



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

29TH JAN- 4TH FEB. 2023

# NEWSLETTER SACRED HEART

Year A | Psalter Week 4

## THE BEATITUDES

**T**oday, our attention turns to the beginning of the SERMON on the Mount. The portion being read today is what is mainly known as the Beatitudes. This long teaching of the Lord serves as the announcement of the type of kingdom He was bringing to mankind. He came to interpret the spirit and the meaning of what was taught by the prophets of old. The letter to the Hebrews says, in the past God spoke through the prophets of old, but now He has spoken through His Son (Heb 1:1-2). As the image of the unseen God (Col 1:15), He has shown us what the Father requires of us.

The Beatitudes is the guideline for a new path. The immediate listeners were people from different works of life in the crowds (Matthew 5:1). It was also for his disciples who were the nearest to Him during the sermon. St Matthew says they gathered round him (Matt 5:1). There is something unique about the ministry of the Lord and the crowd. When He saw the crowd before the feeding of the 5000, He had compassion on them and healed them (Matt 14:14, Mk 6:34), He felt compassion for the crowd before the feeding of the 4000 (Matt 15:32, Mk 8:1-2). On another occasion, He was moved with pity for a crowd as they looked harassed and dejected (Matt 9:35-37). This crowd represent other crowds around the world who hunger and thirst for Him. They are God's sheep who often live without a shepherd to minister to their spiritual and sometimes physical needs.

Some translators use the word, Blessed. In our text today, the word Happy is preferred. Either Blessedness or Happiness, the core point is what becomes of a follower of Jesus who chooses to walk in the light of these words. Each of the Beatitudes assures an inner joy that comes from having God as the centre. It is about a life of relationship with God. The poor in spirit, the gentle, those who mourn, those who hunger for righteousness, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, those persecuted for what is right and those persecuted for the sake of the Lord, will all have their rewards. All the Beatitudes revolves around developing a Christ centred relationship that comes from the heart. Take the beatitude individually, a new heart is the goal. Hunger for God, gentility, being merciful, peace making, all comes from the heart. A good person draws good things from the store of goodness in his heart, and an evil person draws evil things from the evil in his heart. The mouth speaks of what the heart is full of (Luke 6:45). None of these beatitudes can be lived out without cultivating a Christ-centred heart. God looks at the heart (1 Sam 16:7). St Paul tells us in the second reading that God chooses what is foolish and weak by human standard to shame what is wise and strong (1 Cor 1:27). It doesn't end with the heart alone, because what goes on in the heart expresses itself in our dealings with one another. Forgiveness begins from the heart, love is of the heart, true prayer comes from the heart and so on. God promised to give His people a new heart and take from them a heart of stone (Eze 36:26). We pray that our heart will be like Christ's. As we enter a new week, may we clear the garden of our heart of weeds and things that are not Christ-centred. Holy Spirit, give us a heart like our Saviour.

## READINGS

### FIRST READING

ZEPHANIAH 2:3, 3:12-13

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 145(146): 6-10

### SECOND READING

1 CORINTHIANS 1:26-31

### GOSPEL

MATTHEW 5:1-12

## LEARN

“Out  
of the  
abundance  
of the  
heart, the  
mouth  
speaks”.

Luke 6:45



# SACRED HEART OF JESUS – CAMBERWELL

*(Served by the Vincentians)*

Archdiocese of Southwark

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A

**Clergy:** Fr Vincent George, CM (Parish Priest)

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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

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Sunday 5:00pm- 6:50pm

Friday 9:45am - 6:45pm

## 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

## LEGION OF MARY JUNIOR

PRAESIDIUM:

Sunday After 12Noon Mass

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL

1st and 3rd Saturday -5pm

## CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC

RENEWAL

Saturday 7pm

## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

SUN. 29TH JAN

6.00 PM

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10.00 AM

ELIZABETH ASAGBA'S 70TH BIRTHDAY THANKSGIVING

MICHAEL CRAEFORD ANNIVERSARY R.I.P

OBIANUJU DURU 5TH BIRTHDAY

12. NOON

NIGERIAN COMMUNITY—THANKSGIVING FOR MERCY & PROTECTION

6.00 PM

MON. 30TH JAN

9.00 AM

FERIA

FRANCIS DAVIES R.I.P

7.00 PM

SAMUEL GOMEZ

TUES. 31ST JAN

9.00 AM

SAINT JOHN BOSCO

7:00 PM

WED. 1ST FEB

9.00 AM

FERIA

IKECHUKWU ANI BIRTHDAY

7:00 PM

THUR 2ND FEB

9.00 AM

7:00 PM

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

FRANCIS DEIGHTON R.I.P

FRI. 3RD FEB

9.00 AM

7.00 PM

SAINT LAURENCE OF CANTERBURY

JESSICA'S BIRTHDAY

SAT. 4TH FEB

10.00 AM

FERIA

JOHN BARRY R.I.P

## 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.

# 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 £883.50 Gift Aid amounted to £245.00  
Second collection amounted to £301.17 not including standing order.

## 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)

## 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. Additionally, New donors are welcome to sign up for the gift aid.

## SECOND COLLECTION

Our second collection today is for parish needs. Next week second collection is for Racial Justice. Thank you for your generosity.

## STANDING ORDER

Do you wish to set up a standing order for our parish? It is one of the ways of supporting the church financially. The standing order form are available. Ask a priest or an usher.

## 1. ADORATION

There is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Sunday from 5pm and Friday from 9.45am to 6.45pm.

## 2 YOUNG WELCOMERS

As a young person, do you feel the desire to take an EXTRA STEP for God? This means doing something in the church in addition to coming to mass. You can become a reader at mass, a welcomer, who welcomes parishioners as they come to mass, a member of the hospitality team helping to serve tea and coffee after mass, and you could join the church cleaners. There is always something to do in the church. SHARE YOUR IDEAS WITH THE PRIEST.

## 3. INFANT BAPTISM

There will be infant baptism on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2023

## 4. MASS FOR THE SICK

There will be mass for the sick on Friday 3rd February at 7pm.

## 5. RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY—5TH FEBRUARY

There will be mass at St George's Cathedral at 10am.

## 6. HOSPITALITY TEAM

We encourage willing and committed parishioners to join the Hospitality Team, to help serve and support our parish community. For more information, please speak to a priest or any member of the team.

## 7. PARISH HYMS BOOKS

Please, if you are keeping the parish hymn book, kindly bring it back. Some of them are missing.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

### SUNDAY AND FRIDAY

There is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Sunday from 5pm and Friday from 9.45am to 6.45pm.

## 8. COME AND SEE

If you are between ages 16 to 30, you are invited to the church for a session on Wednesday 1st February from 7pm to 8pm. The venue is the church hall.

## 9. ADULT FAITH SHARING GROUP

Has Faith played a part in your life's journey? Come and join us if interested in sharing your faith filled life experience with others. This is an Adult faith sharing group starting in the parish from Tuesday 14th February. Contact Beatrice on 079884382455 for more information.

## 10. PARISH DIARY

Our parish diary for 2023 is available in the repository. Get a copy for just £1.

## 11. ROTA FOR FRIDAY EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

1. 11am to 12pm - Divine Mercy and UCM
2. 12pm to 1pm - Sacred Heart Association
3. 1pm to 2pm - Legion of Mary
4. 2pm to 3pm - Charismatic Renewal
5. 3pm to 3.30pm - Ghanaian community
6. 3.30pm to 4pm - Nigerian community
7. 4pm to 4.30pm - Ivorian community
8. 4.30pm to 5pm - Sierra Leonean community
9. 5pm to 6pm - Sacred Heart Association

We encourage other parishioners to join and spend time with the Lord in adoration.

## 12. CONTACTLESS PAYMENTS

Have you tried our contactless device for payment? Do you know you can use it for 1st and 2nd collections, payment for mass intention and even donation? It is easy to use.

## 13. CATECHISM INFORMATION

**Baptism:** If you want to have your child baptised, speak to any of the priests.

**First Holy Communion class** has resumed. There is still opportunity to register your child before registration closes. Class is held every Saturday from 9am to 10am.

**Confirmation class:** Candidates in this class are to proceed to the hall after mass for their class.

**RCIA:** Have you been coming to the church, but not yet baptized or were you baptized outside the Catholic church? You can register for RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) to be baptized or received into the Church. Please to speak to the priest for clarification.

## THANK YOU PARISH VOLUNTEERS

We thank those who are doing bits and pieces to keep our parish going. Everyone is encouraged to be actively involved in the life of the parish. You can be a reader, a server at mass, a steward, a cleaner, and a singer. There is room for everyone. If you wish, you can also make extra Financial contribution for the good of our parish.

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

**FIRST READING**                      **ZEPHANIAH 2:3,3:12-13**

Seek the Lord, all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord.

In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord. They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths. But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

**The Word of the Lord**

Thanks be to God

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**                      **PSALM 145(146):6-10**

***R. How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.***

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. **R.**

It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

**SECOND READING**                      **1 CORINTHIANS 1:26-31**

Take yourselves for instance, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish

by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord. **The Word of the Lord**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**  
**Blessed are you, Father,**  
**Lord of heaven and earth,**  
**for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom**  
**to mere children.**  
**Alleluia**

**GOSPEL**                                      **MATTHEW 5:1-12**

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:  
'How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.  
Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.  
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.  
Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.  
Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.  
Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.  
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

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

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

O Lord, we bring to your altar these offerings of our service: be pleased to receive them, we pray, and transform them into the Sacrament of our redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Nourished by these redeeming gifts, we pray, O Lord, that through this help to eternal salvation true faith may ever increase. Through Christ our Lord.