

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

18<sup>th</sup> October- 24<sup>th</sup> October 2020

NEWSLETTER

# SACRED HEART

Year A • Ferial Cycle 2 • Psalter Week 1

## HERE AM I, SEND ME (IS 6:8) !

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS ON WORLD MISSION DAY 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I wish to express my gratitude to God for the commitment with which the Church throughout the world carried out the Extraordinary Missionary Month last October. I am convinced that it stimulated missionary conversion in many communities on the path indicated by the theme: "Baptized and Sent: the Church of Christ on Mission in the World".

In this year marked by the suffering and challenges created by the Covid-19 pandemic, the missionary journey of the whole Church continues in light of the words found in the account of the calling of the prophet Isaiah: "Here am I, send me" (6:8). This is the ever-new response to the Lord's question: "Whom shall I send?" (ibid.).

This invitation from God's merciful heart challenges both the Church and humanity as a whole in the current world crisis. "Like the disciples in the Gospel we were caught off guard by an unexpected, turbulent storm. We have realized that we are on the same boat, all of us fragile and disoriented, but at the same time important and needed, all of us called to row together, each of us in need of comforting the other. On this boat... are all of us. Just like those disciples, who spoke anxiously with one voice, saying 'We are perishing' (v. 38), so we too have realized that we cannot go on thinking of ourselves, but only together can we do this" (Meditation in Saint Peter's Square, 27 March 2020). We are indeed frightened, disoriented, and afraid. Pain and death make us experience our human frailty, but at the same time remind us of our deep desire for life and liberation from evil. In this context, the call to mission, the invitation to step out of ourselves for love of God and neighbour presents itself as an opportunity for sharing, service, and intercessory prayer. The mission that God entrusts to each one of us leads us from fear and introspection to a renewed realization that we find ourselves precisely when we give ourselves to others.

In the sacrifice of the cross, where the mission of Jesus is fully accomplished (cf. Jn 19:28-30), God shows us that his love is for each and every one of us (cf. Jn 19:26-27). He asks us to be personally willing to be sent, because he himself is Love, love that is always "on mission", always reaching out in order to give life. Out of his love for us, God the Father sent his Son Jesus (cf. Jn 3:16). Jesus is the Father's Missionary: his life and ministry reveal his total obedience to the Father's will (cf. Jn 4:34; 6:38; 8:12-30; Heb 10:5-10). Jesus, crucified and risen for us, draws us in turn into his mission of love, and with his Spirit which enlivens the Church, he makes us his disciples and sends us on a mission to the world and to its peoples.

"The mission, the 'Church on the move', is not a programme, an enterprise to be carried out by sheer force of will. It is Christ who makes the Church go out of herself. In the mission of evangelization, you move because the Holy Spirit pushes you, and carries you" (Senza di Lui non possiamo fare nulla: Essere missionari oggi nel mondo. Una conversazione con Gianni Valente, Libreria Editrice Vaticana: San Paolo, 2019, 16-17). God always loves us first and with this love comes to us and calls us. Our personal vocation comes from the fact that we are sons and daughters of God in the Church, his family, brothers and sisters in that love that Jesus has shown us. All, however, have a human dignity founded on the divine invitation to be children of God and to become, in the sacrament of Baptism and in the freedom of faith, what they have always been in the heart of God. (To be Continued)

## READINGS

**FIRST READING:**  
ISAIAH 45:1,4-6

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM :**  
PSALM 95(96):1,3-5,7-10

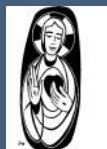
**SECOND READING:**  
1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-5

**GOSPEL:**  
MATTHEW 22:15-21

## LEARN

"The citizen is obliged in conscience not to follow the directives of civil authorities when they are contrary to the demands of the moral order, to the fundamental rights of persons or the teachings of the Gospel. Refusing obedience to civil authorities, when their demands are contrary to those of an upright conscience, finds its justification in the distinction between serving God and serving the political community. "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." "We must obey God rather than men"

CCC2242, MATTHEW 22:21



# SACRED HEART OF JESUS – CAMBERWELL

Archdiocese of Southwark  
Twenty—Ninth Sunday - Year A

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## SUNDAY MASSES

6:00pm (Sat) 8:30am  
10:00am 11:30am\* 6:00pm  
\* with Children's Liturgy  
3:00pm (KCH chapel)

## CONFESSION:

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

18TH OCTOBER—24TH OCTOBER, 2020

### SUNDAY 18TH

### TWENTY— NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

6.00PM

People of the Parish

10. 00AM

Philip Ogunleye, Birthday Thanksgiving. Queenie Johnson Ann, RIP, Patrick Cunningham, RIP. Eileen Conneely, 13th Anniversary, RIP. Ikenna Duru in thanksgiving to God.

12.00 PM

Rita Enuechie, in thanksgiving to God for protection and healing. In thanksgiving to God for all the Legionaries Muctar Lewally-Tailor, RIP

6.00 PM

Ahishar Jameson

### MONDAY 19TH

### FERIA

9.00 AM

Cesar and Adele Tcheche, praying for God's blessings and protection for their family and the world. Ikenna Duru in thanksgiving to God for his life.

7.00 PM

### TUESDAY 20TH

### FERIA

9.00 AM

Koffi Houndjame, Birthday Thanksgiving

7.00 PM

Souls in Purgatory. Joseph Daniels Intentions

### WEDNESDAY 21ST

### FERIA

9.00 AM

Joseph Daniel in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7.00 PM

### THURSDAY 22ND

### FERIA

9.00 AM

Joseph Daniels in honour of St. Joseph and St. Michael

7.00 PM

### FRIDAY 23RD

### FERIA

9.00 AM

LILLY DIAMOND

7.00 PM

Blessing Djagbo, Birthday Thanksgiving

### SATURDAY 24TH

### MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

10.00AM

Fr. John Walsh, RIP, 30th death Anniversary

6.00PM

## 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 unending 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 .

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

PSALM 129: 3-4

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me .

## FIRST READINGS

ISAIAH 45:1,4-6

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: 'It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.'

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

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 95(96):1,3-5,7-10

**R. Give the Lord glory and power .**

- 1 O sing a new song to the Lord,  
sing to the Lord all the earth.  
Tell among the nations his glory  
and his wonders among all the peoples .
- 2 The Lord is great and worthy of praise,  
to be feared above all gods;  
the gods of the heathens are naught.  
It was the Lord who made the heavens
- 3 Give the Lord, you families of peoples,  
Give the Lord glory and power.  
give the Lord the glory of his name.  
Bring an offering and enter his courts
- 4 Worship the Lord in his temple.  
O earth, tremble before him.  
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'  
He will judge the peoples in fairness .

## SECOND READING

1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-5

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action,

worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ. We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction .

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

JOHN 17:17

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Your word is truth, O Lord: consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

MATTHEW 22:15-21

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you.

Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.'

They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

The Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ**

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine .

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things, we may be helped by what you give in this present age and prepared for the gifts that are eternal. Through Christ our Lord.

# 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

## GIFT AID & OFFERING

We have the Offering and Gift Aid boxes at the exit and baptismal font of the church. We are encouraged to make our offerings and drop our gift aid envelopes after Mass. Thank you for your generosity.

## 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.

## 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](mailto:camberwellfinance@rcaos.org.uk).

## MASS BOOKINGS

Parishioners are encouraged to book Masses for this week, with any of the priests, as there are Mass available spaces

## SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to faith Olawole and her children at the passing of their loved one Kolawole Olawole. May his gentle soul rest in peace. Amen.

## THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

October is the month of the Holy Rosary: Catholics are encouraged to pray the Rosary daily especially during this time of the global pandemic. May our Blessed Mother Mary continue her powerful intercession on the world.

## EPISCOPAL VICAR

Fr Victor has been appointed as the Episcopal Vicar for promoting racial and cultural diversity with the communities of the Archdiocese of Southwark. Please keep him and his team in prayers as he begins this new role along with his work as parish priest.

## CONGRATULATIONS

we congratulate all our children who are making their first holy communion this weekend. A special thanks to Madeleine Merrifield and her team for working so hard to coordinate the programme even with the challenges of COVID-19.

## TO BE READ BEFORE THE 10AM AND 12NOON MASSES

Dear brothers and sisters as the coronavirus is now on the rise again, we shall take **option 1** approach for our collective safety recommended by the Bishop's conference for any mass with more than 50 people. This option enables the priest to conclude the Mass before the distribution of Holy Communion. As soon as you receive Holy Communion, please go home immediately communing with the Lord in your heart. This option is to stop parishioners from socialising at the end of Mass as we have observed recently. Thank You

## CONFIRMATION CLASS

We are getting ready to begin our Confirmation classes that were postponed since march. The candidates have been grouped in a class bubble of 3 groups, inline with Covid-19 restrictions. Each class group will take place once a week, **Wednesday for group one, Thursday for group two and Friday for group three**. All classes will begin at 7pm in the parish hall. We hope to begin this schedule from **Wednesday October. 21st FOR GROUP 1 AT 7PM. Group 2, Thursday 22nd at 7pm, Group 3, Friday 23rd at 7pm**. This first session is compulsory for one parent and the candidate.

## PILGRIMAGE 2020

Dear Pilgrim,  
It is with regret and sadness that, due to the unprecedented circumstances caused by COVID-19, the decision was made to postpone your planned 2020 Pilgrimage to Rome, San Giovanni and Loreto. Deposits have been paid to both British Airways and the hotels, but they have agreed that we can postpone the reservations until 2021.

As you have already booked and paid a deposit for the 2020 Pilgrimage, we of course will give you the option to take up a 2021 place, before advertising generally. Therefore do please advise if you wish to have one of these places. The dates are not as yet set but we should have some information in the near future. The deposit paid will simply be transferred to your booking for 2021. please be rest assured, Tangney Tours is a fully bonded Company and your money is safe with them. **PLEASE ADVISE YOUR CHOICE BY EMAILING [gill@tangney-tours.com](mailto:gill@tangney-tours.com) OR CALL 01732886666.**

## FACE MASK/FACE COVERING

Please be reminded that face mask or face covering is recommended for everyone attending Mass except for those exempted on health grounds. The parish is no longer able to provide you with one. Kindly ensure you have your own mask for the safety of us all.



# NOTICES OF THE WEEK

## RESUMPTION OF WEEKLY PRAYER GROUPS

### IN THE PARISH

Any of the Pious Prayer Groups in the Parish, who feel they are ready to begin prayer meetings again under the new restrictions guiding us for Masses, are now encouraged to do the following:

1. Each prayer group should appoint a safeguarding officer and a steward and submit the names and contact information to Fr. Victor.
2. Soon after meeting this request, prayer groups can begin their weekly prayers. For the sake of clarity, the following are the weekly prayer groups of our parish: The Legion of Mary, the Charismatic, the Divine Mercy group and Sacred Heart Association.
3. At all prayer meetings, the 2 meter social distancing must be observed, sanitise your hands before entering the Church and when leaving the Church. Face covering must be used except by those exempted due to health reasons. The steward should ensure everyone writes their names for Track and Trace. No group singing is allowed during prayers. However, a cantor or a soloist can sing and the organ or Piano is permitted. No passing of prayer books, each person should have his/hers. Physical contact with anyone is not permitted during prayers. The duration for prayer meeting is maximum of one hour. After the prayer meeting, the safeguarding officer for the group and the steward will ensure the pews are thoroughly cleaned with recommended anti bacterial wipes without bleach.
4. The UCM and St. Theresa's society are also permitted to meet only for prayers avoiding their usual meeting patterns. This way such meetings are permitted inside the Church. Both groups can alternate their meetings at the choir gallery. If they must proceed with this arrangement, please give us the names of your safeguarding officer/steward as requested for other societies.
5. Please note that cultural/social gatherings of communities within the parish are not permitted at this time.

Finally, as we all are aware, the coronavirus is still very much with us and restrictions are being tightened. We have to adapt to safety rules and learn to live with it. In the last two weeks, two parishes and their parish priests tested positive of the virus and have been shot down for two weeks. Let us remain careful and cautious as we create a safe environment for our collective worship. God bless you all.

Father Victor

## 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 any other consultations please email [camberwell@rcaos.org.uk](mailto: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.

### MEMORIAL MASS:

On Saturday October 24th is the 30th anniversary of the death of Fr. John Walsh. Once the parish priest of our parish. He remains highly treasured and appreciated for all his hard work in Camberwell. There will be a memorial mass in thanksgiving for his life at 10am on Saturday 24th October. May his gentle soul continue to rest in peace. Amen

### CORONA VIRUS PRAYER

Loving and healing God, we turn to you in prayer, confident that you are with us and with all people in every moment. We stand before you as people of hope, trusting in your care and protection. May your faithful love support us and soothe the anxiety of our hearts. Generous God, fill us with compassion and concern for others, young and old, that we may look after one another in these challenging days.

Bring healing to those who are sick and all who work in our medical facilities. Give wisdom to leaders in healthcare and governance, that they may make the right decisions for the well-being of people. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our plea—we who are put to the test—and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and Blessed Virgin Mary. Amen.



## HOUSEBOUND & SICK

Debitru Hadgu, Donaldson Opoku, Sue McCarthy, Peter Kellegher, Eileen Hartnett, Jessie Vincent, Adelaide Peters, Margaret Lynch, Birdie Heffernan, Angela Smith. Joan Bastin, Eileen Nimmo, Timothy Angol, Rita Greaway, Agnes Omeike, Andra Martin, Ashley Isochukwu Igwebike, Anthony Okoh, Johanna Sims, Ursula Lubrano, Troy Benjamin, Lucy Tousaint, Basil Pereira, Kathleen Lennon, Minnian Davies, MarieAugust, Rueben Jameson, AlbaJuliana Ramirez. Kenny Lawal, Kathleen Gray. Robert / Eileen O'Dempsey, Indria Singh, Ulina Pierre, Arielle Miambanzila, Paulin Ngang, Cian Dinsmore, Joseph Murray, Sheelly Choudray, Nesar Ali, Ewen Aitchison, Rasheeda, Kelly Knightly, Eileen Moore, Agnes Smith, James Mc Donald, Fr. Chris Dooley, Velda, Mary Regan Marie Perla, Elsie Devereaux, Alba Juliana Ramirez, James Mc Donald, Doreen Barnett, Barbara Kendall, Esther Eugene, Declan Finn, Caleem McDonagh, Imelda Kerr, Jackie Skeete, Taylor Thompson, Zafar Jabal, Tina Kevitt, Nirajan Bhai, Nicola Hermenstine, Anne Keane, Pascal O'Cloo, Liam Whitfield. Monica White. John Howard, Charlie Quigley, Joshua Tomas, Collen McDonagh