receive our Newsletter and updates, please do not hesitate to send us their e-mail address so that they can be added to our mailing list, always though after asking their consent. For those who do not have access to a computer or to the internet, we can always send a copy of the Newsletter and the Sunday Missalette by post, and so we would be obliged if you could pass on your/their name and address, and if appropriate, after asking the person's consent.

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 for one hour.
- The **Sacred Heart Church Newsletter** is sent via e-mail every **Saturday** morning.
- There is **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** on **Wednesdays** from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. with **Benediction** at 12:15 p.m.
- The **Lectio Divina Prayer Meeting** that takes place over ZOOM on **Thursday evenings** starting at **8:00 p.m.**
- **Study Group:** The next Study Group Meeting on **the book by Henry Nouwen, "The Wounded Healer"** will continue on **Wednesday March 15th 2023**. Please, join this very topical discussion through Zoom: Meeting ID: 998 270 0200. Find this reference at: <https://www.sacredheartsunningdale.com/study-group>

- **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!*

Mission Intention for March 2023: For victims of abuse.

We pray for those who have suffered harm from Members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

Services to our Faith Community

Church Cleaning Roster: March 18th

Jenny & Denver Dias

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

Readers:

March 18th 6:00 p.m.:

Jo Smith

March 19th 10:00 a.m.:

Sue Douet

March 19th 11:30 a.m.:

David Cleworth

Flower Rota: By tradition flowers are not displayed in Church during the Season of Lent. We take the opportunity of thanking **Mrs Siobhan Burn** and her dedicated band of **Flower Arrangers** for helping our Community of Faith celebrate the Feasts and Seasons of the Church's Year through outstanding displays.

New volunteers for the Flower Rota are needed, and we would be grateful for anyone who can assist in this regard to contact Mrs Siobhan Burn on her mobile telephone: 07833 968869.

Collection

Thanks are in order for the **£794.17p** 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 **Peter Gaffney** seriously ill in hospital.

For **Ann Robertson** ahead of medical tests.

For **Ann** on the death of her husband Barry Newnham RIP.

For **Jenny Henry** and her family on the death of her mother Nicole Gardam RIP.

For the health recovery of the **nephew** and **niece** of **Florence**, who are seriously ill.

For the recovery of **Mary Maslaveckas** seriously ill at home in Harrogate.

For **Anne Begley** continued recovery and progress in her medical treatment.

For the recovery of **Luke Smith** (*Thirty-two years of age*) undergoing chemotherapy.

Your prayers are also requested

For the eternal rest of **Charles Pinsent** who died on Saturday 4th March 2023

For the eternal rest of **Sheila Jean Dorothy Murphy** who died on Saturday 4th March 2023

For the eternal rest of **David Collins** RIP who died on 7th February 2023.

For the eternal rest of **Nicole Gardam** RIP who died on Friday 13th January 2023.

For **Mrs. Joanne Obertell** and her children of the sudden death of her husband Andrew.

For the recovery of **Breeda**, Sonia Clarke's sister-in-law undergoing treatment for cancer.

For the health of **Mrs. Claire Shoebridge**.

For the **Alexander Family** on the loss of Frances Mary RIP.

For the **Fitzmaurice Family** on the loss of Teresa after a short illness.

For the **Hooey Family** on the loss of Mike, Anthony's elder brother, at Frimley Park Hospital.

For Philippa and all the **Anderson Family** after the loss of Philip, for courage in faith and hope.

For the **Gracey Family** after the loss of Lionel, for courage in faith and hope.
For the good health and well-being of **Mrs Edna Baldwin**.
For the health of **Ms. Isabella Schmidt**.
Prayers are requested for **Mrs. Elizabeth Somapala** and her Family.
For the good health of **Mrs. Julie Erdmann**.
For the recovery of **Mr. Tony Wilson**.
For the well-being **Mr. Bill Biles**, and of his wife, **Emma**.
For the well-being of **Julie Mallison**.

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For the eternal rest of **Barry Anthony Newnham RIP** who died on Tuesday 20th December.
For the eternal rest of **Mrs. Cathy Wirths RIP**, an active Member of our Faith Community who passed away in Edinburgh last week to where she had moved six years ago.
For the eternal rest of the Comboni Missionary **Rev. Fr. John James Fraser RIP** in the early hours of December 20th 2023 in Glasgow.
For the eternal rest of **Mr. Pablo Gerongani RIP**, brother-in-law of Norma Tabaosares, who died last Thursday 29th December 2022.
For the eternal rest of **Mr. Andrew Duncan Blatchford RIP** who died unexpectedly on December 9th at the age of only 63.
For the eternal rest of **Mrs Frances Mary Alexander RIP** who passed away on Monday 28th November 2022.
For the eternal rest of **Mrs Teresa Fitzmaurice RIP** who passed away on Friday 11th November 2022.
For the eternal rest of **Mr. Mike Hooey RIP** who passed away on Sunday 6th November 2022.
For the eternal rest of **Mr. Philip Anderson RIP** who passed away on Friday 28th October 2022.
For the eternal rest of **Mr. Lionel Gracey RIP** who passed away on Sunday 23rd October 2022.
For the eternal rest of **Mrs Gloria Barras RIP** who passed away on Tuesday 4th October 2022.

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.