



SACRED HEART

NEWSLETTER

Year C • 3rd Sunday In Ordinary Time •
Psalter Week 3

THE MISSION OF THE WORD OF GOD

This Gospel passage of today is a summary of what Jesus has come to do, and it is also a reminder of what we are to do as followers of Christ. Christ's mission statement is very clear. It is to bring good news to the poor.

The good news that even if they are poor, they are loved by God, they are truly His children. Do we bring good news to the people around us? The newspapers today give the impression that "good news is no news", because they only publish bad news. Perhaps we behave like that also. We prefer to gossip about the bad things some people do, rather than speak about the good things they do. Let us be bearers of good news.

In fact, the Bible is so important that the Church tells us that Jesus is just as present in Bible (holding up Bible) as in the Eucharist (pointing to Tabernacle). That may come as a shock for some of you because we are not used to thinking of the presence of Jesus in that way.

The Second Reading teaches us that the Corinthians had already started to form exclusive groups, thinking only of ways to make their group the most numerous or the most important. They did not understand that the Church is the Body of Christ and that the Church has to grow and be strengthened through the cooperation of each of its members. That is what is really important.

We also hear the Word of God by reading the Bible in our own homes. I began by asking questions about what way we nourish our minds. Try to nourish your mind every day by feeding it with Sacred Scripture for at least a few minutes. As part of your family prayer together every day why not read a short passage from the Gospels and think about what it means for you. Open your Bible and light a candle beside it as a sign of the presence of Jesus in the Scriptures. Keep your Bible in a prominent place in your home so that you will see it every day and be reminded to read it. Saint Gregory says "The Bible is a love letter sent by God to His people in which we can perceive the heart of God." Read and listen to God's love letter to you every day. Saint Jerome said, "Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ." The Word of God in the Bible brings us healing and helps us cope with life's problems. We may not find an answer to every problem, but it will certainly broaden our vision.

READINGS

FIRST READING**NEHEMIAH 8:2-6,8-10****RESPONSORIAL PSALM****PSALM 18(19):8-10,15****SECOND READING****1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-30****GOSPEL****LUKE 1:1-4,4:14-21****ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

*O sing a new
song to the
Lord;
sing to the
Lord, all the
earth.*

*In his presence
are majesty
and splendour,
strength and
honour in his
holy place.*



SACRED HEART OF JESUS – CAMBERWELL

Archdiocese of Southwark
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year C

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SUNDAY MASSES

6:00pm (*Sat*)
10:00am 12:00 Noon * 6:00pm
* with *Children's Liturgy*
3:00pm (KCH chapel)

CONFESSON:
Sat: 10.30am - 10.45am
5.00pm - 5.45pm

Eucharistic Adoration:
Sunday 4:30 - 5:30pm
Friday 7:30 - 8:30pm

MORNING PRAYER
Monday - Friday 8:45am
Saturday 9:45am

ROSARY
After weekday Masses

PRAYER GROUPS

Sacred Heart Association:
Friday: 6.00pm
1st Friday 7:30pm

Our Lady & Divine Mercy:
Thursday 5:30 pm

Legion of Mary Seniors:
Thursday 7.00pm

Catholic Charismatic Renewal
Saturday 7pm

St. John Bosco Junior Altar Servers
Tuesdays 5.30pm

Adult Altar Servers
Sunday after 11.30am Mass

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 23RD JANUARY 2022— 29TH JANUARY 2022

SUNDAY 23RD 6.00PM	PHIL JARIKRE, SPECIAL INTENTIONS. JOSE HOUNNOU, RIP. 8 YEARS IN MIND
10.00 AM	STEPHEN CONNEELY, RIP 21ST ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH. EUNICE IDEH, RIP
12.00 PM	PHILIPPE MENGUINI, BIRTHDAY THANKSGIVING & GOD'S BLESSINGS
6PM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
MONDAY 24TH 9. 00AM 7.00PM	MEMORIAL OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CATHY APPIAH, FOR TRAVELLING MERCIES & GOD'S BLESSINGS.
TUESDAY 25TH 9.00 AM 7.00PM	FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE ELIZABETH ASAGBA, BIRTHDAY THANKS, GOD'S PROTECTION & BLESSINGS OVER HER FAMILY.
WEDNESDAY 26TH 9.00 AM 7.00PM	MEMORIAL OF STS. TIMOTHY & TITUS GRACE AMA, BIRTHDAY THANKSGIVING FOR ALL GOD'S BLESSINGS. EVELYN ONYERONKE MARTINS– TAYLOR, RIP
THURSDAY 27TH 9.00 AM 7.00PM	FERIA RABI & THOMPSON AMUDUAGHAN, RIP
FRIDAY 28TH 9.00 AM 7.00PM	MEMORIAL OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS JOHN AND MARTHA RAYNE. EVELYN ONYERONKE MARTINS– TAYLOR, RIP
SATURDAY 29TH 10.00 AM 6.00PM	THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Parish community of Sacred Heart, Camberwell celebrates the presence of Christ in our lives. Central and true to our name, we celebrate, we stand, and we dedicate our lives, witnessing to the unfailing love and friendship of God, through His beloved Son, in whose Heart of love we find daily strength for our journey. We are a catholic community, diverse and multicultural. Everyone has a voice and everyone is welcome. We strive to make visible, God's love and care for the world in word, sacrament, and service to all. Nourished by the sacraments and in our diversity, we strive to create a supportive parish family that fosters communication. We use our talents as responsible stewards-accountable to God, to our neighbour, to our community and to the world at large.

Rev Fr Victor Darlington .

FIRST READINGS**NEHEMIAH 8:2-6,8-10**

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, ‘Amen! Amen!’ Then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read. Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe, and the Levites who were instructing the people, said to all the people, ‘This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.’ For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, ‘Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.

The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM**PSALM 24(25):4-5,8-9,10,14**

R. Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.

The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. . **R.**

The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. **R.**

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. . **R.**

May the spoken words of my mouth,
the thoughts of my heart,
win favour in your sight, O Lord,
my rescuer, my rock . **R.**

SECOND READING**1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-30**

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink. Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. If the foot were to say, ‘I am not a hand and so I do not belong to the body’, would that mean that it stopped being part of the body? If the ear were to say, ‘I am not an eye, and so I do not belong to the body’, would that mean that it was not a part of the body? If your whole body was just one eye, how would you hear anything? If it was just one ear, how would you smell anything? Instead of that, God put all the separate parts into the body on purpose. If all the parts were the same, how could it be a body?

As it is, the parts are many but the body is one. The eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I do not need you’, nor can the head say to the feet, ‘I do not need you.’

What is more, it is precisely the parts of the body that seem to be the weakest which are the indispensable ones; and it is the least honourable parts of the body that we clothe with the greatest care. So our more improper parts get decorated in a way that our more proper parts do not need.

God has arranged the body so that more dignity is given to the parts which are without it, and that there may not be disagreements inside the body, but that each part may be equally concerned for all the others. If one part is hurt, all parts are hurt with it. If one part is given special honour, all parts enjoy it.

Now you together are Christ’s body; but each of you is a different part of it. In the Church, God has given the first place to apostles the second to prophets, the third to teachers; after them, miracles, and after them the gift of healing; helpers, good leaders, those with many languages. Are all of them apostles, or all of them prophets, or all of them teachers? Do they all have the gift of miracles, or all have the gift of healing? Do all speak strange languages, and all interpret them?

The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

LUKE 4:18

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**The Lord has sent me to bring the good news to the poor,
to proclaim liberty to captives
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

LUKE 1:1-4,4:14-21

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received. Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written: The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord’s year of favour. He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, ‘This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.’

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

NOTICES OF THE WEEK

PARISH FINANCE: WEEKLY DONATIONS

Donations can be paid into the Parish Account:
Sacred Heart Church Camberwell.

Sort Code: 60-50-01

Account Number: 79102409

PARISH FINANCE COLLECTION

First collection amounted to £478.72

Gift Aid amounted to £ 272 not including standing orders.

Second collection: Pax Christi £144.43

GIFT AID & OFFERING

We have the Offering and Gift Aid boxes at the entrance and exit doors for our offering. Thank you for your generosity.

FROM THE FINANCE DESK

We can now register our gift aid envelope online by picking a form from the parish website. After the details are entered , kindly email to: camberwellfinance@rcaos.org.uk

GIFT AID USERS

Please all gift aid users are kindly encouraged to pick up their envelopes at the exit door of the church with your names & numbers indicated on the envelopes.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Gift aid envelopes for one off donations: we have now gift aid envelopes for anyone wishing to make a one off donation to the church. Please speak to any priest or pick up one from the sacristy.

SECOND COLLECTION

Our second collection today is for parish needs. Thank you for your generosity.

INFANT BAPTISM

Infant Baptism is ongoing. Kindly see any of the priest after Mass to discuss when you want your child baptised.

LEGION OF MARY—JUNIOR PRAESIDIUM

The junior praesidium of the Legion of Mary is will be held every Sunday after 12noon mass, at our Lady's chapel.

RCIA

The next RCIA class is on Wednesday 26th January, at 7.30 pm via zoom. We shall resume the face to face class on Wednesday 3rd February 2022 at the Church hall.

DIACONATE ORDINATION

The diaconate ordination of our seminarian Mark will take place here on Tuesday 8th February at 7pm . All are cordially invited. Please keep Mark in your prayers that he may remain faithful to his vocation.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

SUNDAY 5 PM ADORATION

We are reminded that Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament takes place every Sunday at 5pm to 6pm followed by Mass.

RETURN OF TAP TO DONATE DEVICES

The trial phase of our parish use of the tap to donate devices is now coming to an end, the review shows that the devices were not put to maximum use. The Archdiocese will now send them to another parish more in need of them.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS

The next First Holy Communion class is on Saturday 29th January at 9 AM on zoom. We will resume face to face classes on Saturday 5th February at 9 am in the church hall.

PARISH COUNCILLORS

Join me in expressing gratitude to our new parish councillors who will liaise directly with the parishioners and the clergy in ensuring that we remain a great parish family rooted in the love of Christ and mutually caring and supportive of each other. The new chair of our parish council is Abiodun Olalekan Members of the team are Madeleine Merrifield, Isaac Quarshie, Caroline Millogo-Ohout, and Jude Onye. May God grant them wisdom and strength as they serve our parish community. Amen.

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD:

Today is the Sunday of the word of God. It is a day specially set aside by Pope Francis, to remind us all of the importance of Sacred Scripture and to devote time to read, study and celebrate the word of God and to share this same word with others. May the sacred scriptures continue to be a light for our paths as we journey through life Amen.

MASS BOOKING

We have spaces available for the weekday Masses. Kindly call or text any of the priests to book a Mass.

NOTICES OF THE WEEK

CAUTION

Omicron is spreading fast in the UK. As we prepare for Christmas, let us endeavour to keep each other safe. Keep to your bubble as much as possible and avoid large party gatherings and celebrations. If you feel unwell with cold symptoms please isolate at home and follow mass online. Do regular lateral flow test to ascertain your COVID status. And everyone in church should wear a mask except for those exempted for health reasons. All should please sanitise your hands in and out of church. Thank you for your cooperation. May God continue to keep us safe Amen.

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR

St Francis Xavier Catholic Sixth Form College, Balham, a successful provider of outstanding full-time education to 16 - 19 year olds from the whole community, is seeking a foundation governor. Do you have an interest in education with skills and experience that would be useful to our governing body, responsible for preserving and developing the educational character and mission of the College; its solvency and assets and the achievements and safeguarding of its students? This is a voluntary but demanding, interesting and professional role for a practising Roman Catholic who has the time to prepare for, attend and participate in at least six evening meetings each year (full Board and minimum one sub-committee). The governors are particularly, but not exclusively, seeking volunteers with current experience / expertise in Human Resources management or accountancy / audit.

If you are interested, or would like to know more, please contact Eleanor Lewis, Clerk to the Governors (020 8772 6062 – e.lewis@sfx.ac.uk). Website: sfx.ac.uk.

NHS TEST AND TRACE APP

For those who have registered with this app you don't need to write down your names as you enter the Church. The parish now have the QR code which you can scan as you enter the church. This is located at the entrance of the Church. For those without the App, please continue to sign in on the sheets provided for each Mass, for the safety of us all. Thank you for your cooperation

CONSULTATION AND FORM SIGNING

Since the presbytery and the parish office is not Covid-19 risk assessed, unfortunately face to face consultation and form signing with Fr. Victor is not permitted at this time. However, for those who wish to sign any forms or other documents, they are encouraged to fill in their parts and then drop off the form through our letter box addressed to me. Such forms will be ready for pick up by next day between 10am and 4pm. For Sacred Heart school forms please show your baptism and first communion certificates to the priest or seminarian after mass and submit the form. You will then have to follow up to submit copies of same to the school along with the supplementary form.

For other school forms, please submit same way to the priests or seminarian and pick them up from the parish office during the week for submission to the school concerned yourselves.

For any other consultations please email

camberwell@rcaos.org.uk or call any of the priests directly or by text message, we shall respond to you promptly. Thank you for your cooperation.

DO YOU HAVE SKILLS TO OFFER AS A GOVERNOR OR TRUSTEE IN THE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN SOUTHWARK?

The Education Commission for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Southwark (rcaoseducation.org.uk) is looking to build up its list of people able to offer time, expertise and commitment to support primary, secondary schools and sixth form colleges in Southwark. The Diocese needs local people from its parishes to volunteer as foundation governors in Catholic maintained schools and academies. It also needs people to become trustees/directors in their multi-academy trusts. Could you spare a few hours a month? These are fulfilling roles though not without challenges. Governors and trustees work together as a team to ensure a good standard of education is being achieved. Being a governor or a trustee is an opportunity to develop the skills you have, undertake service to the community and to improve the futures of children today.

You do not need to be a parent or work in the education sector. The Diocese welcomes interest from all sectors of society and across all ages. It is looking for people with finance and accounting, legal and HR, premises and health and safety experience. Induction, training and mentoring will be provided.

Some further information can be found here: [DBS-Role-of-Foundation-Governor.pdf](http://rcaoseducation.org.uk)
rcaoseducation.org.uk

If you would like to know more, please fill in the form below to register your interest. A member of the team will be in contact shortly to talk with you about the process. Suitable candidates will then receive a statement of support from their parish priest, provide 2 referees and undertake a DBS before allocation to a school.

Could you become a Governor? – Education Commission for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Southwark (rcaoseducation.org.uk)

Those interested please speak to any of the priests or to see exact details in the parish newsletter in the parish

WhatsApp forum or on the parish website