



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

19TH SEPTEMBER – 25TH SEPTEMBER, 2021

NEWSLETTER

SACRED HEART

Year B • 25th Sunday • Ferial cycle 1
Psalter Week 1

TO LEAD IS TO SERVE.

In the Gospel (Mk 9:30–37), we see again how Jesus predicted his Passion, Death and Resurrection, cautioning his disciples to prepare themselves for these sublime and imminent events which essential for the salvation of humanity:

“The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him; and when he is killed, after three days he will rise.” However, the disciples *“did not understand the saying, and they were afraid to ask him.”*

Instead, what was surprising and a bit amusing -to show us how the disciples Our Lord chose are men with their own defects-, was that after hearing the solemn prediction of Our Lord regarding the Paschal Mystery, the disciples began *“discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest.”* Jesus took advantage of this childish bickering among the apostles to teach them an important lesson:

“Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, ‘IF ANYONE WISHES TO BE FIRST, HE SHALL BE THE LAST OF ALL AND THE SERVANT OF ALL.’ Taking a child, he placed it in the their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, ‘Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.’”

Dear friends, with these words, Our Lord wants to remind us that **AUTHORITY IS SERVICE. TO LEAD IS TO SERVE.** All of us, in one way or another exercise an authority over other people: priests, parents, elder siblings, teachers, leaders of nations, government authorities, politicians, community leaders... in the exercise of our authority, we must remember that our task is to serve and not to take advantage of our position for personal gain, nor for vanity’s sake nor for the desire to subjugate the people around us. It is very important to remind ourselves of this important idea every now and then for the good of those people whom God has entrusted to us. If not, grave immoral consequences will necessarily arise in all levels of the society: family and marriage problems, cruelty, corruption, poverty, totalitarianism...to name a few.

Our Lord Jesus Christ has “come to serve and not be served (Mk 10:45)” and this is the model all Christians are called to imitate: Serve Others Especially Those Who Are in Most Need. This is the reason why Jesus, later in the Gospel, took and embraced a little child, who in turn represents all those who are in need: poor, sick, elderly, abandoned children, prisoners....



READINGS

FIRST READING

WISDOM 2: 12,17-20

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 53(54):3-6,8

SECOND READING

JAMES 3:16-4:3

GOSPEL

MARK 9:30-37

REFLECTION

“Lord grant me the virtue of humility this week and beyond?

“It’s impossible,”
said pride.

“It’s risky,”
said experience.

“It’s pointless,”
said reason.

“Give it a try,”
whispered the heart.

- Unknown.



SACRED HEART OF JESUS — CAMBERWELL

Archdiocese of Southwark Twenty-Fifth Sunday in ordinary time - Year B

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SUNDAY MASSES

6:00pm (Sat)

10:00am 12:00 Noon * 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

SUNDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER

6.00PM

10.00AM

12.NOON

6.00 PM

MONDAY 20TH SEPT.

9.00 AM

7.00PM

TUESDAY 21ST SEPT.

9.00AM

7.00PM

WEDNESDAY 22ND SEPT.

9. 00AM

7.00PM

THURSDAY 23RD SEPT.

9.00AM

7.00PM

FRIDAY 24TH SEPT.

9.00AM

7.00PM

SATURDAY 25TH SEPT.

10.00 AM

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CAMILO PARAINO JR. (RIP).

SYLVIA & ASHLEY BASTIAN, PRAY FOR RIP OF THEIR LOVED ONES.

PETER SALAMI + PAUL NOMUOTA + CHIKA NZEKWU RIP.

CATHERINE 'O' DRICOLL & TIM 'O' DRISCOLL .RIP,

JOHN MILYLIN. RIP. EMMANUEL EZUKWO RIP.

CHUKWUEBUKA ANI - 16TH B'DAY THANKS, GOD PROTECTION
& GUIDANCE., CHRISTIAN TUVI RIP.

CHRISTELL RIGINE NGOLLE LITTI FONGUE - THANKSGIVING.

ALBERT ADDO -2ND B'DAY THANKS, NANA ADWOA DANSO -

6TH B'DAY THANKS, EVELYN ADUNYA - THANKSGIVING &
FAVOUR RECEIVED.

SAINT ANDREW KIM TAE-GON, PRIEST, AND PAUL CHONG HA-SANG, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS, MEMORIAL .

ANGELO DA COSTA - FORGIVENESS, HEALING AND SALVATION

JOHANNA SIMS RIP. ETHNA HARRIS RIP.

SAINT MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST, FEAST.

SEBASBIANO + VINCENZO CNOMO FM. RIP

JOHANNA SIMS RIP. ETHNA HARRIS RIP.

ANTONIA ROBINSON - INTENTION.

FERIA.

JOHANNA SIMS RIP. ETHNA HARRIS RIP.

SAINT PIUS OF PIETRELCINA (PADRE PIO), PRIEST, MEMORIAL.

HOLY SOULS.

OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM, MEMORIAL.

FR. ALFRED 10TH YR PRIESTLY ANNIVERSARY .

FERIA.

FRANKIE NGO YANGA -HEALTHY RETIREMENT THANKSGIVING .
KALASIC FAMILY INTENTION.

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

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

FIRST READINGS

WISDOM 2: 12, 17-20

The godless say to themselves:

‘Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.

‘Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God’s son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.’

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 53(54):3-6,8

R. The Lord upholds my life.

O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.
O God, hear my prayer;
listen to the words of my mouth. **R.**

For proud men have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.
They have no regard for God. **R.**

But I have God for my help.
The Lord upholds my life.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good. **R.**

SECOND READING

JAMES 3: 16-4:3

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness. .

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn’t it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven’t got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force.

Why you don’t have what you want is because you don’t pray for it; when you do pray and don’t get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

JOHN 8:12

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
anyone who follow me will have the light of life.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

MARK 9:30-37

Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, ‘The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.’ But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, ‘What were you arguing about on the road?’ They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, ‘If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.’ He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, ‘Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.’

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive with favour, O Lord, we pray,
the offerings of your people,
that what they profess with devotion and faith
may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries.
Through Christ our Lord. .

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Psalm 118: 4-5

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes. .

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously raise up, O Lord,
those you renew with this Sacrament,
that we may come to possess your redemption
both in mystery and in the manner of our life.
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

PARISH FINANCE COLLECTION

First collection amounted to £335.71

Catholic Education Service Collection £73.36

Gift Aid amounted to £203.00 not including standing orders.

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 FOR TODAY IS FOR THE
CATHOLIC AGENCY FOR THE SUPPORT OF
EVANGELIZATION.

INFANT BAPTISM

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

MASS BOOKINGS

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

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.

SYMPATHY:

We express our sympathy to our dear parishioner, Abo Adeoye and his family at the passing of their dear mother Mary Jolade Adeoye recently. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT

The yearly mass count will begin this weekend.



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.

10TH PRIESTLY ANNIVERSARY.

On the 24th of September, Fr. Alfred will celebrate his 10th Priestly Ordination Anniversary. As a Parish community, we shall celebrate with him on Saturday 25th of September at 12 noon During the ceremony, the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation for our Parish RCIA candidates will take place. All are cordially invited.

After the mass there will be cutting of the cake and a take away lunch at the courtyard.

RCIA:

Do you ever ask yourself:
What I am looking for in life?
How can I be a better person?
How do I know the path that God has for me?

If you are asking these question or questions like these, then the Catholic life awaits you. For centuries, people have turned to the Church to find answers to the deepest and hardest questions of everyday life. If you are interested in finding out more about what Catholics believe and in how to become a catholic, then come along to RCIA on 13th October 2021 at 7pm at the Parish hall for our first meeting.

For more information, please contact one of the Priests or our seminarian Mark.

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

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.

FUNERAL:

The body of Johanna Sims will be received into the church for an overnight stay with the lord and our blessed lady on Tuesday 5th October @7pm

Her funeral mass will take place on Wednesday 6th October at 11:45pm followed by burial Benchley gardens cemetery at 1:30. May her gentle soul continue to rest in peace Amen.

REFURBLISHMENT OF PEWS:

Refurbishment of pews have now started as you can see for yourselves. I am very grateful to all those who have indicated their wish to sponsor or support the ongoing refurbishment. You are now encouraged to redeem your financial contribution as soon as possible. Anyone who still wish to support, can speak directly to Fr. Victor. May God bless your generosity. .

Sacred Heart Catholic Church “Tap to Donate”

Online



From this weekend, the parish will start using the two devices our contactless method of donation now located at the two entrance of the church. Thank you for your generosity.



Donation by Credit/debit card

We can use our credit/debit cards in the contactless/chip and pin terminals in church. Nowadays, we often don't carry cash with us when we go out, and many venues encourage cashless payments. With credit/debit cards, we can donate as we do online:



- the general parish funds (the same as the first collection at Mass)
- for a specific fundraising purpose in the parish
- Mass offerings
- Charitable/second collections (when they occur)

A Cross in My Pocket

by Verna Mae Thomas

I carry a cross in my pocket
A simple reminder to me
Of the fact that I am a Christian
No matter where I may be.

This little cross is not magic,
Nor is it a good luck charm
It isn't meant to protect me
From every physical harm.

It's not for identification
For all the world to see
It's simply an understanding
Between my Saviour and me.

When I put my hand in my pocket
To bring out a coin or a key
The cross is there to remind me
Of the price He paid for me.

It reminds me, too, to be thankful
For my blessings day by day
And to strive to serve Him better
In all that I do and say.

It's also a daily reminder
Of the peace and comfort I share
With all who know my Master
And give themselves to His care.

So, I carry a cross in my pocket
Reminding no one but me
That Jesus Christ is the Lord of my life
If only I'll let Him be.

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.

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](#) (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