



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

5TH SEPTEMBER – 11TH SEPTEMBER, 2021

NEWSLETTER

SACRED HEART

Year B • 23rd Sunday • Ferial cycle 1
Psalter Week 3

EPHPHATHA !

In today's gospel passage, we have this man who was both deaf and had a speech impediment. He was not just cut off from the rest of society by his inability to communicate, but would have also been considered an outcast in the highly ritualistic and auditory Jewish community. After taking him



aside, our Lord puts His fingers into the man's ears, spits, touch his tongue, gaze up to heaven, groans and says to him, "Ephphatha!" A signature feature of St Mark's gospel is the retention of certain Aramaic words. This healing illustrates once again, the sacramental quality of the body - its ability to be a visible sign and instrument of divine grace - and the fact that our Lord's work of salvation involves the whole human being, soul and body. The strange foreign sounding word, "Ephphatha", that came from the lips of Jesus in His very own language, can still be heard and pronounced in churches today every time we pray that a person be enlightened with the gift of faith, and emboldened to proclaim it. As Christ removed the impediments that would have prevented this man from becoming a Son of the Law, through baptism, He removes the obstacles that would keep us from becoming sons and daughters of God.

It is not surprising to see how the Ephphatha rite has been incorporated into the catechumenal ministry or Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) because there are so many parallels between the story of the healing of the deaf-mute and the coming into the faith of a person seeking baptism.

The deaf-mute man who needs healing is an unbeliever just as the enquirer. He is brought by others - much as a catechumen is accompanied by sponsors. They ask for hand-laying, just as is practiced in the exorcisms of the scrutinies. Our Lord takes the man apart from the crowd, just as catechumenal formation takes place apart from the community. Our Lord works the miracle through actions and words, just as how we celebrate sacraments. And the man who was once deemed disqualified from rendering worship to God because of his impediments, was restored to a condition where he can now participate fully in the sacred assembly.

READINGS

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 35: 4 - 7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 145(146):7-10

SECOND READING

JAMES 2:1-5

GOSPEL

MARK 7:31-37

REFLECTION

"At our Baptism, we all once received the **Ephphatha** when the Priest touched our ears and mouth saying; "The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and dumb speak. May he soon touch your ears to receive his word, and your mouth to proclaim his faith to the praise and glory of God the Father". How well have you done this since your baptism?"



SACRED HEART OF JESUS — CAMBERWELL

Archdiocese of Southwark
Twenty-Third 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 5TH SEPTEMBER

6.00PM

10.00AM

12.NOON

6.00 PM

MONDAY 6TH SEPT.

9.00 AM

7.00PM

TUESDAY 7TH SEPT.

9.00AM

7.00PM

WEDNESDAY 8TH SEPT.

9. 00AM

7.00PM

THURSDAY 9TH SEPT.

9.00AM

1.15PM

7.00PM

FRIDAY 10TH SEPT.

9.00AM

7.00PM

SATURDAY 11TH SEPT.

10.00 AM

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ROSEMARY SAM WAIPANG; FOR RECOVERY & STRENGTH.

MAUREEN KELLIHER 1 ANN RIP.,

ROSEMAY SAM WAI PANG - RECOVERY, STRENGTH, HEALTH & WELLBEING. FALISA TRANSFIGURACION (RIP). STEWARDS - THANKSGIVING.

PEM KAMLA FAMILY - FOR GOD MERCIES AND FAVOURS. EMMANUEL EZUKWO RIP.

FERIA .

BAGI & SHAROL - THANKS FOR GOD'S BLESSING & PROTECTION ON THEM.

FERIA .

PETER ANI - THANKING GOD FOR HIS CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN.

LUCIEN OMPERON - JOURNEY MERCIES.

THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, FEAST.

LAWRENCE MCDERMOT. GERMAINE & FAMILY, INTERCESSION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY FOR HER PROTECTION & FAMILY MATTERS.

LEGIONARIES-THANKSGIVING FOR OUR BLESSED MOTHER B'DAY, KANDEEL JUNIOR - B'DAY THANKS & THANKING GOD FOR LIFE, PETER ANI - THANKING GOD FOR THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY B'DAY & GOD'S PROTECTION, MICHAEL EDWARDS (RIP), VIRGINIA EDOZIE (RIP). FR VICTOR - 31ST PRIESTLY ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY.

FERIA.

MRS ROSE OKULAJA - GOD'S PROTECTION ON THE FAMILY. FUNERAL MASS FOR CECILLIA AND EDWARD BOYCE.

FERIA.

TIMOTHY ANGOL - GOD'S HEALING & QUICK RECOVERY.

FERIA.

FRANCIS ANGOL - GOD'S HEALING & QUICK RECOVERY.

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 118: 137, 124**

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

FIRST READINGS**ISAIAH 35: 4 - 7**

Say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.
Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;

for water gushes in the desert,
streams in the wasteland,
the scorched earth becomes a lake,
the parched land springs of water.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM**PSALM 145(146):7-10****R. My soul give praise to the Lord.**

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.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R.**

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

SECOND READING**JAMES 2: 1 - 5**

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION****1S3:9, JOHN 6:68****Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!**GOSPEL****LUKE 1:39-56**

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace,
graciously grant that through this offering,
we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty
and, by partaking of the sacred mystery,
we may be faithfully united in mind and heart.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Psalm 41: 2-3

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant that your faithful, O Lord,
whom you nourish and endow with life
through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament,
may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts
that we may merit an eternal share in his life.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever .

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 £631.09

Gift Aid amounted to not including standing orders
£ 128.00

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 PARISH NEEDS

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 Thursday at our Lady's chapel from
5:45pm—6:45pm.

SYMPATHY:

With gratitude to God for a very fulfilled Christian life, we announce the death of our beloved parishioner Johanna Sims. She passed on at the early hours of Saturday 4th September at kings college hospital. Funeral plans will be announced later. May her gentle soul rest in peace, Amen.



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.

WELCOME:

We welcome our Seminarian Mark Wharton to our parish. Mark arrived in the parish on the first of September and have settled in very well. He brings so many of his gifts to enrich us over the next few months. We wish him a very fulfilling time in Camberwell.

PILGRIMAGE 2021:

Due to logistical problems and the ongoing restrictions in Italy due to Covid, we are sorry to announce the cancellation of our parish pilgrimage this year. Tangney tours will be in touch with all the pilgrims who are on their list and refunds will be made to everyone appropriately.

UCM Meeting

All UCM members are reminded that their meeting will begin today after the 12 noon mass at the parish hall

Please endeavour to attend

NOTICES OF THE WEEK

LIVING WITH COVID:

Even though strict Covid 19 rules have been relaxed by the government. As a parish we shall continue to proceed with caution and take personal responsibility to protect ourselves and others around us.

The full choir singing can begin in the gallery.

Bidding prayers will begin from this weekend.

Everyone will be expected to wear a mask in church except those exempted on health grounds.

At the time the priests alone will still be at the sanctuary - without the altar servers .

We shall resume giving Communion at the usual time during the mass followed by notices and final blessing .

Stewards are now only needed to ensure people sanitise their hands on entering the church and when leaving - with no more instructions to direct you to your seats, but they will direct you for communion at the 10AM and 12 noon Masses. Please use your discretion to sit safely and receive communion in the same way.

Stewards will continue to clean the pews after every service or church gathering

We shall continue to bless holy water for individual use only as we still cannot leave holy water in the stumps for public use yet.

The chalice is still not allowed for communicants at this time .

We shall continue to review our parish situation and adapt appropriately. Meanwhile if you feel sick or has come in contact with anyone who tested positive - please quarantine at home and follow government instructions by taking a PCR test.

Also, social gathering and meetings will now be permitted in our church halls, but with great caution and strict hygiene standards.

Any group using the hall are encourage to wear face mask. Members should sanitise on entering and leaving the hall, and the priest should be notified of the duration of the meeting.

Most importantly each group should appoint stewards who will sanitise and ensure the hall is tidied up after each gathering.

For our collective safety, and due to poor ventilation of our parish hall, we shall not be holding parish parties at this time.

The one way entrance and exits door is no longer necessary at this time. Parishioners are now welcome to use both entrances.

May God continue to keep us safe as we adapt to living with Covid. 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

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)

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.

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 or call any of the priests directly or by text message, we shall respond to you promptly. Thank you for your cooperation.

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