

Saturday 14th October	10am Fr David Peck 6pm Adrien Springer RIP and Valerie Springer Ints
Sunday 15th October 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10am Sonia Marlene Moyano RIP 5.30pm Magdalena Oberding RIP
Monday 16th October St Margaret Mary Alacoque	No Mass
Tuesday 17th October St Ignatius of Antioch	10am Josephine Moreno RIP
Wednesday 18th October St Luke	10am Rev Fr Joseph Okojie Anniversary of Ordination
Thursday 19th October Sts. John de Breboeuf and Companions	10am Maria Rubela Soto Perez RIP 10:30am To 1pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday 20th October	10am Jimmy Donaghy Ints 10:30am To 1pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:30pm (Latin Mass) Maria Elena and Alexandro Family Ints
Saturday 21st October	10am Sobha, Raj and baby 6pm Mary Stewart Ints
Sunday 22nd October 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10am Svjetlana Brekalo Ints 5:30pm People of the Parish

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK INCLUDING:
Jaime Molina, Jennifer Kirwin, Fr. David, Natalie Pell, Michael Hoskins, Colin Smitherman, James Gledhill, Bernadette Marchetti, Nigel Pell, Paul Gismondi, Victoria Monaco, Callum Jamieson, Tom Bailey, Jason Moreno, Anna Roache and Shirley Monaco, Christiana Boothway.

Please pray for all those who have died recently.

Together the Catholic parishes of Barnes, East Sheen, Ham, Kew, Mortlake, Putney, Richmond, Roehampton and Wimbledon Common form Mortlake Deanery.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

To meet our budget we need £1,600 each week

Sunday's offering was	£750.77
Standing Orders	£400
Contactless	£242.50
Total	£1393.27

Thank you for your generosity

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Victoria Drive, London SW19 6AD
Tel: 020 8788 7420
Head Teacher: Jeremy Tuke BA Hons PGCE
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This is a School Voucher Sunday

PARISH VOUCHER SYSTEM

Those people who will require a school reference when applying to a Catholic School need to participate in this. By signing the vouchers the parish keeps a record of your mass attendance which is referred to when signing school reference forms.

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28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

How can we describe our relationship with God? How can we describe the spiritual life that God offers us? We have to use human terms to describe what God offers us. Jesus also spoke about spiritual matters using human terms. His parables teach us using things from everyday life. That is why, in the Gospel today, Jesus described the kingdom of heaven as a wedding reception. The king sent servants to bring in the invited guests. The king in the parable is obviously God. God is inviting us to life with him. God offers us his life now, not just after death, but God is inviting us to share his life right now. How? Prayer is the way above all to share in the life of God now. Prayer is accepting the king's invitation to the banquet.

I like the books on prayer written by a contemporary French writer, Jacques Philippe. In his book, *Thirsting for Prayer*, he describes prayer in this way:

To pray is to spend time freely with God just for the joy of being together. It is to love, because giving our time means giving our lives. Love does not mean primarily to do something for the other person; it means being there with them. Prayer trains us to be there with God, in a simple act of loving attention.

Prayer is simply spending time freely with God in loving attention. To use the words of Jesus' parable today, when we pray, we enter the wedding feast of the king. There is a shock about halfway through the parable. Some of those invited were not interested in accepting the invitation because they were too busy with their own affairs. One went to his farm, and another went to his business. In other words, these individuals had no time for God. What a sadness that people can get so wound up in the things created by God that they forget God. Jesus warned against this on other occasions: earlier in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus said seek the kingdom of God first and everything else will be given you (Matt 6:34). He said not to worry about your life and what you are to eat nor about your body and what to wear. This is what we read Jesus said in Matt 6:25-29:

Surely life is more than food, and the body more than clothing! Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they are? Can any of you, however much you worry, add one single cubit to your span of life? And why worry about clothing? Think of the flowers growing in the fields; they never have to work or spin; yet I assure you that not even Solomon in all his royal robes was clothed like one of these.

When Jesus visited the home of Martha and Mary, Mary spent time with Jesus while Martha was busy. Jesus said to Martha,

Martha, Martha, you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part, and it is not to be taken from her (Luke 10:41-42)

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PARISH NEWS

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Being caught up in our own affairs and not having time for Jesus is really in a sense saying no to God, saying no to the invitation in Jesus' parable today. Jesus' parable today and his parables in recent Sunday Gospels remind us in a number of different ways about God's invitation. Last Sunday we heard Jesus' parable about all God did for the vineyard hoping it would produce good grapes. Three Sundays ago we heard Jesus' parable about the landowner going out many times during the day to hire workers for his vineyard not wanting anyone to be idle. All these parables have one thing in common: God is continually inviting us and offering us his life.

It was a shock halfway through today's parable when people were too busy to accept the king's invitation. There is another shock at the end of the parable when someone goes to the wedding reception but doesn't bother to dress properly for it and was removed from the wedding reception. When we die, in order to enter the kingdom of heaven we have to have our wedding garment and be dressed properly; in other words, our lives have to be in order. Wearing the wedding garment is facing our judgment with our lives ready for heaven. If we do not have the wedding garment, God in his loving mercy has given us Purgatory where we can get our wedding garment ready to enter the kingdom of heaven. Purgatory is a place of spiritual growth where people grow and get ready to enter heaven. It is a place of hope and looking forward to the future in heaven. It is good to pray for the souls in Purgatory regularly as we do in the Intercessions during every Mass. We remember our departed loved ones with prayers and Masses offered for them on special occasions such as anniversaries. They rely on our prayers to help them get their wedding garment ready so they can enter heaven. That future in heaven is described in the first reading today also in human terms (Isa 25:6-10). Just like Jesus' parable, the first reading also described heaven as a feast.

God has offered each of us an invitation. What a sadness it is that some people are too caught up in the affairs of life to give God time. One way to accept God's invitation is to pray. Again, here are the words of Jacques Philippe on prayer:

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by Fr. Tommy Lane

Parish Hall—Bookings

If you are planning an event and would like to use the Parish Hall, bookings can be made by emailing bookingsolsp@gmail.com or phoning **07708632289**

GIFT AID SCHEME

If you are a taxpayer, for every £1 you give to the parish, we can get another 25p. Please speak to: John O' Reilly 07977 538671.

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If you would like to donate towards the running of the Parish you can do so by scanning this QR Code into your mobile phone

THE WINNERS OF SUNDAY 15th October 200

CLUB

1	25	S Hu-Fouye
2	71	Kathleen Lyons

LEGACIES

Help provide for the future of our Parish by including the Parish in your will



Teas/Coffees after 10am Mass

There will be tea and coffee in the hall after the Sunday 10am Mass

A Day With Mary

Saturday 11th November here at Our Lady and St Peter Church, starts 9.30am., finishes at 5.30pm.

RCIA Classes every Tuesday 7pm in the Parish Hall

Classes every Tuesday for any adult wishing to become a Catholic or make their first communion and confirmation.

Legion of Mary

Junior Praesidium Our Lady of Morning Star meets on Tuesdays at 3.50pm.
 Junior Intermediate Praesidium Our Lady of Guadeloupe meets on Sundays at 11.15am.

SCHOOL REFERENCES

If you would like Fr Philip to write a reference for your child's school application please write an email to the parish at wimbledoncommon@rcaos.org.uk to request an appointment. Thanks.

NOTICE BOARD

Invitation From the Archdiocese

There will be a Seminar entitled "Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion in Our Parishes, Schools and Communities". This seminar will take place at the Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Southwark, from 9.30am to 4.00pm on Saturday 28 October 2023. You are all welcomed to this archdiocesan initiative by the Commission for Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion chaired by Canon Victor Darlington, Episcopal Vicar for the Southeast. On the day there will be contributions from a range of speakers, including the Most Reverend John Wilson, the Metropolitan Archbishop of Southwark. For more information and registration, please use this link.

<https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/commission-for-promoting-racial-and-cultural-inclusion/what-we-do/>. Or write us: racialjusticecommission@rcaos.org.uk.

Please join us for a stimulating and hope-filled day of discussion. **Registration is FREE.**

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