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Newsletter

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

**Holy Week
(B)**

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Next Sunday's Readings

Easter Sunday

- Acts 10:34. 37-43
- Ps 117:1-2. 16-17.22-23.
Rv24
- Colossians 3:1-4
- John 20:1-9

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Palm Sunday

Yet again, we begin that sorrowful journey through the events of Holy Week to the suffering and death of Jesus and to his glorious resurrection on Easter Day. The liturgies of this week are unique in the Church. They enable us to share in the events of Jesus entry into Jerusalem. We sit with Jesus and his apostles at the last supper and share in both the institution of the Holy Eucharist and



the first ordinations. We share in the washing of the feet, Jesus' great sign of love that gives us the context of the Eucharist. On Good Friday we walk the way to tears to the summit

of Calvary and here witness the final suffering and sacrificial death of Jesus on the cross. The emptiness of Holy Saturday is reflected in the simple times of prayer and the preparation for the joyous celebration of the Easter Vigil with the blessing of the fire, the singing of the Exultet and the vigil readings before the triumphant Alleluia proclaims the news of the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

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

SIGNED AND SPOKEN MASS

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

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!

EASTER DAY BY DAY

The Easter 2018 booklets 'Day by Day' (adults, junior, infant) are now available at the back of the church and at the Presbytery Reception (£1 each).

TRAI DCRAFT

The Traidcraft stall this Sunday will have a selection of divine Easter eggs - dark chocolate with salted caramel, milk chocolate with toffee eggs, small milk chocolate eggs, speckled eggs, foiled mini eggs- all for your delight! Please support those who grow and process chocolate to improve the lives of their families

JESUIT MISSIONS

The latest issue of 'On the Edge', JM's regular bulletin, is available at the back of the church, informing about their London Marathon team from Mount St Mary's, one of the Jesuit schools based in Derbyshire.

Parish News

AT HOME

There will be no 'At Home' until Monday 9 April.

SCHOOL SLIPS

School slips will not be collected until 28/29 April.

PENANCE SERVICE

On Monday 26 March at 7.30pm there will be a Lenten Penance Service of prayer and scripture readings, with the opportunity for individual

sacramental confession and absolution.

OFFICE & RECEPTION OPENING HOURS

The Parish Office & Reception will be closed from 29 March until 9 April.

Announcements

CHILDREN'S GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

A special service of the Stations of the Cross for children will be held on Good Friday 30 March at 11am; a rehearsal will be at 9.15am. Please email Rachel Marshall on rachel@marshall.email.net if you would like to participate (as reader/actor).

CHURCHES TOGETHER

Once again, there will be a Procession and Service of Christian Witness organised by *Churches Together in W-Wimbledon* and you are all invited to take part: Raynes Park on Good Friday 30 March, 10am gather at the

Lantern Methodist Church, Worple Road, 10.15am 'Promenade Performance of the Good Friday Story' moving off in procession behind the Cross and visiting sites in Raynes Park for performance and hymns, 10.45am (approx) procession ends outside Raynes Park Station, Coombe Lane side, for the final sections, readings and hymns. Meet, talk and share hot cross buns and coffee outside the station. (If wet, the service & refreshments will be held in the Methodist Church).

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.

The celebration of the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday start at 6.30pm.

R.C.I.A

Gayle Henderson, Simon Duffy-Thompson and Suzanna Senny will be received into full communion with the Church; Alexander Senny and Blake Henderson will receive First Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil. Please keep them in your prayers at this special time.

Parish Organisations

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

On Holy Saturday 31 March from 10.30 - 11.30am in the Parish Lounge. 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. Grief is a particularly isolating experience especially on big Feast Days & Bank Holidays. It can affect all aspects of your life, physically, emotionally and socially. For more information call 020 8946 5198 or visit the web-

site. There will not be Mass that morning.

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.

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 12 April from 7.30-9pm when Gail Linehan from St Raphael's Hospice will give an overview of the registered charity. They are an organisation that provides high-quality specialist medical and nursing care for people with cancer and other serious illnesses. They also provide support for their families. 30/32 Worple Road, SW19 4EF; 07948 767 936, wcfg@live.co.uk

Social, Cultural & Notices

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

If you are able to support the choir by advertising your firm in the concert programme, please contact Sheena for detailed information (sheena.macd@btinternet.com).

CCJ

Save the date: on Thursday 19 April at 19.30pm the Council of Christians and Jews are celebrating their 75th anniversary year with a wonderful concert of Christian & Jewish Music at Nightingale House, Wandsworth. The twin themes are

'Music which Stirs the Soul and Music of the last 75 years'.

Choirs and musicians from St Mary's, Wimbledon, Sacred Heart, Wimbledon, St Stephen's Church, Dulwich and Wimbledon Synagogue will all be contributing to an uplifting programme which includes Psalms in Hebrew and English, Bruch's *Kol Nidrei* for Cello and Piano and Arvo Pärt's *Spiegel im Spiegel*. Reservation essential to anita.wilson@talktalk.net

QUIZ NIGHT

On Saturday 28 April there will be a quiz night in aid of Depaul UK, a charity which seeks to offer homeless and disadvantaged youngsters aged 16-25 the opportunity to fulfill their potential and move towards an independent and positive future. Christ the King Church Hall, 9 Crescent

Gardens, SW19 8AJ; doors open at 6.45pm, tickets are £7.50 each; for more info and to reserve tickets call Alicia/Julia on 020 8543 1063 or email alicia.holliday@blueyonder.co.uk

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 please visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

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

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES - WMOF 2018

Dublin, Ireland, has been chosen by Pope Francis to host the next World Meeting of Families from 21-26 August, guided by the theme *'The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World'*. Held every 3 years, this major intl. event brings together families from across the world to celebrate, pray & reflect upon the central importance of marriage and the family as the cornerstone of our lives, of society and of the Church. WMOF 2018 will be a joyful and enriching occasion for adults, young people and children. To find out more about and to register, visit www.worldmeeting2018.ie

Exploring our Faith

DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE

On Saturday 7 April there will be a Divine Mercy Pilgrimage in preparation of the feast of Divine Mercy at The Friars, Aylesford Priory, Kent ME20 7BX, led by Rt Rev Paul Hendricks and Marian Fathers starting at 10am. All welcome, bring your family. Coach from Westminster at 7.15am (contact Emmanuel 07721 362 000 or Caroline 07960 466 377), from Ealing Broadway at 7.30am (020 8998 09250), for more info please visit info@divinemercy.org.uk

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The feast of Divine Mercy will be celebrated on Sunday 8 April at 1pm at St Joseph's Catholic Church, New Malden and at 1.30pm at St John Fisher Church, Merton; Opening Prayer, Adoration, Confession, Mass Devotion of the Divine Mercy image, Stations of the Cross. Details at the back of the church.

MOUNT STREET JESUIT CENTRE

You are invited to a 6 week course on *'After Jesus, What? - Celebrating the Acts of the Apostles in Eastertide'* facilitated by Peter Edmonds SJ from 11 April - 16 May. Cost: suggested donation £90,

please book in advance via www.pathwaystogod.org or call 020 7495 1673. 114 Mount Street, W1K 3AH.

TOUCHING THE SOUL

The House of Prayer in East Molesey invites you to a creative weekend from Friday 20 - Sunday 22 April led by Sr Melanie and Rev Pippa Ross-McCabe; the urge to be creative lies in all of us; it is a God-given power which we can develop or that can lie dormant. This weekend will be an opportunity to explore ways in which we can tap into? Our creativity within. (for more info houseofprayer@hotmail.com)

CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

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

* SH School Mass Centre

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 24 6.30pm The Curtis Family Ints.
 Mon 26 7.30am Brendan Conroy RIP
 10.00am Zia Rahman RIP
 6.30pm Seamus Gauzhan Ints.
 Tue 27 7.30am Tony D’Costa Ints.
 10.00am Joe D’Costa RIP
 6.30pm Teresa Morley RIP
 Wed 28 7.30am Brendan Conroy RIP
 10.00am Edna Fernandes RIP
 6.30pm Des & Joan Matthews RIP
 Thu 29 10.00am John O’Carroll RIP
 8.00pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper
 Fri 30 3.00pm Good Friday Solemn Liturgy
 Sat 31 8.00pm Easter Vigil

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Pamela Pelham, Ivy Kathleen Rose, Margaret Thatcher
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Margaret Carnegie, Pauline Woods, Jorge Molina
The sick: Charlotte Bennett, Peter Thomas, Trinity Kerin, Mark Wardell, Marie-Jeanne Bheemul, Ann Oliver, Simon Hull, William North, Len Hay, Ernest Bonner, Bertha D’Costa, Oriell Kerr, 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 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 £1,634 in loose plate giving and £288 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £1,922. This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Wednesday 28 March At the Cathedral: the Chrism Mass, blessing of the Oil of the Sick and of the Oil of Catechumens, consecration of the Chrism
 Easter Triduum: Maundy Thursday; Good Friday (fasting and abstinence, collection for the Holy Places); the Lenten fast continues until the Easter Vigil

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

Hosanna filio David, Plainchant
I 7 - All glory, laud and honour
Pueri Hebraeorum, Victoria
Mass XVIII (S, A)
God so loved the world, Stainer

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.