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**Mass Times, Intentions and Information**

SUNDAY 30 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER; 2022 THIRTIETH -FIRST SUNDAY 10am: Arlo Chukwu birthday Thanksgiving 12.00pm: Yasmin Riamah	THURSDAY 3 <sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER 2022 – St, Martin de Porres, Religious 10.00am: Parents and son Philip and William Heath
MONDAY 31 <sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2022 – Feria 10.00am: <b>No Mass</b>	FRIDAY 4 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2022 – St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop 10.00 am: <b>No Mass</b>
TUESDAY 1 <sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2022 –ALL SAINTS <b>HOLIDAY OF OBLIGATION</b> 10am: People of the Parish	SATURDAY 5 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2022 – Feria 10.00am <b>No Mass</b> 12.00am: Ana Maria Caiza RIP
WEDNESDAY 2 <sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 2022 – ALL SOULS 10.00am: <b>No Mass</b>	SUNDAY 6 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER; 2022 THIRTIETH -SECOND Sunday 10am: Kore Komolafe Birthday Thanksgiving 12.00pm: Joseph Nguyen RIP

**Mass at Sacred Heart Parish: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturday at 10am**

**Offertory collection** Sunday 23<sup>RD</sup> - October; 2022: First Collection: £481.78 Second Collection: £186.69 Today's Second Collection is for the good of the Parish. We are grateful for your Support and help to the Parish

**NOTICE BOARDS** Please refrain from putting up posters and notices and/or moving them around. Please submit all such items to the Parish Office.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Can you help with Children Liturgy. Please Talk to the Office for more information

**The new parish hall:** On behalf of our Parish Priest and the Parish Team we thank all were able to come the official opening and the blessing of our New Parish Hall last Friend by Paul Hendricks. We are grateful to you all

**ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?** If you are new to the parish then we extend a very warm welcome to you. Please complete the 'New Parishioner Enrolment Form' and post it to the Parish Office or hand it in during Mass. Hard copy forms are available in the entrance of each church

**HOSPITAL CONTACTS** If you or a member of your family are admitted to one of the local hospitals, do please informt the Parish office

**Senior Parishinors 60 and over:** Matinee: On Friday December 9th at 1pm - Wimbledon Theatre . Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.Panto Time. Subsidised Ticket Price £12-50 Names taken this Sunday and Sunday 23rd. After mass . Ticket Money to be paid by Sunday 30th October at the latest.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM.** If you wish to baptise your child, please complete the Baptism Form on the parish website or fill the hard copy available in the church and return it to one of the Parish Team.

**The Church Cleaning Team** – We are still in need of new volunteers to help clean the Church once a every week on a Saturdays morning from 10am. Even if you cannot commit regularly, any help you can offer would be greatly appreciated. Please speak to or e-mail the Parish office with your contact details.

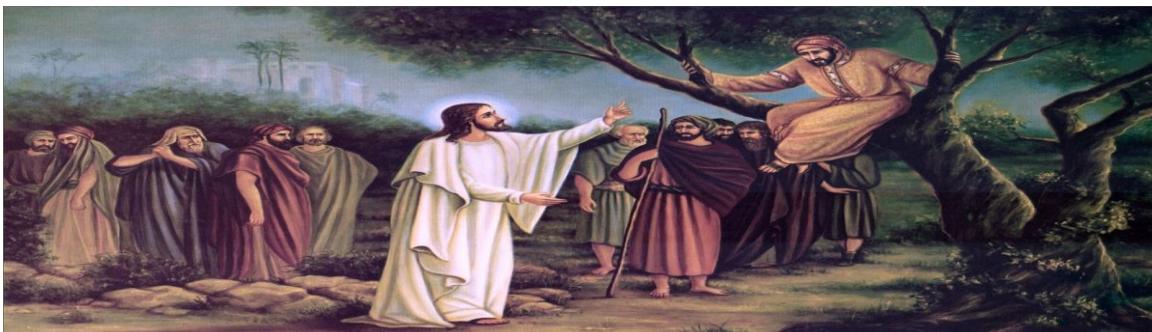
**OFFICE HOURS:** The Parish office is open on Monday and Fridays from 9.00am to 11.30am and 1.00 to 4.30pm and on Wednesday 9.00am to 11.30am The office is also open every day from 10.30am till 7pm except Wednesdays in case you want to speak or see someone.

**STEP INTO THE GAP PROGRAMME** CAFOD, in partnership with their UK placements, offers the exciting opportunity for 18 - 30 year - olds to spend a fully funded year volunteering in a retreat centre or school chaplaincy, where you will work alongside the Catholic community and others to bring about a more just world. It is a great chance to develop a range of skills and gain work experience within the context of your faith. For more information, please contact Arianne at: [youngleadership@CAFOD.org.uk](mailto:youngleadership@CAFOD.org.uk); or go to: Step into the Gap - Volunteer for your gap year CAFOD

## Parish Diary and Reflection

Sunday – El Shaddai Prayer – 1:00 – 3:30pm	Saturday - Youth Practice 1:00 - 3:00pm Choir Practice: 1:00 - 5:00pm
Confession: On Request before or after Every Mass	Tea and Coffee: After each Mass on Sunday

### THE THIRTIETH FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR C



On this 31st Sunday of ordinary time, year C, the Church reminds us that though we might seem insignificant, yet it does not diminish the love, mercy, and salvation of God for us. God loves all that exist. So, in his mercy, He comes to dwell with us. All it takes is one divine encounter with Him for a transformation to take place.

The story of Zacchaeus is a true indication that the merciful Christ comes to seek and save us. Irrespective of all human obstacles, the courage and humility of Zacchaeus attracted the attention and mercy of Christ to him. He refused to be limited by the crowd, or allow his short coming be a hindrance to his salvation. He saw mercy and salvation, and immediately took advantage of them.

In life, there are so many obstacles preventing us from seeing Christ. If we make frantic efforts as Zacchaeus did, Christ will certainly notice us and show us his loving mercy. Therefore, we must rise above all obstacles that prevents us from seeing Christ and receiving his mercy. Paul advised Timothy thus: "Do not to allow any one look down on you because you are young" (I Tim 4:12). Likewise, we must not allow any obstacle prevent us from seeing Christ.

We should not abandon hope in anyone, even in our difficult moments. God's mercy will always be greater than our poor human limitations. Despite our unworthiness, God calls us, forgives us and nurtures us to spiritual well-being. Let's turn to Christ now. Like Zacchaeus, we should invite Jesus in our hearts and surrender all we have to Him. Jesus is our Saviour. Finally, humility helps us to accept who we are. However, it does not prevent us from trying to overcome our shortcomings. Instead, it should spur us to search good paths to success in life. Zacchaeus' humility and effort to see and encounter Christ is worth emulating.

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER:** *For children who suffer* We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection

**THE ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL** Next weekend, 5th & 6th November 2022, there will be an announcement concerning the Archbishop's Appeal. This appeal seeks to invest faith, hope, love and charity into three key areas of mission and ministry in the Archdiocese of Southwark: **Youth & Evangelisation; Our Faith in Action; Clergy Care and Formation.** A Diocesan Second Collection will be held on Remembrance weekend, 12th & 13th November 2022. Further information will be published next week, including ways in which you may make your donation.

**The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** is a journey for welcoming adult newcomers (inquirers) into the Roman Catholic Church for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist.

Do you know someone not baptized or baptized in a non-Catholic Christian tradition who is thirsting for what it means to become Catholic? Do you know someone already Catholic but has not yet received Confirmation & Communion? They may be thirsting too! The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a place to ask questions and seek understanding. **Weekly every Tuesday from 7.15 pm to 8.15 pm.** "No obligation" inquiry sessions start **Tuesday, October 25, at 7.15 pm.** at Sacred Heart Church.

**How To Have A Mass Offered:** Please fill-in a Mass Intention envelope which you will find at the back of Church or alternatively you may ask a member of the parish Clergy for one. Once completed, place in the Collection bags on Sunday or hand it to any of the clergy, Parish Secretary or the Sacristan, or if during the week put it through the Priest's House letterbox. Charity Number:1173050 (PLEASE STOP COMING TO THE OFFICE ON SUNDAYS TO BOOK MASSES – USE THE ENVELOPES AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH)