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Newsletter

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**Second Sunday
of Lent**

**Weekday Readings for
2nd week of Lent
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Next Sunday's Readings

- Exodus 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17
- Ps 18:8-11. R. Jn 6:68
- I Corinthians 1:22-25
- John 2:13-25

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Transfiguration of the Lord

It is 10 days since we have started our Lenten journey towards Easter. Our initial enthusiasm for fasting, praying and almsgiving, if ever we had some, may be waning - mine certainly is. We may wonder what the entire point of Lent is.



If you feel this way, today's gospel is bound to revive your spirit. In the episode of the Transfiguration Jesus appears to his apostles in his divine body: just as he would look like after the resurrection. The apostles were journeying with Jesus towards Jerusalem; they were going towards Jesus' death and resurrection; they started feeling discouraged especially when they saw the Jews

were not recognising their master as the Christ. Jesus' transfiguration wanted to encourage them. It is the final destination that makes the journey meaningful; Lent doesn't make sense without Easter.

This Easter is somehow special for us as eight adults from the RCIA group will become full members of our community. Gayle, Simon and Suzanna will be received into full communion with the Church on the Easter Vigil; Jonathan, Russell, Stephen and Warwick will be received at Pentecost. Dawn will be baptised at Pentecost. Let's keep them all in our prayers.

Now a practical tip. If we realise we are becoming insufferable as a result of our Lenten penance, let us relax it a bit. Let's have that chocolate we have given up! After all, Lent is all about Easter.

Giovanni Prandini

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

CAFOD envelopes will be collected this weekend. Your donations will be matched by the UK government, so you can make double the difference! Thank you for your support!

CITIZENS UK MERTON

Peter Brierley, South London co-ordinator for *Citizens UK*, will speak at all Masses this weekend to explain *Citizens UK* and invite you to the Delegates' Assembly for the new Merton Alliance on Thursday 1 March from 7- 9pm where you will hear more about the important issues being addressed and meet delegates from 12 other sponsoring local organisations, including Wimbledon College. (Christ Church, Colliers Wood SW19 2NY; to manage numbers, please rsvp dtthurst52@gmail.com).

The retiring collection this weekend will be in support of *Citizens UK*.

STAMP CUTTING AT JESUIT MISSIONS

The next stamp cutting and sorting session will be on Thursday 1 March at 9.30am at 11 Edge Hill, SW19 4RL. Please donate any used or old stamps, collections to this address at any time.

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Do come and have a chat with other parishioners over a delicious continental breakfast today 25 February from 8am - 1pm in the Lower Hall.

BOOK SALE

There will be another Book Sale outside the church after all Masses this weekend in continuing support of Jesuit Missions' Zimbabwe Appeal.

Parish News

AT HOME

There will be an 'At Home' on Monday 26 February from 6-8pm.

SCHOOL SLIPS

School slips be collected again this weekend.

SIGNED AND SPOKEN MASS

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

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 (rockonqc@btinternet.com).

Announcements

LENTEN TALKS 2018

You are invited to come to the second of our series of Lenten talks on Thursday 1 March when Sr Dr Helen Costigane SHCJ, Heythrop College, will speak about Pope Francis' *'Evangelii Gaudium, The Joy of the Gospel'*. 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. Talks begin at 7.30pm and take place in the Upper Hall, light

supper will be served from 7pm before each talk (further dates 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 next 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!

FIRST FRIDAY VIGIL OF PRAYER

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for vocations to the priesthood and religious life and for World Peace will be on Friday 2 March following the Stations of the Cross after 6.30pm Mass continuing to midnight. Silent prayer to 8.30pm followed by meditations and prayers. Please come, if only for a short visit.

Parish Organisations

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Friday 2 March 2.30-4pm: 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.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Please note that there will be no meditation meetings until further notice.

TRADCRAFT

Traidcraft is back this Sunday morning, so please buy groceries, cards, and other goods produced and priced fairly, to help people in the developing world improve their lives, and skills. Your support last year

also enabled us recently to donate £300 between Traidcraft Exchange and CAFOD. Thank you!

WCFG

The Wimbledon Cancer Friendship Group offers friendship, information and a listening ear to anyone affected by any cancer. There will be an evening meeting on Thursday 8 March from 7.30-9pm when Mariko Lavender-Jones, a Yoga teacher for people with cancer, will talk about yoga and how it can help you to manage stress. She will give a demonstration on posture and a few exercises while sitting that can help with breathing and cir-

culation. 30/32 Worple Road, SW19 4EF; 07948 767 936, wcfg@live.co.uk

MEMORY LANE CLUB

Every Wednesday morning from 10.30am onwards to 12.30pm in the Parish Lounge. Open to everyone who suffers from memory loss/dementia and their carers. Refreshments, chat, bingo, snooker, music as well as various games and activities available - all in an informal, friendly and fun atmosphere. Contact: edgehillmemorylaneclub@gmail.com or Jenny (07906 856 183), Charlotte (07714 702 735).

Social, Cultural & Notices

GENERATIONS TOGETHER IT CLINICS

The *Generations Together IT Clinics* sessions continue at the UHS on Fridays 2, 9, 16 & 23 March. Knowledgeable girls provide excellent mobile phone and computer tuition. All grades welcome; no charge (booking: Sheila Gent 020 8390 0119).

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!

'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.

PETITE MESSE SOLENNELLE

The Ariel Consort of London will perform Rossini's *Petite Messe Solennelle* on Saturday 3 March at 7.30pm at St Matthew's Church, Durham Road SW20 0DE in aid of St Matthew's Church. Tickets £12 at door.

THE DREAM OF GERONTIUS

Elgar's finest choral masterpiece will be performed on Saturday 9 June in the church. Early bird tickets are available on 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.

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 £12-20.

LES MISERABLES

Wimbledon College's production of 'Les Misérables', featuring a cast from the College and the Ursuline High School, will take place on March 21, 22 & 23 at 7.30pm in the College Hall. Prices £8 (adults) and £5 (under-18s). Tickets available from the school website (www.wimbletoncollege.org.uk) or box office (020 8879 9323).

VACANCIES

Wimbledon College is looking for a temporary Finance Assistant, to work 4hrs/day in summer term 2018, an application form & info can be downloaded from www.wimbletoncollege.org.uk

Ursuline Preparatory School is requiring a FT Year 3 Teacher for September 2018. For full information & application form please visit www.ursulineprep.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.

MOZART & HAYDN

Wimbledon's Academy Choir & the London Mozart Players in concert: Mozart's Symphony No. 41 ('Jupiter'), *Mass in C Minor* and Haydn's *Te Deum in C*; Conductor: Matthew Best. Saturday 24 March 7.30pm, St John's Church, Spencer Hill, SW19 4NZ (tickets £15-£25, students £10/£5 www.academychoirwimbledon.co.uk or 0333 666 3366, £1.50 booking fee).

A LIFETIME OF LOVING

And celebration of your marriage. You are invited to a day in which married couples can explore their relationship more deeply and gain valuable insights into their communication and the call of the Church to be married. Saturday 10 March 9.45am-4.30pm (£25/couple - suggested donation). Holy Cross School, New Malden, booking essential, philandmary@blueyonder.co.uk or 020 8651 2477.

VACANCY

St. Teresa's Home for The Elderly requires a cleaner for 25 hrs/week 8am-1pm or negotiable. For full details please contact the Home's office on 020 8879 7366/3, or info@stteresashome.co.uk.

Exploring our Faith

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 14 March, celebrating the feast of St. Patrick. £599pp sharing. Price includes flights with 10kg hand luggage, all taxes, luxury transfers, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with full Irish Breakfast each morning and 4 course dinner

each evening. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours incl., wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms at supplement of £50. Groups & individual bookings welcome. Contact Patricia anytime on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

MOUNT STREET JESUIT CENTRE

You are invited to a 4 week course on Tues 6-27 March from 11am-1pm on 'The Passion in the Gospel of Mark' facilitated by Brian Purfield. Please book in advance (www.pathwaystogod.org or call 020 7495 1673 - suggested donation £60 for the course). 114 Mount Str. London W1K 3AH

CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

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

* SH School Mass Centre

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat	24	6.30pm	Queen of Peace
Mon	26	7.30am	Mary Thefaut RIP
		10.00am	Shirley Ints.
		6.30pm	Jane Mary Lynch RIP
Tue	27	7.30am	Mary O'Neill RIP
		10.00am	Shalila Ints.
		6.30pm	Sebastian Sielski Ints.
Wed	28	7.30am	Mary O'Neill RIP
		10.00am	Funeral Mass for Rubitina De Souza
		6.30pm	Tommey Canonni Ints.
Thu	1	7.30am	Tosca Kneen RIP
		10.00am	Pietro Mostosi RIP
		6.30pm	Dr Pauline Thomas RIP
Fri	2	7.30am	Carmel Cremin RIP
		10.00am	Nora Keigher
		6.30pm	John Flood RIP
Sat	3	7.30am	Mary O'Neill RIP
		10.00am	Patsy Meehan RIP

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Kate Ogonovsky, Annette Wise, Bridget Maher, Rubitina DeSouza, Carine French, Marlene Hughes

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: William Maher, Alice Kehoe, Margherita Opacic, Louis Clement Salole

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, Mary Reynolds, 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, 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 £1,672 in loose plate giving and £422 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £2,094. 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, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Thursday 1 March St David, Bishop, Patron of Wales

Friday 2 March Women's World Day of Prayer

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

Missa brevis in C (K,S, B), Antonio Lotti

Peccantem me quotidie, Christóbal de

Morales

O Nata Lux, Thomas Tallis

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

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

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.