



# SACRED HEART

Year B • 21st Sunday • Ferial cycle 1  
Psalter Week 2

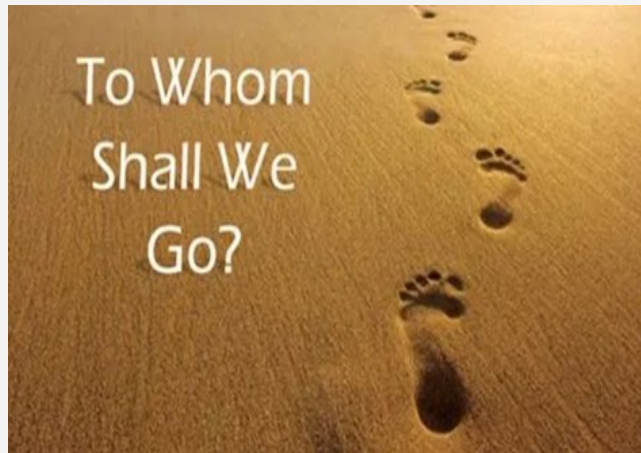
## ARE YOU ALSO GETTING READY TO LEAVE?

\_Are you also getting ready to leave: Christianity (Catholicism) a choice and option, not a mandate.

My dearest children of God, may the name of the Lord be praised both now and forever Amen. The readings of today invite us to reconsider our choice as disciples to remain with the Christ and His Church or to

leave Him. The \*Christian life is a series of daily choices for God or against God, as we choose to live out or reject the truths He has revealed through His prophets in the Old Testament and especially through His Son Jesus in the New Testament. The fundamental choice we make determines how we live our lives, deciding whom we will serve.\*

In the face of all the scandals and abuses rocking the Church, I know many of you are getting fed up and might be warming up to leave the church. Many left in the past as a result of Pentecostal influences for such individuals, the Church is not modern or fashionable to their liking. Her doctrines and teachings are inexplicable in the light of reason. Such was the same reason many of the disciples of Jesus left him in the gospel of today, because what He was saying about His body being the bread that came down from heaven and that whoever feeds on this bread will live forever, simply did not make sense to them. The Eucharist has been a subject of many theological controversies among many Pentecostal groups. Till today, the Catholic Church has remained firm and unequivocally defends, teaches and preaches the “Real Presence” of Christ in the Eucharist. You have a choice to believe it or not.



## READINGS

### FIRST READING

JOSHUA 24:1-2,15-18

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 33(34):2-3,16-23

### SECOND READING

EPHESIANS 5:21-32

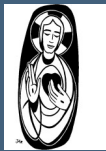
### GOSPEL

JOHN 6:60-69

## REFLECTION

“As it is said: “faith is to be believed, not understood”. Despite their lack of understanding, the fairest of the Apostles proclaimed: “Lord, to whom shall we go, you have the words of eternal life”.

Today, approach God in faith, even when you do not know what’s going on or can’t prove what is happening; simply trust him, for he still has eternal life in store for you.”



# SACRED HEART OF JESUS – CAMBERWELL

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

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## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY 22ND AUGUST

6.00PM

10.00AM

12.NOON

6.00 PM

### MONDAY 23RD AUGUST

9.00 AM

7.00PM

### TUESDAY 24TH AUGUST

9.00AM

7.00PM

### WEDNESDAY 25TH AUGUST

9.00AM

7.00PM

### THURSDAY 26TH AUGUST

9.00AM

7.00PM

### FRIDAY 27TH AUGUST

9.00AM

7.00PM

### SATURDAY 28ST AUGUST

10.00 AM

6.00PM

### TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PHILO JARIKYE—B'DAY THANKS. EMILIO APOLONIO RIP. ANN CLAVA JAMESON - THANKSGIVING.

MR & MRS JAMES OGUNLEYE - FOR GOD'S MERCIES AND PROTECTION. ROSE AGBUKOR- B'DAY THANKS.

MARIE ANN BALDWIN FM. FUNGAI OSINIBI - B'DAY THANKS

ELIZABETH & GEORGE ASARE - THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S PROTECTION & GUIDANCE. AGNES ABBAN - B'DAY THANKS. RUTH URHIE—B'DAY THANKS.

### FERIA

HOLY SOULS (MISS HOWARD) F.M.  
JOHN + MARTHA RAYNE F.M. GILLIAN STVENS; POSTHUMOUS B'DAY THANKS. DAVID OLADEMEJI - GOD'S FAVOUR AND DIVINE INTERVENTION.

### SAINT + BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE, FEAST.

PAULA ST. LOUIS RIP. ONE YR ANNIVERSARY.  
LATH PAUL-AIMW RIP.

### FERIA

ROSARIO VIETRI F.M.  
JANET WINTERS—SPEEDY RECOVERY

### FERIA

### SAINT MONICA, MEMORIAL.

SAINT AUGUSTINE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH, MEMORIAL.  
SWEET BAZUAYE— FOR GOD'S MERCIES, GRACE & FAVOUR.  
KEN + ALICE - 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

ANNIVERSARY OF DARA & VINKO VRDOLJAK RIP.

### 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

## 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**

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;  
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.  
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

**FIRST READINGS****JOSHUA 24:1-2,15-18**

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people, 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you Wisdom h to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed? What is more, the Lord drove all those peoples out before us, as well as the Amorites who used to live in this country. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM****PSALM 33(34):2-3,16-23*****R. Taste and see that the Lord is good.***

I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

The Lord turns his face against the wicked  
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.  
The Lord turns his eyes to the just  
and his ears to their appeal. **R.**

They call and the Lord hears  
and rescues them in all their distress.  
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;  
those whose spirit is crushed he will save. **R.**

Many are the trials of the just man  
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.  
He will keep guard over all his bones,  
not one of his bones shall be broken. **R.**

Evil brings death to the wicked;  
those who hate the good are doomed.  
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.  
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **R.**

**SECOND READING****EPHESIANS 5:21-32**

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord,

since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

The Word of the Lord

*Thanks be to God***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION****Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Mary has been taken up to heaven;  
all the choirs of angels are rejoicing. Alleluia!**  
*Alleluia!*

**GOSPEL****JOHN 6:60-69**

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?'

'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.'

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

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

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

May O Lord, who gained for yourself a people by adoption through the one sacrifice offered once for all, bestow graciously on us, we pray, the gifts of unity and peace in your Church.

Through Christ our Lord.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Cf. Psalm 103: 13-15

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Complete within us, O Lord, we pray, the healing work of your mercy and graciously perfect and sustain us, so that in all things we may please you.  
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 £402.41  
**Gift Aid** amounted to not including standing orders  
£ 361.00

## 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.



## 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.

## MASS IN CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE, OCTOBER 9TH AT ST. GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL.

If you are celebrating your 1st / 10th/ 25th/ 40th/ 50th/ 60th + wedding anniversary this year, please apply as soon as possible. Get in touch with us at [mflse@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflse@rcaos.org.uk) so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop. Please let us have the location of your parish in the title of your email, e.g. Clapham, Beckenham. Spaces are limited. We need your names in the format John and Mary Smith. Your home address. The anniversary you are celebrating (2020 anniversaries are welcome!)

## Marriage and Family Life South East

## FOOD BANK

The food bank team is appealing for generous food donations for the Parish Food bank. Containers are located at each entrance of the church. Please be aware that we can only accept non-perishable items within their expiry date. Thank you all.

## Archbishop's Certificate

The Archbishop's Certificate is an online course for all in the Diocese who proclaim their faith to others: as evangelisers, catechists or adult formators. It is a course for all wishing to know their Catholic faith more deeply no matter their stage in life.

The course will commence in October 2021 and the cost will be £ 365 per year. Registration must be completed in advance. Further details can be found here;

<https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert>

# 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.

## Summer Placement:

Seminarian on placement: Mark Wharton a seminarian of the Archdiocese of Southwark has been signed to Camberwell from September 1st until when he will be called forward for Diaconate ordination.

In his own words he said “ I'm very happy to be coming to serve at Camberwell. I'm 30, have just finished my formation at Allen Hall. I converted to the faith after reading some of the writings of Pope John Paul II and realising that Jesus was present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love meeting people, cooking and American crime drama. My greatest passion is helping people to meet Jesus and to discover the beautiful things that he has in store for them. I am really looking forward to meeting you all and to sharing in your life in Sacred Heart. We all look forward to welcoming Mark to our parish and assure him of our prayers on his journey to the priesthood

## 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)

# NOTICES OF THE WEEK

## PILGRIMAGE 2021

Our postponed pilgrimage to Rome, San Giovanni and Loreto of 2020 is now being advertised for October half term 2021.

After a long struggle with Covid we now hope October will be a safe time to have this pilgrimage in thanksgiving to God for His protection and in thanksgiving to our blessed Mother Mary for her maternal intercession throughout this difficult time.

Full Package Price: £899.00 inc flights with British Airways from London Heathrow. Single Rooms: £150 / Travel Insurance £39. 3 nights accommodation at Hotel close to St. Peter's Basilica, 2 nights in San Giovanni, 1 night at Loreto - all on half board basis. 1 x 1/2 day tour with coach and local guide in Rome - 1 x 1/2 day walking tour in San Giovanni and Loreto with local guide. Optional extras: Vatican Museum Tour £38. St Peter's Basilica Tour £18.

Full services of English-speaking courier for the duration of the tour. Tickets to Papal Audience included. PRICE BASED ON MIN 40 Paying Passengers. We would like an indication of who might be interested in joining this Pilgrimage.

Do register your interest with either Fr Darlington or Gill at Tangney Tours.

**Telephone:** 01732 886666

**Address:** 3 Station Court, Borough Green, Kent, TN15 8AF

## 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.

## 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](http://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](http://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](http://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*