

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

27<sup>th</sup> September - 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2020

NEWSLETTER

# SACRED HEART

Year A • Ferial Cycle 2 • Psalter Week 2

## ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS

**T**he readings today invite us to accept a challenging paradox. In the words of the Catechism: The more one does what is good, the freer one becomes. There is no true freedom except in the service of what is good and just. The choice to disobey and do evil is an abuse of freedom and leads to 'the slavery of sin' (CCC 1733).

By accepting and doing God's will, we gain freedom and play our part in the advancement of God's kingdom. By refusing God, we take the huge risk that we will get into habits that could be eternally fatal. But we must be careful that we do not say "yes" and do nothing. The greatest barrier to the coming of the Kingdom of God is set up by those who give it lip service but do nothing about it, the empty talkers.

In his conclusion to the sermon on the mount, Jesus' choice of words makes it perfectly clear. "Not everyone who says to Me, "Lord, Lord," shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 7:21).

The time in which we live has been called by many names. A few years ago, a philosopher suggested a name that never took hold, yet had the ring of truth to it. "We should call it the 'Era of Yes and No,'" he wrote: "This is the Age of equivocation, the time of indecision. The answer we get to nearly every important question is both "Yes" and "No". The attitude toward nearly every significant proposal is both affirmative and negative. We live Jekyll-and-Hyde lives in a schizoid world." Everywhere, but nowhere.

But God said "Yes" to man before man ever had a chance to say "No" to Him. And no matter how often we reject Him, there is always an answering "Yes" that offers our redemption. For as long as we live, there is the possibility of change. We need to remember this. God is there like the father in the parable – waiting, not condemning, just waiting and hoping for the change of heart. The father is there knowing that all can change.

Our God is a patient God and a waiting God – waiting for our response, our answer to God's call. And when we fail – no matter how that might be – God is waiting again, waiting for another try on our part. We grow impatient, we grow angry – even with ourselves, but we celebrate today the God who patiently waits for us, for our more generous response.

"Whoever says, 'I have come to know Jesus,' but does not obey His commandments, is a liar, and in such a person the truth does not exist; but whoever obeys His word, truly in this person the love of God has reached perfection. By this we may be sure that we are in Him: whoever says, 'I abide in Him,' ought to walk just as He walked." [1 John. 1:3-6]

The test of our allegiance to Christ is in keeping the promises that we have made and accepting God's will whatever it may be. St James tells us: "You must do what the word tells you and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves." (James 1:22) To do the will of God the Father does not mean just performing religious practices, but to practice the commandment of love towards our neighbour.

Promises can never take the place of performance, and fine words can never be a substitute for fine deeds. Promise is really a debt. Actions speak louder than words. As the song says: "Wherever you go, whatever you say, do not say yes when you mean to say no." Loving obedience to God is liberating, it is freedom, because his command is not an imposition of an arbitrary and capricious God, but a word (logos) with which lovingly He reveals his heart and our future.

In Matthew 5: 33-37 we read: "Again, you have heard how it was said to our ancestors, You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you, do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great King. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the Evil One."

## READINGS

**FIRST READING:**  
EZEKIEL 18:25-28

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM :**  
PSALM 24(25):4-9

**SECOND READING:**  
PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11

**GOSPEL:**  
MATTHEW 21:28-32

## LEARN

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**The choice to disobey and do evil is an abuse of freedom and leads to "the slavery of sin”**

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# SACRED HEART OF JESUS – CAMBERWELL

Archdiocese of Southwark  
Twenty—Sixth 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

27TH SEPTEMBER– 3RD OCTOBER 2020

### SUNDAY 27TH

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

6.00PM

John Scahill, 60th Birthday Thanksgiving

10.00 AM

Teresa Joseph Assal, for forgiveness, healing, salvation.

Mama Marie Dalmeida, Birthday Thanksgiving. For Mrs. Maurice Lynch, for the death of her beloved brother, may his soul rest in peace.

Helen Millogo 80th Birthday Thanksgiving.

12.00 PM

Jack George Edwards, forgiveness, healing & salvation

6.00 PM

People of the Parish

### MONDAY 28TH

### FERIA

9.00 AM

Holy souls

7.00 PM

For the intentions of Peggy Whitehead & Ritchie

### TUESDAY 29TH

### STS. MICHAEL, GABRIEL, & RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

9.00 AM

Patrick Joseph Callanan

7.00 PM

Mrs. Franca Okeke, 11th Memorial. Germaine Ngoran, thanksgiving to God for her life & children's life

### WEDNESDAY 30TH

### MEMORIAL OF ST. JEROME, PRIEST & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

9.00 AM

Sweet Bazuaye, in thanksgiving to God for His goodness

7.00 PM

### THURSDAY 1ST

### MEMORIAL OF ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

9.00 AM

Special Intention for Charlie Quigley

7.00 PM

### FRIDAY 2ND

### MEMORIAL OF THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

9.00 AM

Normann Popp, RIP

7.00 PM

### SATURDAY 2ND

### MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY

10.00AM

Intentions for Alice Da Costa

6.00PM

Josephine Popp, RIP

Mrs. Franca Okeke, 11th memorial

## 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

DANIEL 3: 31, 29, 30,

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy

## FIRST READINGS

EZEKIEL 18:25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 24(25):4-9

**R. Remember your mercy, Lord .**

- 1 Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour.
- 2 Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.  
Do not remember the sins of my youth.  
In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord
- 3 The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
He guides the humble in the right path,  
He teaches his way to the poor.

## SECOND READING

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind.

That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead.

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus: His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

JOHN10: 23

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**If anyone loves me he will keep my word,  
and my Father will love him,  
and we shall come to him. Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

MATTHEW 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went.

The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May this heavenly mystery, O Lord, restore us in mind and body, that we may be coheirs in glory with Christ, to whose suffering we are united whenever we proclaim his Death. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever .

# 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 of the Church for those who wish to drop their Offerings and gift aid envelopes as you come for Mass or to pray before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. We are encouraged to make our offering after Mass. Thank you for your generosity to the Church.

## 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 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).

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday children first holy communion: Our children in the Saturday first holy communion class will have their first confession on **Saturday 17th October at 10:30am** and their first holy communion on **Sunday 18th October at 2pm and 6pm** respectively. Parents please ensure all the paper work relating to your child's details are properly completed to enable us prepare their certificates.

## FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Friday 2nd October, 2020 is our First Friday adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 12noon to 7pm.

## MEMORIAL MASS

Memorial mass for Theresa Osibamowo marking her one month in mind will take place in our parish on Thursday October 1st at 7pm. The Mass will be strictly a memorial Mass. Parishioners are welcomed to attend.

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## 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.

## 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 will be 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**. Fr. Victor will be contacting parents of our confirmation candidates in the next few weeks to notify them of their different groups and to reassure them of safety procedures we have put in place for a successful programme.

## 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.

## 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 pleas—we who are put to the test—and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and Blessed Virgin Mary. Amen.

## BLESSING

*I ask Gods blessings on you all for all you do.*

*I remain particularly grateful to all who continue to support the church and the clergy at this difficult time. Fr. Victor Darlington*



## HOUSEBOUND & SICK

Debitu 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