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## Newsletter

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**First Sunday  
of Lent**

**Weekday Readings for  
1st week of Lent  
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**Vol I. psalter week I**

### Next Sunday's Readings

- Genesis 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18
- Ps 115:10.15-19 R. Ps 114:9
- Romans 8:31-34
- Mark 9:2-10

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## Repent, and believe the Good News

On Wednesday this week many of us began our Lenten season by attending Holy Mass and by being marked with the sign of the cross on the forehead with ashes. The priest or minister signed us with the words, '*Repent and believe the Gospel*'. These were the words that Jesus used at the commencement of his ministry. We read in Mark 1:14-15 After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee.



There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come', he said, and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent and believe the

Good News.' It is these words that stand out from our gospel reading today. Not only are we marked by the sign of the cross, the symbol of our redemption we are signed with the words of Christ. This time of Lent calls each one of us to repent to reorder our lives to make them more in tune with the mind of God. It also calls us to believe. Believe that Jesus is the Son of God, that he has brought us salvation.

### Prayer for the Church in Southwark

**Loving God, help us to be open to the freshness of your Spirit. Fill us with enthusiasm for the Good News. Invite us into a deeper relationship with your Son, Jesus Christ, truly present in the Eucharist. Make us more aware of where there is need for new life. Help us to reach out to those who feel lost or abandoned, those who are searching and questioning, those who have walked away from you and those who are eager to know your love. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.**

### THE PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Parish Priest: Canon John Clark MA  
Parish Clergy: Fr Thaddeus Nwokeji and Deacon Julian Burling  
Also Resident: Canon Elias Vojtech, Giovanni Prandini (Student)  
Team Members: Sr Francis SSA, Sr Dorothy Perrott OSU and Cristina Connolly  
Catechetical Co-Ordinator: David Wills

## LENT FAST DAY

Family Fast Day for Lent 2018 is the 23rd February. This Lent CAFOD is working to combat malnutrition in Zimbabwe. CAFOD is providing seeds, fencing and farming training for families and communities so that everyone has enough to eat. Please find CAFOD envelopes at the back of the church this weekend, they will be collected next weekend. Your donations will be matched by the UK government, so you can make double the difference!

Please take one of the prayer cards with this year's Family Fast Day Prayer with you.

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Elections for our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) are due to take place in March. We are looking for 5 new members of the PPC. Please think about recommending someone - maybe even yourself. You can find more info in the leaflet at the back of the church.

## READERS AT SUNDAY MASS

There is currently a vacancy for a reader at the 12.45pm Mass on Sunday. If you would like to volunteer please contact Rock Tansey (rockonq@btinternet.com).

## LENT DAY BY DAY

The Lent 2018 booklets 'My Day by Day' (adults, junior, infant) are still available at the back of the church or in the Presbytery Reception (£1 each).

## JESUIT MISSIONS

The new issue of 'On the Edge', JM's regular bulletin, is available at the back of the church, informing about their on-going partnership with China.

## Parish News

### AT HOME

There will be an 'At Home' on Monday 19 February from 6-8pm.

### SCHOOL SLIPS

School slips be collected again 24/25 February.

### SIGNED AND SPOKEN MASS

A signed and spoken Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 25 February at 4pm in the Sacred Heart Chapel in the church. All with hearing difficulties welcome!

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Can you spare a few hours to help out in the Parish Reception? Please contact Thelma D'Costa in the Parish Office (020 8946 0305).

## Announcements

### LENTEN TALKS 2018

The teaching of the Holy Father: the series of talks will focus on the theological teaching of Pope Francis, come and hear what the Holy Father has to say about the Gospel, the Earth and the Joy of Love. Pick up a leaflet at the back of the church with full details. The first talk will be this Thursday 22 February on 'Theology of Pope Francis' held by Bishop Paul Hendricks. Talks will begin at 7.30pm and take place in the Upper Hall, light supper will be served from 7pm before each talk (further dates 1, 8, 15 & 22 March). Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

### WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year, the Sacred Heart Church is hosting the Women's World Day of Prayer. The service starts at 11am on Friday 2 March and lasts about 40 minutes. We hope that as many parishioners as possible will join in prayer at this Parish Prayer Event. Refreshment are served after the service in the Lower Hall. All are welcome!

### PARISH BUDGET 2018

The Finance Committee has now published a budget for 2018. We are pleased to report that there has been a 15% increase in income from the planned giving appeal, for which many thanks. The

Committee has, however, reluctantly approved a budget with a deficit of £41,000; the reason being that apart from the increase in the salaries over 2017, there is a number of unavoidable building maintenance items for which bills will fall due this year. The position will be carefully monitored as running a deficit on 'revenue' items is not sustainable in the longer term.

A copy of the Budget Summary is posted in the church entrance, and the detailed budget can be viewed on the parish website <https://sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/> Our Parish - Finance Committee.

## Parish Organisations

### ART GROUP

The Art Group will meet in the Lower Hall from 2.15 - 4.15pm on Tuesday 20 February. The theme: 'Observing colours in the local parks & gardens & winter landscape'. Some materials available or bring your own. All welcome.

### WCFG

The Wimbledon Cancer Friendship Group offers friendship, information and a listening ear to anyone affected by any cancer.

This month's drop-in will be

on Thursday 22 February from 3.15-4.30pm. 30/32 Worple Road, SW19 4EF; 07948 767 936, [wcfg@live.co.uk](mailto:wcfg@live.co.uk)

### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

On Saturday 24 February 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 07917 120 893 or see the website.

### FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Friday 2 March 2.30-4pm in the Lounge: Objects of Interest, do join us for tea and cakes and bring any interesting objects that you may have tucked away at home and would like to tell us about.

## Social, Cultural & Notices

### GENERATIONS TOGETHER IT CLINICS

This term's popular *Generations Together IT Clinics* continue at the UHS on Fridays 23 February; 2, 9, 16 & 23 March. Knowledgeable girls provide excellent mobile phone and computer tuition, including how to connect with family abroad or catch up with TV on line. All grades welcome; no charge (booking: Sheila Gent 020 8390 0119).

### YOUNG ADULTS

There will be a Young Adults Evening on Friday 23 February. The group will join the parish Stations of the Cross at 7.15pm in the church, followed by a dinner hosted by the community at Favre House, 9 Edge Hill, and a talk by the Jesuit Refugee Service. Please email [cat\\_porter@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cat_porter@hotmail.co.uk) for more details and for catering purposes. Donations for the cost of food are welcomed.

### CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Do come and have a chat

with other parishioners over a delicious continental breakfast on Sunday 25 February from 8am - 1pm in the Lower Hall.

### 'CAKES, CONSCIENCE AND FREEDOM'

The Catholic Union Charitable Trust invites you to a lecture by Prof. Roger Trigg, (professor emeritus of philosophy at the University of Warwick and author of *'Equality, Freedom and Religion'*) on *'Cakes, Conscience and Freedom'* on Thursday 1 March at 6.30pm. He will address the tension between freedom of religion and principles of equality and non-discrimination in cases such as Ashers Bakery (the so called 'gay cake' case). Notre Dame University, 1 Suffolk Str, SW1Y 4HG; free to attend, for more info and to register contact 020 8749 1321 or [info@catholicunion.org.uk](mailto:info@catholicunion.org.uk).

### THE DREAM OF GERONTIUS

Elgar's finest choral masterpiece will be performed on

Saturday 9 June in the church. Please put the date in your diary for a memorable evening, early bird tickets available on [www.sacredheartmusic.co.uk](http://www.sacredheartmusic.co.uk)

You can still register to join the chorus via <http://www.sacredheartmusic.co.uk/concerts/the-dream-of-gerontius-chorus-call/> Rehearsals will be on Mondays from 7.30-10pm in the church, starting on 5 March.

### SAVE THE DATE

Parish Irish Night to celebrate St Patrick's Day! Saturday 17 March from 7.30pm in the Upper Hall. More details to follow!

### VERDI REQUIEM

The West Barnes Singers & Eltham Choral Society and Wimbledon Youth Choir will be performing Verdi's Requiem in the magnificent setting of Southwark Cathedral (SE1 9DA) on Saturday 17 March at 7.30pm; tickets £20, 15 or 12.

### LOVE HEALS BODY MIND AND SPIRIT

The Love Heals Body Mind and Spirit Team welcome you to come on a 1-day retreat of quiet reflection on Saturday 24 February from 11am - 5pm at the Catholic Church of our Lady of Assumption & St Gregory, Warwick Street, W1F 9JR. For more information contact David & Eileen Brum (020 8542 2476 [lovehealsbodymindspirit@gmail.com](mailto:lovehealsbodymindspirit@gmail.com)).

### 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

Bereavement support for widowers: you are invited to join us for a fish & chips supper and a drink on Friday 23 February in the Lounge at 7.30pm. Come and meet other men who like you have lost their loved one and who may not be coping as well as you are. Come to offer others some support and maybe some suggestions on how best to manage the loss and loneliness of life without your other half. Just being with someone who understands can be a great help. Our suppers together are very enjoyable and it's good to meet new friends. For info, or to prompt some suggestions for the evening you can contact Sadie Smith 020 8946 5198 [sadiesmith3@talktalk.net](mailto:sadiesmith3@talktalk.net) You will be most welcome no matter how long ago or how recently your wife has died.

### INTERIOR DESIGNER? CAN YOU HELP?

We would like to make the Lower Hall a warmer, friendlier place with better acoustics. Advice from someone with interior design skills would be much appreciated. If that's your thing, please contact Mike Cairns ([cairns.mt@gmail.com](mailto:cairns.mt@gmail.com)) 020 8947 7320

## Exploring our Faith

### CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The SH Charismatic Prayer Group will be meeting in the church on Monday 19 February for prayer, praise and worship, from 7.30- 9pm. During Lent talks will be on the *'Seven deadly sins and Seven Virtues'*. All are welcome!

### DIVINE MERCY RETREAT

You are invited to a one day retreat led by Marian Fathers on Saturday 24 February from 11am-4.30pm at St John Fisher Church, Cannon Hill

Lane, Merton SW20 9DB. For more information please contact Divine Mercy Apostolate on 020 8998 0925 or [info@divinemercy.org.uk](mailto:info@divinemercy.org.uk) All welcome!

### MOUNT STREET JESUIT CENTRE

You are invited to a 1-day workshop on *'Another Look at Why Jesus Died: At-One-Ment'* led by David Cherry on Saturday 24 February from 11am-4pm. For more info visit [www.pathwaystogod.org](http://www.pathwaystogod.org) 114 Mount Str., W1K 3AH.

### CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

6.30pm (Sat) Canon J Clark      11.15am Canon V Elias  
8.15am Fr M Barnes SJ          12.45pm Fr Kinga SJ  
8.30am\* Fr T Nwokeji          5.00pm Canon V Elias  
9.45am Canon J Clark          8.00pm Fr A Nunes SJ

\* SH School Mass Centre

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 17 6.30pm Eilish Healy RIP  
Mon 19 7.30am Sr. Alice Deboro RIP  
10.00am Anne R & Terence P Dickinson RIP  
6.30pm Rapose Family Ints.  
Tue 20 7.30am Marlene O'Neill RIP  
10.00am Kathleen Flaherty RIP  
6.30pm Peter Cheuk & all souls RIP  
Wed 21 7.30am Jerry O'Callaghan RIP  
10.00am Teresa Smith Ints.  
11.30am Funeral Mass for Cyril Williams  
6.30pm Aggie Almeida RIP  
Thu 22 7.30am Tosca Kneen RIP  
10.00am Noel D'Costa RIP  
6.30pm Mary Thefaut RIP  
Fri 23 7.30am Robert Nutty RIP  
10.00am Ursula & Ronald Perera Ints.  
6.30pm Betty Heard RIP  
Sat 24 7.30am Carmel Cremin RIP  
10.00am Alice Kehoe RIP

### WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

**Those who have died recently:** Rubinita DeSouza, Carine French, Angelina Blythe, Frances Ryan, Giuseppe Baldacchino, Marlene Hughes, Annette Wise, Jacqueline Coles-Austin

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Hugh Johnston, John Marshall, June Stroud, Caitlyn Blount, Agnes Almeida, Liam Myles, Eilish Healy

**The sick:** Ann Oliver, Simon Hull, William North, Len Hay, John Rothwell, Jeremy Broadhurst, Ernest Bonner, Bertha D'Costa, Pauline Spooner, Oriel Kerr, Simon McPartlin, Carol Donnelly, Richard Hurst, Horace D'Cruz, Anne Olivier, Mike Revell, Paul Helm, Brian Sewell, Alina Hancock, Cath O'Neill, Lalita Nagar, Sheila Johnstone, Judex Celine, John Burke-Gafney, Richard Conceicao, Fr Michael O'Halloran SJ, Linda Day, Fr Phelim McGowan SJ, Eddie Power, Tom Searle, Sandra Broadbent, Daphne Minas, Gabriel Godfrey, Sr Charmaine, Yvonna Patton, Giena Worth, Ronnie Bradnick, Alexander Skachkov, Frank Micetich, Roberto Luigi Farina, Sophia Ridley, Avril Brown, Cindy Bayat, Bernadette McMurray, Anne Medicraft, Carol Escalona, David Fyfe, Mary Wallace, Rita Westbrook, Angela de Leon, Michael Hoskins, Electa Almeida, Caleb Edser, Julian Eddy, Troy Najair, Margaret Lumley and Andrew Tan



### COLLECTIONS

Collection at Mass last Sunday came to £1,230 in loose plate giving and £413 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £1,643. This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.

The second collection in support of *Poor Parishes* raised £1,330. Thank you for your generosity.

### FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

**Wednesday 21 February** St Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

**Thursday 22 February** The Chair of St Peter the Apostle

**Friday 23 February** Lent Fast Day

St Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr

### EXPOSITION

Sundays: 3.00 - 4.00pm

(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 of the month 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

*Mass XI (Orbis Factor), Plainsong*

*Lord for thy tender mercy's sake,*

Richard Farrant

*O bone Jesu, Marco Antonio Ingegneri*

### PARISH SERVICES

Parish Office/Reception Hours: 9am - 5pm (Mon-Fri) 9.30am - 1pm (Sat) 9am - 1pm (Sun) [A range of religious and greeting cards are on sale at very competitive prices - please feel free to call to view.]

Executive Assistant & Hall bookings: Thelma D'Costa (Mon - Fri 9.30am - 5pm) Caretaker: George McLennan

Parish Pastoral Council: [sacredheartwimbledonppc@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:bereavementsacredheart@gmail.com) or call 020 8946 5198, Referral forms available in the Presbytery Reception

Admission to Hospital: RC hospital chaplains will only be aware of your admission if you specifically ask for the hospital chaplaincy team to be informed. Please tell a member of the ward staff, it is also helpful to let your parish priest know.