

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8<sup>th</sup> November- 14<sup>th</sup> November 2020

NEWSLETTER

# SACRED HEART

Year A • Ferial Cycle 2 • Psalter Week 4

## CELEBRATING THE ORDINARY TO THE SUPER-ORDINARY

**A**s we approach the end of the liturgical year, our liturgy today reminds us of another deadline which we do not (and cannot) know the precise date. In fact, the months of September, October, November and December are natural reminders of this deadline. Each of them ends with 'ber' - B E R - meaning - be ever ready.

"So, stay awake because you do not know either the day or the hour" (Gospel). This is the attitude proper to the wise man, because "Meditating on her is understanding in its perfect form, and anyone keeping awake for her will soon be free from care" (1st Reading). Thus, we can end our life in peace, and always be with the Lord (2nd Reading).

There were five wise virgins and five foolish ones. The five foolish virgins squandered their time. The five wise virgins made the best use of every moment. The wise virgins entered into the banquet of the master's love. The foolish virgins were too busy wasting time to be ready for their master's return. How much time do you and I have left? We really do not know. The proper Christian attitude is not to deny death, but to prepare for it. This is the wisdom behind the five bridesmaids who were prepared to enter the wedding reception. They did not know when the bridegroom was coming, but they were ready.

So how do we prepare? You do not prepare for the end by doing a lot of stuff. You prepare by nurturing the proper disposition, the Christian attitude. Today's first reading speaks about wisdom. Wisdom is a way of life. The wise are always ready for the Lord because they are always united to Him. The gospel lesson is simple for this Sunday. Be like the wise virgins. Be ready to celebrate the banquet of the Lord love. Brothers and sisters, one thing we know for certain is the fact that there is a deadline. What we do not know is the date. If we can treat other things on the last minute approach, we cannot treat Christianity in the same way. In a world of uncertainties, the one thing we can be sure is death. While we do not know the day or the hour, it is one appointment we cannot postpone, cancel or avoid entirely. To dismiss the thought of death, pushing it to the back of our minds as something to be faced at a later date, is a type of foolishness Christ condemns in the gospel.

Our following of Christ must be a day to day reality. It is not something we fit in when we have times, nor something we can neglect and rush through as the last moment. There are certain things which cannot be obtained at the last minute or be borrowed. It is far too late for a student to be preparing when the day of the examination has come. A person cannot borrow a relationship with God. He must possess it for himself. At the last minute, all chances of making reparation and amendment will be over and past.

In today's parable, like many marriage ceremonies today, there was a hitch, the bridegroom was late. Whatever caused the lateness is not our concern. He came at a possible time, his own time. Whenever it is, God's time, we know is the best. We are called upon today to know that the day is known only to the Lord. It is hidden in His wisdom and love.

## READINGS

**FIRST READING:**  
WISDOM 6:12-16

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM :**  
PSALM 62(63):2-8

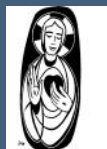
**SECOND READING:**  
1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

**GOSPEL:**  
MATTHEW 25:1-13

## LEARN

"...According to the Lord [Jesus Christ], the present time is the time of the Spirit and of witness, but also a time still marked by "distress" and the trial of evil which does not spare the Church and ushers in the struggles of the last days. It is a time of waiting and watching".

CCC672,, MATTHEW 25:1-13



# SACRED HEART OF JESUS – CAMBERWELL

Archdiocese of Southwark  
Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - 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

8TH NOVEMBER—14TH NOVEMBER, 2020

### SUNDAY 8TH

### 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

10.00 AM

Norman Popp, RIP, Krzysztof & Henryk Palutkiewicz and Bogumila Lukasik, RIP. Vera and Raynond Siraut, RIP. Mr. John Chiemeke & Mrs. Regina Chiemeke, RIP in memoriam. Aaron Jameson, Birthday Thanksgiving. Jame Blackman, Birthday Thanksgiving

12.00 PM

Mrs. Beatrice Abaka— Nyarko on her 63rd Birthday, in thanksgiving. For all departed Legionaries. Mr. John Chiemeke and Mrs. Regina Chiemeke, RIP in memoriam.

### MONDAY 9TH

### FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

9.00 AM

Kathleen and Philip Roe, RIP

### TUESDAY 10TH

### MEMORIAL OF ST. LEO THE GREAT

9.00 AM

Winnie Pepple, RIP  
Deceased members of De Oliveira family

### WEDNESDAY 11TH

### MEMORIAL OF ST. MARTIN OF TOUR

9.00 AM

Deceased parishioners of the War  
For the intentions of Odia, Imiavan, Vanni, Ehiguese & Omonbude

### THURSDAY 12TH

### MEMORIAL OF ST. JOSAPHAT

9.00 AM

For the intentions of Paul Buchanan undergoing cancer treatment  
Deceased member of the Da Costa family

### FRIDAY 13TH

### FERIA

9.00 AM

Theseira family for peace during a stressful time

### SATURDAY 14TH

### MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY ON SATURDAY

10.00 AM

Tracey Pepple, Birthday Thanksgiving  
Winnie Pepple, eternal repose

## 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 .

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

PSALM 87:3

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord

## FIRST READINGS

WISDOM 6:12-16

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them. “

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 62(63):2-8

**R. For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.**

- 1 O God, you are my God, for you I long;  
for you my soul is thirsting.  
My body pines for you  
like a dry, weary land without water .
- 2 So I gaze on you in the sanctuary  
to see your strength and your glory.  
For your love is better than life,  
my lips will speak your praise .
- 3 So I will bless you all my life,  
in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,  
my mouth shall praise you with joy .
- 4 On my bed I remember you.  
On you I muse through the night  
for you have been my help;  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

## SECOND READING

1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him.

We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died.

At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven;

those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them; to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

MATTHEW 24:42-44

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming.**

**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

MATTHEW 25:1-13

“Jesus told this parable to his disciples: ‘The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, “The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him.”’

At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, “Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out.” But they replied, “There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves.” They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed.

The other bridesmaids arrived later. “Lord, Lord,” they said “open the door for us.” But he replied, “I tell you solemnly, I do not know you.” So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.”

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ**

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me .

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourished by this sacred gift, O Lord, we give you thanks and beseech your mercy, that, by the pouring forth of your Spirit, the grace of integrity may endure in those your heavenly power has entered. 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 entrance and exit doors for our offering.

## 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).

## THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

November is the month we pray for our loved ones who have died. Monday 2nd November is All Souls' Day

A box will be in the sanctuary for parishioners to write out the names of their loved ones and to make a mass offering for the holy souls. A picture board of our loved ones who have died will also be in the sanctuary.

If you have a funeral program or picture of a recently deceased family member please add them to our collection. Our parish memorial mass will take on Friday 20th November at 7pm. Eternal rest grant unto them o Lord and may perpetual light shine on them forever Amen

## FOOD BANK

Any family or persons in need of food support during this lockdown please get in touch with Fr. Victor or Fr. Alfred. Our food bank team is on hand to provide support.

## BAPTISM AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES

The baptism and first holy communion classes for our parish children will begin soon. The forms are now available at the exit door. **Forms should be filled and submitted by the 15th of November.**

The first compulsory class with parents of the children and Fr. Victor is Saturday 21st November at 11am on Zoom. **The first class for the children and their parents is on Friday 12th December at 9am in the parish hall.**

## MASS DURING LOCKDOWN

Our parish Masses during this second phase of the lockdown are as follows: **Monday—Friday, 9am. Saturday, 10am.** Masses are Livestreamed, and we are encouraged to follow the Mass and make Spiritual Communion during the Mass. The Church is opened daily from

## NIGHT OF PRAISE & WORSHIP

The Parish will hold a night of praise and worship and prayer **every Tuesday commencing this week from 7pm to 8.30pm** as part of efforts to foster continuous fellowship and prayer during this second lock down. Parishioners are encourage to us Join on Zoom with the following Log in details:

**MEETING ID: 8978 439 0236**  
**PASSCODE: 358 763**

Visit the parish website for details:  
[www.sacredheartchurchcamberwell.co.uk](http://www.sacredheartchurchcamberwell.co.uk)

## CONFIRMATION CLASSES NOW ONLINE

Our Parish Confirmation classes are now held on zoom due to COVID restrictions.

The Login details to the Classes are as follows:

### **Group 1—Wednesday Class:**

Meeting ID: 846 8122 1353  
Passcode: Group1

### **Group 2— Thursday Class:**

Meeting ID: 736 483 7613  
Passcode: Group2

### **Group 3—Friday Class :**

Meeting ID: 848 5503 7558

## PRIEST TRAINING FUND SECOND COLLECTION

We are encouraged to be involved in the contributions of the Priests training funds used for the training of seminarians in the Archdiocese of Southwark. This second collection is this weekend 8th November. Kindly support generously in the training of priest in the Church.

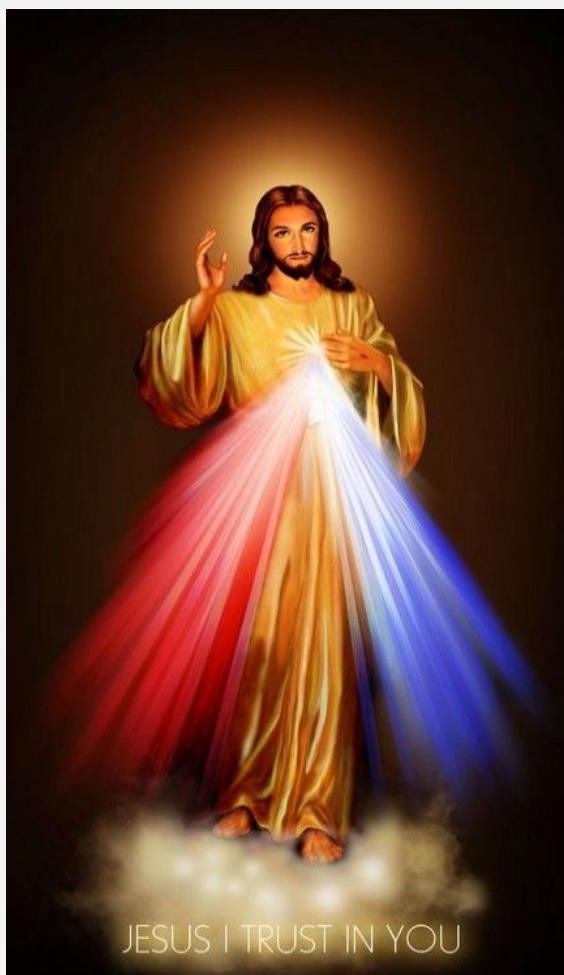
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## CONSULTATION AND FORM SIGNING

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.

## PRAY THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET AND THE ROSARY DAILY FROM OUR PARISH WEBSITE

[www.sacredheartchurchcamberwell.co.uk/divine-mercy](http://www.sacredheartchurchcamberwell.co.uk/divine-mercy)



## FACE MASK/FACE COVERING

Please be reminded that face mask or face covering is recommended for everyone visiting the church for private prayers 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.

## 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.*

## 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.**

## HOUSEBOUND & SICK

Debritu 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 Devreaux, 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

