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Newsletter

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2024 Year of Prayer

Sixth Sunday of Easter (B)

Sixth Week of Easter Vol. II psalter week 2

TODAY'S MASS

First Reading (Acts 10:25-26,34-35, 44-48): At the house of the centurion Cornelius St Peter comes to realise that the gift of faith is open to Gentiles as well as Jews. This is confirmed by the descent of the Holy Spirit upon everyone.

Psalm (Ps 97:1-4. R.v2): The message of this psalm is summarised in the refrain: 'The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations'.

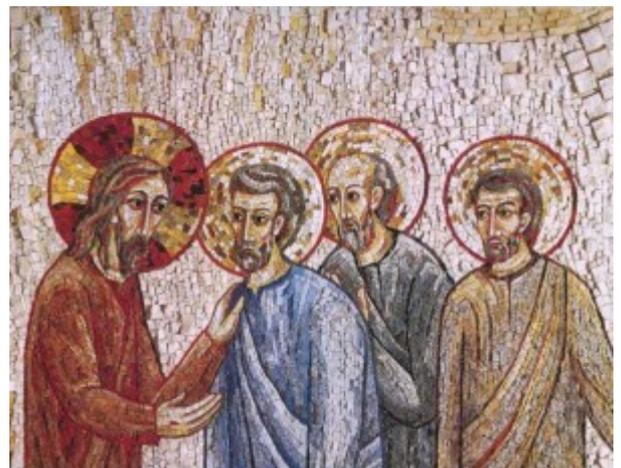
Second Reading (1 Jn 4:7-10): The most profound statement is contained in this reading: God is love. This is not a metaphor or simile, it is what God is. And John teaches us that love is primarily and originally God's love, revealed in the person of Jesus.

Gospel (Jn 15:9-17): The great commandment is 'Love one another as I have loved you', so important a message that it is repeated several times in this short extract. The disciples are Jesus' friends because He has taught them everything that comes from the Father - they have been 'let into the secret' - and because they do what Jesus has commanded them to do. And the proof that there is true friendship and love is to be found in the fruitful lives of the disciples.

Fr David

SECOND COLLECTION

Today's Second Collection is for the Priest Training Fund (postponed from earlier). The priesthood has always been essential to the life of the Church, from the time of Jesus until now. This fund pays for the formation of those training to become priests in our Archdiocese. After Ordination priests serve Christ and His people in parishes, hospitals, schools, chaplaincies and prisons. It costs £30,000 per annum for each seminarian, and they study for 6 years before Ordination. Please support our priests of the future with a donation today; on the card reader, please select 'Second Collection'.



THE PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Parish Priest: Canon David Gibbons, KCHS
Parish Clergy: Fr Matthew Donnelly, Fr Jackson Sebastian and Deacon Julian Burling
Team member: Sr Dorothy Perrott OSU
Faith Minister: Rob Hitchcock

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Burlington Road, KT3 4ND
school@sacredheart.merton.sch.uk
Headteacher: Lorraine Dolan-Walsh

This Week

SUNDAY: HOLY MATRIMONY

The Wedding of William Vaz and Bhavi Alagaratnam is today (Sunday) at 2.00pm.

CANON DAVID

Fr David is still away on holiday until Friday.

MONDAY: BANK HOLIDAY

Holy Mass in Church at 10.00am only, following which the Church will be closed; there is no 6.30pm Mass. The Parish Office and Reception are closed on Monday.

DHM CONVENT MASS

Monthly DHM Convent Mass: Monday at 8.00am in the Convent Chapel (41 Murray Road, SW19); all welcome.

TUESDAY: CONSECRATION ANNIVERSARY

Tuesday is the anniversary of the Consecration of Sacred Heart Church in 1931. This Solemnity will be observed at the 10.00am and 6.30pm Masses, during which the Consecration candles will be lit. Can YOU attend Holy Mass this day to give thanks for our beautiful Church?

WEDNESDAY: URSULINE HIGH SCHOOL MASS

Year 13 End of Term Mass at 5.00pm in Church.

THURSDAY: SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

This Solemnity is a Holyday of Obligation, that is a day when all Catholics should attend Holy Mass if at all possible.

The Vigil Mass will be at 6.30pm on Wednesday (which has its own Mass texts but the same readings as the Mass of the Day), and on Thursday at 9.00am in Sacred Heart School, and at 10.00am (attended by Donhead School), 6.30pm and 8.00pm in Church.

This great Solemnity celebrates the glorification of Jesus Christ as He takes His seat at the right hand of the Father, 40 days after Easter. Christ's Ascension is described in the First Reading, taken from the beginning of The Acts of the Apostles, and in the Gospel, taken from the end of Mark's Gospel, and it makes sense of the Psalm, a joyful song for the Ascension.

FRIDAY: HOLY SPIRIT NOVENA

The Novena to the Holy Spirit for the reunion of Christendom begins on Friday. A Novena is nine days of prayer, derived from the nine days of prayer, between the Ascension and Pentecost, of the disciples in the upper room (Acts 1: 12 - 2:5).

CHARLES THIRU RIP

Funeral Mass at 12.00noon on Friday, followed by Burial at the Morden and Sutton Cemetery.

There will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday morning.

SATURDAY: LONDON YOUTH 2000 RETREAT

The Youth 2000 retreat at Sacred Heart on Saturday is a jam-packed one-day

event, where we come together as a community of young adults in prayer and friendship. The retreat is an invitation to come as you are, and to come and see who Jesus is and what He can do in your life.

Tickets £25. To register, scan the QR code on the posters or visit www.youth2000.org. Any queries, please contact events@youth2000.org. Please spread the word among those aged 16-35.

There will be a Holy Hour starting at 7.30pm on Saturday, and all parishioners are invited to join the young people for this. Donations towards costs, so that young people are not put off attending, will be gratefully received, as will homemade cakes on the day.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES

On Saturday at 10.00am and at 12.00noon.

Please pray for the children receiving Our Lord in Holy Communion for the first time.

NEXT SUNDAY: SECOND COLLECTION

On World Communications Day the Second Collection will be for the Catholic Communications Network. This collection supports the work of the Catholic Communications Network (CCN), the media office of the Bishops' Conference.

Parish Notices

CATECHISTS WANTED

We need Catechists to assist Rob Hitchcock with the First Holy Communion and Confirmation programmes, starting in the Autumn. For more information please speak to Rob personally, email him at wimbledonpfm@rcaos.org.uk or telephone him on the parish phone number. All Catechists will have to obtain a DBS check, and training will be given. This is a very important ministry, and much needed, so don't be shy! Offer yourself if you can assist in this way. Thank you.

NEW PARISH COUNSELLING SERVICE

We are pleased to offer a new free service of professional counselling and psychotherapy to parishioners. Mr Anthony Lee - Master of Social Work at University of Hong Kong and Master of Science, Psychology at University of Westminster, UK - is a registered social worker and graduated member of the British Psychological Society. He has more than 30 years of professional experience in Hong Kong, Canada and the UK, and has recently moved to this parish. Therapy is a human experience

and tailor-made to fit the individual needs and situation. Throughout the therapy journey, the clients will be in a caring, safe and welcoming environment. Supports and guidance will be provided to help the client to build up self-confidence for making possible solutions. All services are fully confidential and regulated by the code and ethics of professional colleges and organisations, and Anthony is DBS checked. For an appointment, please contact Thelma in the Parish Office (020 8946 0305 or email wimbledon@rcaos.org.uk).

Parish Notices cont.

THE HOLY ROSARY

The Rosary is prayed before the daily 10.00am Mass and before the 6.30pm Mass Monday - Friday. The best way to learn the practice of this great prayer is to join in with those reciting it.

SACRED HEART FEAST

The actual Feast Day is Friday 7th June, with Holy Mass at 10.00am, 6.30 & 8.00pm. At the 8.00pm Mass the choir will sing the world premiere of a Litany of the Sacred Heart, specially composed for us by Mark Bellis. The festivities will continue on Sunday 9th June, when at the 12.00noon Mass the choir will sing another specially commissioned piece, composed by Simon Mold.

Our Feast Day Celebration will take place in the Church grounds on Sunday from 12.30-4.00pm. Free entry, free food and drink, stalls, games and entertainment (incl. Sacred Heart School Choir). This is a wonderful opportunity for the whole parish to come together, celebrate, get to know one another, and have fun.

We shall need **donations of bottles and toys** (in good condition) **and cakes** for the respective stalls. Donations towards costs will be gratefully received. Ruth Naylor, Chair of the Parish Pastoral Council, is the co-ordinator; please contact her (ppc@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk) if you can help on the day.

GRUPO DE ORACION CARISMÁTICO EN ESPAÑOL

Todos los martes a las 19.30h nos reunimos con el padre Matthew Donnelly a rezar el Santo Rosario, leer y meditar la palabra de Dios y hacer oración en 66 Worple Road, Flat 14, Trafalgar House, SW19 4BP. ¡Todos Bienvenidos! Si necesitas información adicional puedes enviar un email a vergaraint@hotmail.com o un mensaje de texto al móvil 07478 206 619.

FINANCE

The total Offertory (First Collection) for March was £33,897.02. The total collected for the annual Mission Appeal for the Spiritans was £3,599.76.

New to the Parish?

Please introduce yourself to a member of the Parish Team after Mass and register online at www.sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk

or by filling in a registration form, available at the back of the church.

WIMBLEDON NEWMAN CIRCLE

You are invited to a talk on Wednesday 29th May at 7.30pm in the Lounge, when Professor Patrick Stone, Emeritus Professor of Palliative Medicine, will speak about 'Caring for people at the end of life - A Doctor's Perspective'. All welcome, do not miss this talk!

9TH WIMBLEDON (SACRED HEART) SCOUT TROOP - NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

The 9th Wimbledon Scout Troop is one of the largest Catholic Scout Troops in the country, with over 40 members, from schools across the parish and beyond. They meet every Monday at the Upper Hall, and regularly go away on camps, offering a range of exciting outdoor activities. They currently have spaces open for boys in Year 5 - Year 8. If you and/or your friends are interested in joining, or if you have any questions, please contact Michael Orbell at michaelorbell@hotmail.com.

Diocesan & Other Notices

BISHOPS' REFLECTION ON GENDER

The Bishops of England & Wales have issued a pastoral reflection on gender, highlighting the teaching of the Church but also stressing that accompanying those struggling with gender dysphoria is a "complex but essential task". The document, titled *Intricately woven by the Lord: A pastoral reflection on gender by the bishops of England and Wales*, emphasises that all are welcome in the Church, but says that the sexual identity of an individual is not a purely "cultural or social construction." The document can be downloaded from <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/bishops-issue-pastoral-reflection-on-gender/>.

MASS FOR NEW CATHOLICS

St Anselm's, Tooting Bec, SW17 7BA, will host a Neophytes Mass on Saturday 25th

May at 2.00pm, Celebrant Bishop Philip Moger. New Catholics are welcome to join for a joyful afternoon in fellowship and friendship.

ADVANCE NOTICE: 'BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE'

On Saturday 26th October - 9.30am-4.30pm - we shall be hosting a day for the Merton Deanery organised by the Diocesan Marriage & Family Life team. This day is for those who have been married for between 1 and 65 years (one 90-year-old couple took part in one and said it was one of the best things they had ever done!) and with the help of expert speakers the day will help you to build a better marriage. Details about booking nearer the time, but book the date now.

SAFEGUARDING

It is the policy of the Catholic Church in England and Wales to report all allegations of abuse to statutory authorities, regardless of whether the abuse occurred recently or in the past, or whether the accused person is living or deceased. If you are concerned about the welfare of a child or adult at risk, do not delay in contacting the police, using 999 if a child or adult is believed to be in immediate danger. Further safeguarding information can be found on the parish website.

Parish Safeguarding Reps:

Victoria Wheatley (wimbledonsg1@safeguard.rcaos.org.uk)

Kathleen Kirkland (wimbledonsg2@safeguard.rcaos.org.uk)

Siobhán Heffron (wimbledonsg3@safeguard.rcaos.org.uk)

CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

6.30pm (Sat) Fr Matthew Donnelly
8.00am Fr Dominic Allain
10.00am Fr Matthew Donnelly & Deacon Julian Burling
12 noon Fr Jackson Sebastian & Deacon Julian Burling
5.00pm Fr Matthew Donnelly
8.00pm Fr Jackson Sebastian

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Christine Bickerstaff, Linda Burgess, Rob, Charles Thiru, Catherine (Kay) Silke and Beata (Barbara) Rothwell

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Joan Mary Berner, Margaret Lyons, Shaun McCarthy, Julio Roberto Palha, Diana Guerrini and Josephine Gatt

The sick: Dorothy Ramos, Armando Ramos, Rena DeSouza, Joseph Philpott, Electa Almeida, Margaret Duffy, Karolina Masica, Felicitas Nerée, Finley Kennedy, Pauline Grimes, Sherlyn Titton, Geoffrey Norris, Anne Lander, Olivia Chiemieliska, Harriette Cahill, Hui Lee Ng, Paul Stromborg, Ryan Lyndsey, Samar Staussi, Emily Grey and Andrew Tan

Please note that for data protection reasons, individuals must explicitly agree for their names to be mentioned in our newsletter. Please let the Parish Office know in writing if either your name or the names of your relatives and friends should appear in our sick list.



HOSPITAL CONTACTS

If you or a member of your family are admitted to one of the local hospitals, do please let the hospital's Catholic chaplain know.

St George's Hospital: Fr Peter Littleton (020 8725 3069 or 020 8672 1255)

St Heliers and Epsom Hospital: Fr Philip Pak (020 8296 2000)

Kingston Hospital: Fr Tony Oleh (020 8546 7711)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 4 May Feria

6.30pm Jimmie Macken RIP

Monday 6 May Feria

8.00am Mass at DHM Convent Chapel (Murray Road)
10.00am Julio Palha RIP

Tuesday 7 May Consecration Anniversary

10.00am Hilary Lagden Ints.
6.30pm Briege McMannus Ints.

Wednesday 8 May Feria (10.00am)

10.00am Elvira de Menezes Birthday Ints.
6.30pm Sarah Lobo RIP

Thursday 9 May The Ascension of the Lord

9.00am Mass at Sacred Heart School
10.00am Diana Guerrini RIP
6.30pm Sheila and Karimu Smith RIP
8.00pm Ian Parr RIP

Friday 10 May Feria

10.00am Geoff Chapman RIP
12.00noon Funeral Mass for Charles Thiru
6.30pm Eileen Casey RIP

Saturday 11 May Feria

10.00am Gabriel Lyons Ints.

MUSIC AT THE 12 NOON MASS

Solemn Latin Mass

K/S: Missa secunda, Hans Leo Hassler

Offertory motet: Ubi caritas, Ola Gjeilo

Communion motet: If ye love me, Thomas Tallis

EXPOSITION

Wednesdays & Fridays
after the 10.00am Mass
and from 5.25 - 6.25pm

RECONCILIATION

Monday - Saturday:
6.00 - 6.20pm
and Saturday morning
10.30 - 11.30am

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Seventh Sunday of Easter (B)

First Reading Acts 1:15-17.20-26
Responsorial Psalm Ps 102:1-2. 11-12.
19-20. R.v.19
Second Reading 1 Jn 4:11-16
Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:18
Gospel Jn 17:11-19

If you wish to include items in the weekly newsletter, please keep them brief, - if possible no more than 40 words - send them by Tuesday before publication to newsletter@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk / wimparish@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk

PARISH SERVICES

Parish Office/Reception Hours: 9am - 4pm (Mon-Fri), 020 8946 0305

Executive Assistant & Hall bookings: Thelma D'Costa (Mon - Fri 9am - 4pm) Caretaker: George McLennan

Parish Pastoral Council: ppc@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk

Baptism, Marriage, First Sacraments, Funerals contact the parish office.

Bereavement Support: one to one support or bereavement drop-in, for more information please contact the co-ordinator by email bereavement.group@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk

Sacred Heart SVP Conference meets to help those living locally in need. All enquiries are dealt with confidentiality. Leave contact details with the parish office or email presidentA190704@svp.org.uk.

For donations, please scan the QR Code with your phone; your donation will help fund the wide range of liturgical, spiritual and cultural activities which run in the parish. Thank you.

