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Newsletter

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**Fifth Sunday
 of Lent**

**Weekday Readings for
 5th week of Lent
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Vol I. psalter week I

Next Sunday's Readings

Palm Sunday of the Passion of
 the Lord

- Isaiah 50:4-7
- Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24 R.v.2
- Philippians 2:6-11
- Mark 14:1-72 15:1-47

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Unless a wheat grain falls on the ground

Great things have small beginnings, that is one of the theme's behind our readings today. We see the truth of that in our lives in so many different ways. A deep relationship can begin with a simple smile or a few words of greeting; a young person's life ambition can be changed with a few words of encouragement from a teacher or friend. The life chances of an elderly person can be



improved by the helping hand of a kind neighbour. Here in the parish, our primary school has been graded 'Good' in all aspects of its work at the latest OFSTED inspection. This excellent

achievement is the result of concerted efforts by the Head Teachers, staff, governors, parents and the children. Each in their own way have achieved an improvement in the success of the school. As with everything else they will now be looking to improve even further and we hope the school will not be long before it achieves 'Outstanding'. Big things are achieved by small steps.

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

MEN WANTED!!

Memory Lane Club for people with dementia and their carers (10.30am-12.30pm every Wednesday morning) is very well attended, half of our clients are men. But 90% of our volunteer helpers are women! More male company and chat would be most welcome. If you have a friendly disposition and a willingness to help, please get in touch - even if you can only offer once a month. To find out more ring Jenny 07906 856 183 or Charlotte 07714 702 735.

BREAKFAST

Do come and have a chat with other parishioners over a delicious continental breakfast this Sunday 18 March from 8am - 12noon in the Lower Hall.

NEWMAN CIRCLE

We are sorry to announce that the Newman Circle meeting scheduled for Thursday 22 March has been cancelled. Mgr Roderick Strange's talk will take place in November.

THE PASSAGE

The Passage, a Christian Charity working with homeless people in London is raising funds through the Big Give from 12pm Thu 22 - 12pm Thu 29 March to support its work with homeless people, 'Double your Donation, Double your impact', this is a matched giving scheme for online donations. If someone (company, individual or trust) gave £10 online, with matched giving of £10, this would bring the gift up to £20! For more info contact Andrew Hollingsworth 020 7592 1856 andrew.h@passage.org.uk www.thebiggive.org.uk/theassage

Parish News

AT HOME

There will be an 'At Home' on Monday 19 March from 7.30-9.30pm.

SCHOOL SLIPS

School slips be collected this weekend.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During the season of Lent the celebration of Stations of the Cross will start at 7.15pm every Wednesday & Friday (after the 6.30pm Mass).

SIGNED AND SPOKEN MASS

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

Announcements

LENTEN TALKS 2018

The last of our Lenten Talks will be on Thursday 22 March when Fr Adrian Porter SJ, Provincial delegate for Education, will talk about 'The Tension Between Faith and What is Happening in the World'. The talk begins at 7.30pm in the Upper Hall, light supper will be served from 7pm before each talk. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

R.C.I.A.

Members of our parish celebrated the Rite of Election at the Cathedral on 17 February. During the 5pm Mass again this Sunday, they will receive a special anointing and blessing as part of their final preparation. Gayle, Simon and Suzanna will be received into full communion of the Catholic Church

at Easter. Dawn, Jonathan, Russell, Stephen and Warwick will be received into the Catholic Church at Pentecost, May 20th. Let us keep them all in our prayers!

YOUNG ADULTS EVENING

There will be a Young Adults Evening on Friday 23 March. 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. Please email cat_porter@hotmail.co.uk for more details and for catering purposes. Donations for the cost of food are welcomed.

CHILDREN'S GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

A special service of the Stations of the Cross for chil-

dren will be held on Good Friday 30 March at 11am; a rehearsal will be at 9.15am. Please email Rachel Marshall on rachel@marshallemail.net if you would like to participate as a reader or actor.

PARKING ON THE CHURCH FORECOURT

An increasing number of cars are being parked on the church forecourt. Unless this is **necessary** for health/mobility reasons (rather than merely 'convenient') please **do not park on the forecourt**: use the car park adjacent to the halls. Parking on the forecourt is potentially dangerous with cars and pedestrians in close proximity and the smart sandstone paving is being stained with oil drips. Thank you for your understanding!

Parish Organisations

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Friday 6 April 2.30-4pm
Talk on the Society of Catholic Artists by Mary Davey: 'Ninety Years of Catholic Art - Giving back the Gift'. Tea and cakes as always. All welcome.
Dates for your diaries:
Friday 4 May: Outing to Hever Castle or Penshurst Place
Friday 1 June: Summer Lunch (Royal Wedding Celebration)
More details to follow.

ART GROUP

Art Group meeting in the Lower Hall on Tuesday 20 March, 2.15-4.15pm. Theme: 'Still life with plant material.' 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 March from 3.15-4.30pm. 30/32 Worple Road, SW19 4EF (07948 767 936, wcfg@live.co.uk)

CHRISTIAN YOGA

The last session before Easter is on Tuesday 20 March at 10am (Upper Hall). We will resume on Tue 10 April in the Lounge at 10am.

Social, Cultural & Notices

EDGE HILL PLAYERS

The Edge Hill Players are planning their next production which will be the musical 'Anything Goes', to be directed by Marie-Claire Lindsay. Provisional performance dates are for the middle of September 2018. There will be an opportunity to find out more about the show: a singing & dancing audition this Sunday 18 March from 2.30-5pm in the Parish Upper Hall. All are very welcome. For more info please contact Marie-Claire: marie.claire.lindsay@gmail.com or 07961 445 001.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

A musical meditation for Lent and Passiontide: Tuesday 20 March at 7.30pm in the church. David Gammie plays 'Job' by Petr Eben, with bible readings by Dr William Griffiths. Admission free. For more details, see www.sacredheartmusic.co.uk/concerts

IT CLINICS

The last session of this term's *Generations Together IT Clinics* at the UHS will be on Friday 23 March. Knowledgeable girls provide excellent mobile phone and computer tuition. All grades welcome; no charge (booking: Sheila Gent 020 8390 0119).

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.wimbledoncollege.org.uk) or box office (020 8879 9323).

STONYHURST

John Browne, Headmaster at Stonyhurst College - the oldest Jesuit school in the world, is hosting a reception in London and would like to invite

prospective parents to come and find out more about the work they are doing. Tuesday 20 March at 7pm, East India Club, 16 St James's Square, London SW1Y 4LH, please rsvp by email rsvp@stonyhurst.ac.uk

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

CATHOLIC HISTORY WALK

You are invited to a Catholic History walk on Friday 23 March at 3pm on 'The development of Catholic London. Meet at St Patrick's Soho Square (nearest tube Tottenham Court Rd). Cost £5, concessions available; walks may take up to 2 hrs. Visit www.catholichistorywalks.com for more info.

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.

A WEEKEND FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Enrich your marriage with a Marriage Encounter weekend. This non-residential event, taking place on April 28/29 in Purley, Croydon, is designed for couples married a few years or some decades. Those who attended this weekend in the past have all spoken very highly about their experience. Here is your chance to improve your communication skills and your relationship (there is no group work). More details from Philip and Mary Pond on 020 8651 2477 or email marriage2014@virginmedia.com

Exploring our Faith

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The next meeting of the Charismatic Prayer Group will be on Monday 19 March from 7.30-9pm in the Youth Room; prayer, praise and worship, the final part of the talk on 'Seven deadly sins and Seven Virtues' is scheduled. All are welcome! Any queries please contact Audra (07958 782 779 or audra.wamsteker@gmail.com).

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross on Wednesday 21 March 7.30pm at St John Fisher

Church, Cannon Hill Lane, SW20 with members of the *Teams of Our Lady* and parishioners. All welcome.

LOVE HEALS BODY MIND AND SPIRIT

You are welcome to a one-day retreat of quiet reflection on Saturday 24 March 11am – 5pm, Catholic Church of our Lady of Assumption & St Gregory, Warwick Street, W1F 9JR; Programme: Rosary, Traditional Latin Mass (Celebrant: Fr Mark Elliot-Smith), lunch break (bring your own lunch, refreshments available), talk

based on Scripture, Catholic Christian Meditation, Blessed Adoration, Individual Healing Prayers; enquiries: Eileen & David Brum 020 8542 2476 or lovehealsbodymindspirit@gmail.com

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Come and join us in celebrating the Divine Mercy Sunday at 1pm on April 8th at St Joseph's Catholic Church, New Malden; Opening Prayer, Adoration, Confession, Mass Devotion of the Divine Mercy image, Stations of the Cross.

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA

Apostleship of the Sea is looking for an office volunteer. The Apostleship of the Sea provides the Catholic Church's outreach to seafarers and is looking for a volunteer to support the Finance Department with administrative tasks. The role is based in their office in Victoria for 1 or 2 days/week on a voluntary basis. If you are interested in this role, please send your CV to info@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk For more info visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk/work-us

CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

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

* SH School Mass Centre

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 17 6.30pm Maureen Hyland RIP
 Mon 19 7.30am Hugh Lawrence RIP
 10.00am George Smith RIP
 1.00pm Funeral Mass for Paula Diggle
 6.30pm Chris Curtis RIP
 Tue 20 7.30am Our Lady Queen of Peace
 10.00am Funeral Mass for Pauline Spooner
 6.30pm Ina McQuaid Ints.
 Wed 21 7.30am Chris Curtis RIP
 10.00am Michael Murphy Ints.
 6.30pm The Curtis Family Ints.
 Thu 22 7.30am Lara Weatherby Ints
 10.00am Joan Toms RIP
 6.30pm Antonella Neri RIP
 Fri 23 7.30am Tosca Kneen RIP
 10.00am Maria Domenica Salvatore RIP
 6.30pm Nancy O’Gormane RIP
 Sat 24 7.30am Thomas Daly RIP
 10.00am Camilo Pereira RIP

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Paula Diggle, Pauline Spooner

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: John Egan, Christopher Cooper, Barbara Creed, George Shanahan, Philip Grace, Pat Burling

The sick: Mark Wardell, Marie-Jeanne Bheemul, Ann Oliver, Simon Hull, William North, Len Hay, John Rothwell, Ernest Bonner, Bertha D’Costa, 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, Eddie Power, Fr Michael O’Halloran SJ, Linda Day, Fr Phelim McGowan SJ, 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 Medcraft, 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 £1,889 in loose plate giving and £457 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £2,734. This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Monday 19 March St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of the Universal Church
Friday 23 March St Turibius of Mongrovejo, Bishop
Saturday 24 March optional collect of Blessed Oscar Romero

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 XVIII, Plainsong
Miserere mei, Deus, William Byrd
The God of love my shepherd is (Tallis
 3rd Mode Melody)

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.