



# THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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## Newsletter

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### Fifth Sunday of Lent (C)

Weekday Readings for  
5th week of Lent

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### Next Sunday's Readings

**Palm Sunday  
of the Passion of the Lord**

- Isaiah 50:4-7
- Psalm 21:8-9.17-20.23-24
- Philippians 2:6-11
- Luke 22:14-23:56

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## PASSIONTIDE

Over the next two weeks we walk with Jesus through the most sacred time of his life and ministry. We will be with him in the days before his arrest, when in Jerusalem there is growing fascination in Jesus and his works which will lead both to the crowds welcoming him into Jerusalem on that first Palm Sunday, and the rejection of Jesus by that same crowd as they witness his trial before Pilate and shout for his blood. The readings this week set the scene for the events of Holy Week. It



never does to embarrass those in authority, especially not in public, and that is exactly what Jesus does today in the gospel. The scribes and Pharisees thought they were being clever in bringing the woman caught in adultery to Jesus for

him to condemn her. Jesus was merciful, he was also clever. He knew the danger of rejecting the law of Moses or the traditions of his people when judging such a case, so he turned the tables on the accusers. Let the one without sin cast the first stone! Jesus then starts to write in the sand and traditionally it has been taken that the word he wrote listed the individual sins of the accusers! None was so innocent that he was eligible to cast the first stone. Only Jesus himself could do that and in the end his mercy saw that there was no one left to condemn her. Any of us could stand before the Lord and expect justice, our confidence is that we will receive mercy.

### PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF MERCY

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing,  
so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord,  
and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm,  
may bring good news to the poor,  
proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed,  
and restore sight to the blind. Amen

### THE PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Parish Priest: Canon John Clark

Parish Clergy: Fr Thaddeus Nwokeji and Deacon Julian Burling

Also Resident: Canon Elias Vojtech

Team Members: Fr Michael O'Halloran SJ, Sr Francis SSA, Sr Dorothy Perrott OSU, Cristina Connolly

## YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!

Some essential ministries within our parish are struggling to continue because of a lack of volunteers. Currently there are about 50 vacancies in groups as diverse as Children's Liturgy, Preparation for First Holy Communion and Readers. On Sunday 3rd April a list of vacancies will be published prior to a major recruitment drive on Sunday 10th April. Please do think about whether you can give some time in future months to support your parish.

### CHILDREN'S GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

A special service of the Stations of the Cross for children will be held at 11am on Friday 25th March. A rehearsal for all actors and readers will take place on Good Friday at 9am till 10.30am in the church. Please email Rachel Marshall on [rachel@marshallemail.net](mailto:rachel@marshallemail.net) if your child would like to take part. Adult help welcomed!

### MEMORY LANE CLUB

Open every Wednesday morning from 10.30am onwards to 12.30pm in the Parish Lounge. Those with dementia and their carers are most welcome to drop in for refreshments, chat, bingo, snooker, music and various other games and activities, all in an informal atmosphere of cheerfulness, fun and affection (email: [edgehillmemorylanecclub@gmail.com](mailto:edgehillmemorylanecclub@gmail.com)).

### DO YOU LIKE SEWING?

Would you like to join a parish sewing group? More details from Sadie Smith on 020 8946 5198 or 0775 283 1304 or email [sadiesmith3@talktalk.net](mailto:sadiesmith3@talktalk.net)

## Parish News

### AT HOME

The next 'At Home' will be on Monday 14th March from 6 - 8pm.

### R.C.I.A.

Three members of our parish who celebrated the Rite of Election at the cathedral on 13th February will be received into the Church at Easter. During the 12.45pm

Mass, again this Sunday, they will receive special anointing and blessings as part of their final preparation. Martin Smith will be baptised, Paul Duffin and Beth Ingram will be received into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Please continue to pray for them.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent the celebration of the Stations of the Cross will start at 7.15pm every Friday after the 6.30pm Mass.

### SCHOOL SLIPS

School slips will be collected this weekend.

## Announcements

### THE LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

The last seminar is on Wednesday 16th March, 7.30 - 9pm in the Upper Hall when David Brun (Love Heals Body Mind and Spirit Team) will speak about 'Transformation'.

### FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

*'There are times of the year when many people who grow the food we eat for breakfast can't feed their own families'* Please join us today, Sunday 13th March, in the Lower Hall after the 8.15am and the 9.45am Masses for a delicious breakfast and a cake sale to celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight!

### MORNING PRAYER

Following Solemn Vespers on the eve of three major feasts last year, parishioners have

suggested that we might further extend interest in the Prayer of the Church by the congregational saying of Morning Prayer (Laudes) before the 10am Mass. The Liturgy Group has agreed to run a trial on four consecutive Wednesdays beginning on 30th March at 9.40am. If you are interested in finding out more, please join us after the 10am Mass on Wednesday 16th March in the Presbytery for a brief meeting.

### NEWMAN CIRCLE

The next meeting will be on Thursday 17th March at 7.30pm in the Parish Lounge, when Dr Erica Hunter will talk on the fascinating and timely subject of 'The Church of the East', a church which no longer exists but which

was dominant for over 1000 years. All are welcome!

### HOLY WEEK & EASTER BOOKLETS

Please refer to the Holy Week and Easter booklet (available at the back of the church) for times of Confessions, Expositions and Masses up to, and including Monday 28th March.

### FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

On Sunday 3rd April, the Feast of Divine Mercy, a Mass will be celebrated at 2pm, followed by Eucharistic Adoration, 3 o'clock prayer, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Blessing, Benediction, Veneration of Blessed Image and Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary. Divine Mercy Novena starts on Good Friday.

## Parish Organisations

### WIMBLEDON CANCER FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Anyone affected by any cancer is welcome to drop in the lounge of the Wimbledon Guild on Thursday 24th March from 3.15-4.30pm; 30/32 Worple Rd, SW19 4EF. Please ring 07948 767936 or email [wcfg@live.co.uk](mailto:wcfg@live.co.uk) for more information.

### FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Friday, 1st April, 2.30pm Parish Lounge. Accompany Chris Woodward on his Pilgrimage from Le Puy to Santiago de Compostela, including Parisian TV coverage. Nibbles & sherry, tea & cakes served. All welcome.

### CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Please note that the parish meditation group's last meeting before Easter will be on 16th March and we will return on 6th April. We gather at 2.15pm at 41 Murray Road and start our meditation practise at 2.30pm.

## Social, Cultural & Notices

### SACRED HEART CHORUS

020 8946 2533.

Tickets are now available for the Verdi Requiem on Saturday 21st May, priced at £15, £10 (concessions) & £5 (full time students). Early birds booking before 31st March 10% discount; for more info contact Sheena Macdonald (07879 653 580, verdi@sacredheartmusic.co.uk).

### WIMBLEDON COLLEGE EASTER SHOW

Wimbledon College's Easter show is 'West Side Story': March 16th, 17th & 18th at 7.30pm.; £7 adults, £5 under 18s. Tickets via the College website: [www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk](http://www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk) or by phone

### WIMBLEDON CHORAL SOCIETY

The Wimbledon Choral Society invites you to a Spring Concert for a vibrant performance of Rossini's much-loved 'Petite Messe Solennelle'. This will be at 5pm (note the early start) on Sunday 20th March at Cadogan Hall, SW1X 9DQ (3 mins walk from Sloane Square tube station), tickets available from the Box Office 020 7730 4500, for more info visit [www.cadoganhall.com](http://www.cadoganhall.com)

### SACRED HEART IRISH NIGHT

Come to an Irish Night on Saturday 19th March at 7pm in the Upper Hall, with Alan

Maries Saxophone Quintet & Irish Caleigh band; tickets available at the Presbytery or contact [williamrhind@hotmail.com](mailto:williamrhind@hotmail.com), 07910 215 651 (£15, includes food & one drink; raffle tickets sold on the night); proceeds will go to Sisters of Mercy (Ireland).

### LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT

Wimbledon College is looking for a Learning Support Assistant, FT equivalent; duties will include working with boys who have a range of learning difficulties and providing personal care; full details from Mrs Valerie Turpin on 020 8879 9355, registrar@wimbledoncollege.org.

### New to the Parish?

Please introduce yourself to a member of the Parish Team after Mass and complete a parish registration form available at the back of the church.

### HOLY WEEK HUNGER BANQUETS

Continuing our theme of supporting refugees in the current crisis, we will be holding two Hunger Banquets in Holy Week, one at lunchtime (12.30-2pm) and one in the evening (7.30-9pm), on Tuesday 22nd March, Upper Hall, in aid of CAFOD's refugee work; with speaker Nalini Nathan (CAFOD) and Wendy Tansey (narrator). All guests pay the same price (£12) for lunch or dinner, but draw lots to see if they eat like the rich, those on middle incomes, or like the poor; tickets can be purchased from the Parish Office, alternatively you can pre-book and pay on the door by calling 020 8946 0305 (by 19th March for catering purposes). Full details are on flyers at the back of the church. Please support these events!

### PROGRAMME ADVERTISING

If you have a business and would like to advertise in the forthcoming Verdi Requiem concert programme, please contact Sheena on 07879 653 580 or email [verdi@sacredheartmusic.co.uk](mailto:verdi@sacredheartmusic.co.uk) - everyone attending the concert will receive a free programme.

## Exploring our Faith

### PARISH YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND

Two thirds of the available places have now been booked. Any parishioner wishing to join the pilgrimage is advised to book soon. After Easter, if any places are still available, they will be offered to neighbouring parishes. Tuesday 1st - Tuesday 8th November 2016; 4 nights Jerusalem, 1 night Bethlehem, 2 nights Galilee. £1,144 pp based on 2 people sharing. Limited single room availability. For further information and booking form email [pilgrimage@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](mailto:pilgrimage@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk) or call Gill Didino at Tangney Tours on 01732 88 66 66.

### HOUSE OF PRAYER EAST MOLESEY

Invites you to a meditation led by Dr Lynne Scholefield on Teilhard de Chardin's 'The Mass of the World' - Teilhard's grand vision was the Eucharist and the Sacred Heart of Christ being the radiating centre of the universe. Saturday 19th March 10am-4pm, House of Prayer, 35 Seymour Rd, East Molesey, KT8 0PB.

### MOUNT STREET JESUIT CENTRE

Invites you to a reflective Journey through the Old Testament: 'The New & Everlasting Covenant - A God with Skin on!' facilitated by Brian Purfield on Saturday 2nd April from 11am-4pm. Please

see the website for more information and for booking [www.mountstreet.info](http://www.mountstreet.info) or call 020 7495 1673; 114 Mount Street, W1K 3AH.

### LOVE HEALS BODY MIND AND SPIRIT RETREAT

This year's 7 day retreat at Castle de Vide Retreat House, Portugal, which includes a visit to Fatima and other excursions, will take place from 9th - 15th April; the cost of £595 includes return flights from Heathrow, coach transfers, full board & excursions. For more information and booking contact David or Eileen on 020 8542 2476 or [body\\_mind\\_spirit\\_meditation@hotmail.com](mailto:body_mind_spirit_meditation@hotmail.com)

**CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY**

6.30pm (Sat) Fr M O'Halloran SJ    11.15am Canon V Elias  
 8.15am Fr N King SJ                    12.45pm Canon J Clark  
 8.30am Fr M O'Halloran SJ            5.00pm Canon J Clark  
 9.45am Fr T Nwokeji                    8.00pm Fr P Gallagher SJ

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK**

Sat 12 6.30pm Bernadette Tolley, Celebration & Thanksgiving  
 Mon 14 7.30am Margaret Lindsay RIP  
           10.00am Pascal Ghazaleh RIP  
           12.00pm Funeral of Margherita Opacic  
           6.30pm Julia Waters Ints.  
 Tue 15 7.30am Mike & Maureen Powell Ints.  
           10.00am Alfred Jessiman RIP  
           6.30pm Lucia Adami RIP  
 Wed 16 7.30am Richard & Sunita Fernandes Ints.  
           10.00am Mary Crowley RIP  
           12.00pm Funeral of Liam Myles  
           6.30pm John Francis Walsh RIP  
 Thu 17 7.30am Jesusita Bizon RIP  
           10.00am Alfred Jessiman RIP  
           6.30pm Lucia Adami RIP  
 Fri 18 7.30am Zygmunt Owczarek RIP  
           10.00am Funeral of Joy Thimont  
           6.30pm Mrs O'Hare Ints.  
 Sat 19 7.30am Stephen Teather Ints.  
           10.00am Barbara Creed RIP

**WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS**

**Those who have died recently:** George McPartlin, Joy Thimont, Margherita Opacic, Liam Myles, Frank Abberton  
**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** James Stuart, John Duffy, Irene Freaney, Michael O'Riordan, Majorie O'Reilly, John Charles Gaszczyk, Winifred Bonner, Joan Sharling, John Egan, John Bolster, John Abberton  
**The sick:** Breda Whelan, Lorraine Grozdanovic, Alexander Skachkov, Roberto Luigi Farina, Sophia Ridley, Avril Brown, Jane Leahy, Cindy Bayat, Bernadette McMurray, Anne Medicraft, Pat Pike, Carol Escalona, David Fyfe, Mary Wallace, Con Harrington, Rita Westbrook, Angela de Leon, Alina Hancock, Teresa Scanlon, Olinda D'Souza, Sheila Chateau, Alan Paul, Michael Hoskins, Electa Almeida, Sr Tien Nguyen, Caleb Edser, Eduard Kirchner, Julian Eddy, Troy Najair, Margaret Lumley and Andrew Tan *[Please advise the Reception when names can be removed.]*



**COLLECTIONS**

Collections at Mass last Sunday came to £1,831 in loose plate giving and £611 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £2,442 . This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.  
 If you change your address or if your tax status changes could you please notify the Parish Office.

**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK**

**Thursday 17th March** St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland  
**Saturday 19th March** St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of the Universal Church  
 Pope Francis' solemn inauguration 2013

**EXPOSITION**

Sundays: 3.30 - 4.30pm  
 (Prayers for the Pope and the Catholic Church in Britain)  
 Wednesdays: after the 7.30am and 10.00am Masses and 5.25 - 6.25pm  
 Fridays: 5.25 - 6.25pm  
 On First Fridays there is exposition from after the 6.30pm Mass to Midnight.

**RECONCILIATION**

Saturdays:  
 10.30 - 11.30am  
 3.00 - 4.00pm  
 6.00 - 6.20pm  
 Monday - Friday:  
 6.00 - 6.20pm

**MUSIC AT THE 11.15am MASS**

*Missa XVIII, Plainsong*  
*Nolo mortem peccatoris, Th. Morley*  
*Ave verum corpus, William Byrd*

**PARISH SERVICES**

Parish Office/Reception Hours: 9am - 5pm (Mon-Fri) 9.30am - 1pm (Sat) 9am - 1pm (Sun)  
 Executive Assistant & Hall bookings: Thelma D'Costa (Mon - Fri 9.30am - 5pm) Site Manager: Arthur White (Mon - Fri 12noon - 6pm; Sat 9am-1pm)  
 Parish Pastoral Council: sacredheartwimbledonppc@gmail.com  
 Baptism, Marriage, First Sacraments, Funerals contact the parish 020 8946 0305  
 Bereavement Support: For more information please contact the co-ordinator by email bereavementsacredheart@gmail.com or call 020 8946 5198, Referral forms available in the Presbytery Reception