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Newsletter

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Palm Sunday (C)

Weekday Readings for
Holy Week

Vol 3. Psalter week 2

Next Sunday's Readings

Easter Sunday

- Acts 10:34.37-43
- Psalm 117
- Colossians 3:1-4
- John 20:1-9

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Palm Sunday

Today we begin a journey that will take us from the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, through the last supper, to the arrest and trial of Jesus, to his crucifixion, death and burial, culminating in his glorious resurrection. It is a journey that is reflected in the powerful liturgies that we celebrate during this week. On Palm Sunday we re-enact Jesus entry into Jerusalem. The crowds that greeted him as Messiah and King would in a few days time be the same



crowd that called for his execution, as we hear in the account of the Passion read on Palm Sunday. On Thursday we have the moving Mass of the Last Supper and the washing of the feet, where in humility and love, Jesus shows us the practical outcomes of the Eucharist. On

Good Friday, the only day in the year when Mass is not celebrated, We have the Solemn Liturgy when we first listen to the reading of the Passion, then venerate the Cross, and then receive communion. It is a simple and solemn celebration of the suffering and death of Jesus which is in marked contrast to the great celebration of the Easter Vigil when we acclaim that Jesus has risen from the dead. He is Lord and Alleluia is his song. Our Lenten journey is ended, our Easter Journey begun. We are the Easter people and Alleluia should be our song too. The three days of the Easter Triduum are seen by the Church as one celebration. Do make time to come along.

PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF MERCY

Lord Jesus, 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 (rachel@marshallemail.net) if your child would like to take part. Adult help welcomed!

VENERATION OF THE CROSS

On Good Friday, during the Solemn liturgy, please follow the instructions of the ushers for the veneration of the Cross. There will be one single Cross that we will venerate in groups.

Stations of the Cross: on Good Friday, the celebration of the Stations of the Cross will start at 6.30pm.

SECOND COLLECTION

On Good Friday, the 2nd collection will be for Holy Places, places connected with Our Lord's Passion, centres of veneration and pilgrimage. The collection is sent for their upkeep and to maintain Christian schooling in the area.

The collections on Easter Day are for the Priests of the Parish.

Parish News

AT HOME

Please note that the next 'At Home' will be on Monday 4th April from 7.30-9.30pm.

HOLY WEEK PENANCE SERVICE

On Monday 21st at 7.30pm a Lenten Penance Service of prayer and scripture readings will be held during which

individuals will have the opportunity for individual sacramental confession and absolution.

SCHOOL SLIPS

School slips will be collected this weekend and then again on the weekend of 9th/10th April.

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.

Announcements

R.C.I.A.

Three members of our parish will be received into the Church at Easter. 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 keep them in your prayers.

FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

On Sunday 3rd April, the Feast of Divine Mercy, a Mass will be celebrated at 2pm in our church, 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.

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.

ALPHA

We would like to invite all Years 8-11 to come to *Alpha*. *Alpha* is a series of interactive sessions that explore faith and life. *Alpha* will be running at Sacred Heart every Tuesday night from 19th April for 8 weeks (except half term). Join us for dinner, a short video, discussions and fun! If you would like to come and try it out, please register by email edgesw19@gmail.com

with name, date of birth and contact details, as well as any allergies. Places are limited, so register asap. We are also looking for helpers on the day, especially with cooking & baking or you can support us with prayers. If you think you can help, even if for one week only, please email edgesw19@gmail.com with your contact information.

OFFICE & RECEPTION OPENING HOURS

The Parish Office and Reception will be closed from Friday 25th March and open on Monday 4th April.

SIGNED AND SPOKEN MASS

On Easter Sunday, 27th March, a signed and spoken Mass will be celebrated at 4pm in the Chapel of Wimbledon College. All with hearing difficulties welcome!

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 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. (Save the date, Tuesday 10th May: outing to Grayshott Pottery, near Hindhead, Surrey, details to follow nearer the time)

Social, Cultural & Notices

DEVOTIONAL CONCERT OF SACRED MUSIC

On Good Friday, 25th March at 8pm, Wimbledon Choirs will perform the 'St. Mark Passion' by Charles Wood in our church. Admission free, retiring collection.

SACRED HEART CHORUS

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) or see flyer at the back of the church.

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 this Sunday 20th

March at 5pm (note the early start) 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

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

There is a healing weekend for women and men who find themselves single again following divorce, separation or the death of a partner, from

15th-17th April at the Emmaus Centre, West Wickham, Kent. For details please contact Sandra 01293 783965, Freda 01322 838415 or John 01992 642443, email johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk

HUNGER BANQUETS POSTPONED

The two Hunger Banquets scheduled one at lunchtime and one in the evening, on Tuesday 22nd March, in aid of CAFOD's refugee work had to be postponed to Thursday 26th May. Flyers with detailed information and tickets for the events will be available after Easter. If you wish to support CAFOD's refugees projects please visit <http://cafod.org.uk/news/emergencies-news/Syria-crisis> for more information.

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.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

On Saturday 26th March from 10.30 - 11.30 am, in the Parish Lounge. Grief is a particularly isolating experience that can affect all aspects of your life, physically, emotionally and socially. The Bereavement Team invite everyone experiencing loss in their lives, no matter how long ago, to drop-in for a coffee and a chat. We offer you a warm welcome. For more information, call 020 8946 5198 or see the website.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WEST WIMBLEDON

There will be a Good Friday service on Fri 25th March starting at 10am: assemble at St Matthews's Church, Durham Road; 10.15am Procession of Witness; 10.30am Service and sermon from Deacon Julian Burling at Raynes Park station followed by refreshments at the Methodist Church, Worple Rd.

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.uk; closing date 21st March.

Exploring our Faith

PARISH 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. Tue 1st - Tue 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 info & booking-form please email pilgrimage@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk or call Gill Didino at Tangney Tours on 01732 88 66 66.

DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE

In preparation for the Feast of Divine Mercy, a Pilgrimage to Aylesford Priory (Kent, ME20 7BX) will be held on Sat 2nd April, led by Rt Rev Paul Hendricks and Marian Fathers; starting at 10am until after the Veneration of the Image of the Merciful Jesus at 4pm. All welcome, bring your family & friends; for more info call 020 8998 0925 or email info@divinemercy.org.uk

EVANGELISATION MEETING

On Saturday 2nd April an Evangelisation Meeting will be held in the Lounge from 10.30am-12.30pm. Everyone welcome. For details, call

Sadie Smith 020 8946 5198 or sadiesmith3@talktalk.net

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 June**; 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

CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

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

MASS INTENTIONS & MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 19 6.30pm Claire Rutherford RIP
 Mon 21 7.30am Gisela Gregory RIP
 10.00am Valerie Sturgis Ints.
 6.30pm Peter Cheuk RIP
 Tue 22 7.30am Camilo Pereira RIP
 10.00am Alfred Jessiman RIP
 6.30pm David & Lorenza Boyce RIP
 Wed 23 7.30am Our Lady Queen of Peace
 10.00am Sr Maureen Ints.
 6.30pm Mrs Donnelly & Mrs Quinn Ints.
 Thu 24 10.00am Florence Nwokeji RIP
 8.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
 Fri 25 3.00pm Good Friday Solemn Liturgy
 Sat 26 8.00pm Easter Vigil

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Jesusita Dizon, George McPartlin, Maureen Denney
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Barbara Creed, Philip Martin Grace, Jeanne Nicholas, Pamela Rutter, Shaun Downey
The sick: Patricia Meehan, 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 £1,571 in loose plate giving and £1,355 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £2,926. 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

Wednesday 23rd March At the Cathedral: the Chrism Mass, blessing of the Oil of the Sick and Oil of Catechumens.
 Thursday Easter Triduum; Good Friday, fasting and abstinence, collection for the Holy Places; the Lenten fast continues until the Easter Vigil

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

Hosanna filio David, plainchant
 229 - *All glory, laud and honour*
 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?,
 Anthony Milner
 Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory,
 Walsh
 Credo 3 (Plainchant)
 O Domine Jesu Christe, Francisco Guerero
 Missa brevis, Giovanni P. da Palestrina
 Mass XVIII, plainchant
 Pueri Hebraeorum, Ludovico da Vittoria
 320 - Hail Redeemer, King Divine

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