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Newsletter

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**Third Sunday
of Easter**

**Weekday readings for
3rd Week of Easter**

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Next Sunday's Readings

- Acts 4:8-12
- Ps 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29. R.v22
- I John 3:1-2
- John 10:11-18

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The Easter Season

The Easter Season is a special time in the life of the Church. Not only do we change the colour of our vestments from purple to white, and have the Easter candle lit at all the services reminding us of the risen Lord, the texts echo with the joyful word Alleluia. There is a sense of wonderment and joy in the celebrations of the Mass as we come to terms with the full implications of the fact of the resurrection. We see the reaction of the apostles on their encounter with the risen Lord. Fear gives way to amazing joy when they realise that they are meeting Jesus in his risen body. He is



no ghost, he is the real Lord. He invites them to touch the wounds on his body to assure themselves that he is real. He even takes some grilled fish and eats it in their presence demonstrating to them that the food did not fall through him, but was digested by him. It was in this encounter with Jesus that he reminds the apostles of all that the scriptures, said about him. This would be the first of many instructions he

would give his apostles until his eventual ascension into heaven. The instruction he gave to his friends he also gives to us as we journey with the apostles through this Easter season. We confirm our faith in the risen Christ and in the reality of the resurrection. Paul tells us that without faith in the resurrection there is no Christianity. In the incidents following his resurrection, Jesus confirms for us the reality of the resurrection and the consequence it has for us in our redemption and salvation. We celebrate our liberation from sin and restoration in God's love.

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

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!

SECOND COLLECTION

Next Sunday, 22 April, the second collection will be in support of Ecclesiastical Education, a collection that helps to meet costs of training students for the permanent diaconate and students for the priesthood. Thank you for your support!

PILGRIMAGE TO AYLESFORD

There is a 1-day pilgrimage to the Priory in Aylesford, Kent, in honor of Edel Quinn, Legion of Mary, on Saturday 5 May by coach (from Polka Theatre, Wimbledon, at 8.30am, St John Fisher Church, Cannon Hill at 8.45am, return by 5-6pm at the pick up point, £13 pp/£12 per child. Please contact Irene Griffiths on 07733 420 837 for coach reservation and more information.

HOLY CROSS PREP SCHOOL

Holy Cross Preparatory School, Kingston, are requiring a FT permanent Head of Pre-Prep & Early Years and Class Teacher for September 2018. For further details, please visit their website www.holycrossprep.co.uk or contact Sophie Castle on 020 8942 0729. Closing date 26 April.

Parish News

AT HOME

There will be an 'At Home' on Monday 16th April from 7.30-9.30pm. Canon John is available to see anyone who calls in to the Presbytery. If you wish to talk about any matter, please do come along.

SCHOOL SLIPS

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

MORNING PRAYER

We continue the celebration of Morning Prayer from the Divine Office each

Wednesday morning in the Sacred Heart Chapel at 9.40am before the 10am Mass.

Announcements

POSTPONED LENTEN TALK

The Lenten Talk that had to be postponed due to bad weather will now be held on Thursday 19 April in the Upper Hall: Dr Helen Costigane, Heythrop College, will speak about Pope Francis' 'Evangelii Gaudium, The Joy of the Gospel'. Everyone is encouraged to come to this talk and enjoy hearing what the Holy Father has to say about the Gospel. Soup, cheese and rolls will be served at 7pm and talk will start at 7.30pm sharp.

FOLLOW UP

Following the Lenten *Laudato Si'* talk, there is a follow up

meeting on Tuesday 17 April at 7.30pm in the Parish Lounge. This is for anyone interested in discussing care for our common home at the parish level. Please contact Edward on edwarddequay@hotmail.com if you can attend. All welcome!

SPECIAL MASS FOR MARRIED COUPLES

If you are celebrating your 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th wedding anniversary this year and would like to attend a special Mass in celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, on Saturday 16 June at 3pm (where you can renew

your vows), please write your names & address on the form available at the back of the church before the 7 May. You will then receive an invitation from the Archbishop. You can also bring your immediate family. More details from Office for Marriage on 020 8651 2477 or email marriage2014@virginmedia.com

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Do come and have a chat with other parishioners over a delicious breakfast on Sunday 29 April after 8.15am Mass until 12 noon in the Lower Hall.

Parish Organisations

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Dates for your diaries: Outing to Hever Castle on Friday 4 May, leaving at 10.30am and returning at around 4.30pm. Please contact Judy Ruston on 020 8947 1658 to book, or for further details of the visit and cost. All welcome. Friday 1 June at 12.30pm: Summer Lunch to celebrate the Royal Wedding. Tickets £15. All details from Judy Ruston. Tickets will also be sold outside Masses on the 20 & 27 May as well as some weekday 10am Masses.

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 26 April from 3.15-4.30pm. 30/32 Worple Road, SW19 4EF; the entrance is on the right hand side of the building; 07948 767 936, wcfg@live.co.uk

ART GROUP

The Art Group will meet on Tuesday 17 April from 2.15 - 4.15 pm, Lower Hall, for a

close study of 'Spring plant material'. Some material will be available or bring your own. All welcome. No charge.

MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP

The prayer group meets every Tuesday at 10.30am for approx. 1 hour. A simple set of formal prayers is used. This is a great opportunity to pray in a committed way for children. Contact Polly Harrison for more info (07815 855 469).

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

On Thursday 19 April at 7.30pm the Council of Christians and Jews are celebrating their 75th anniversary year with a wonderful concert of Christian & Jewish Music at the Wimbledon Synagogue, 1 Queensmere Rd, SW19 5QD (change of venue!). The twin themes are 'Music which Stirs the Soul and Music of the last 75 years'. Choirs and musi-

cians 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

MERTON CITIZENS FOUNDING ASSEMBLY

Justice, Power and Action in your hands: Along with Wimbledon College, Sacred Heart parish is proud to be one of 18 sponsors of Merton Citizens including local churches, schools, mosques, health organisations and charities. You are invited to join the Mayor of Merton, the leader of Merton Council, MPs, councillors and up to 500 citizens at the Founding Assembly of this important local organisation

from 7-8.30pm on Thursday 19 April at St Mark's Academy, Acacia Rd, Mitcham CR4 1SF, near Mitcham Eastfields station. For more info see www.citizenuk.org. To manage numbers, if you are interested in attending, please email David Hurst at dthurst52@gmail.com

QUIZ NIGHT

On Sat 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 Gdns, SW19 8AJ; doors open at 6.45pm, tickets are £7.50 each; for more info & for tickets call Alicia/Julia on 020 8543 1063 or email alicia.holliday@blueyonder.co.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.

ST JOHN'S SEMINARY - WONERSH

Can you help? The Seminary near Guildford (which has been involved in the formation of priests for over 125 yrs) is looking for some help with the cost of re-decoration & refurbishment of 30 of its bedrooms, which have received little or no upgrading for 40+ yrs. Many rooms have threadbare or no carpets, and curtains which are close to disintegration. Some of the beds and other furniture started their life in the Junior Seminary at Mark Cross, Sussex which closed in 1970. The Seminary operates on a very tight budget, and there are no funds available for this much needed work, which would cost in the region of £2,000 per room. If you can help in any way, please send a cheque made payable to St John's Seminary to Mgr Gerry Ewing (Vice-Rector), St John's Seminary, Wonersh, Guildford, Surrey GU5 0QX.

ACCOMMODATION NEEDED

John Clancy is looking for Bed and Breakfast for 2 weeks starting 23 April until 8 May during the renovation time of his flat. If you are able to offer John a room, please contact him (020 8946 4322).

Exploring our Faith

LOVE HEALS BODY MIND AND SPIRIT

You are invited to a 7-day retreat at Mem Soares, Castelo De Vide, Retreat House, Portugal from 10 - 16 May. Cost £620 to include: return scheduled flights from LHR-Lisbon,

return coach transfers from airport to retreat, full board, 1-day excursion to Fatima, excursions to historical local towns of Castelo De Vide & Portalegre, visit to Blessed Chapel of Our Lady of Penha, Castelo De Vide, visit to lakes situated in the National Park, last day visit to Lisbon: St Anthony's birthplace and Lisbon Cathedral, full retreat

programme, daily Mass. Please secure your booking now, to make sure you get a place: lovehealsbodymindspirit@gmail.com www.lovehealsbodymindspirit.com For more info contact David or Eileen on 020 8542 2476.

POST EASTER TALK

'Eucharist and the Mission of the Church', you are welcome to the second in the series of five post Easter talks for 2018. Mark Nash, Director of the Centre for Catholic Formation will deliver this talk at the Amigo Hall, Lambeth Road, SE1 6HR on Thursday 19 April 7-9pm. For more info visit www.ccf.tootingbec.org

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The SH Charismatic Prayer Group will be meeting in the Youth Room on Monday 16 April for prayer, praise and worship, from 7.30 - 9pm. David Brum from the *Love Heals Body Mind and Spirit* ministry will be giving a talk on the Risen Christ. (Audra: 07958 782779 audra.wamsteker@gmail.com).

A DAY WITH MARY

You are invited to a Day with Mary on Saturday 5 May starting at 9.45am until 5.30pm at Westminster Cathedral, SW1P 1QW. For more details please visit www.adaywithmary.org

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* Canon J Clark 5.00pm Fr Kinga SJ
9.45am Fr T Nwokeji 8.00pm Fr T Nwokeji

* SH School Mass Centre

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 14 6.30pm Kitty Finnegan RIP
Sun 15 5.00pm Tony Bellamy 100th Birthday Ints.
Mon 16 7.30am David & Lorenza Boyce RIP
10.00am Jim Gilmartin Ints.
6.30pm Mrs Warren RIP
Tue 17 7.30am Chris Curtis RIP
10.00am Lorenzo/Dekker Families Ints.
6.30pm Pat's Sister RIP
Wed 18 7.30am Michael Oates RIP
10.00am Funeral Mass for Ruth Wauters
12 noon Funeral Mass for Winifred Parker
6.30pm Jenny & Simon Ints.
Thu 19 7.30am Special Intentions
10.00am William Murphy RIP
6.30pm Mr & Mrs Brown Ints.
Fri 20 7.30am Alice Mary Rosen Ints.
10.00am Sally King RIP
6.30pm Dorothy Toohill RIP
Sat 21 7.30am Marianna Pedziwiatr RIP
10.00am Mona Powdereley RIP

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Ruth Wauters, Winifred Parker, Carmel Simmons, Sheila Gallagher

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Catherine Kenny, Eileen Adar, Alexander Haggerty, Paulette Peacock, Olga Herbert

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 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 £1,436 in loose plate giving and £576 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £2,012. This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.

The collection on Good Friday for *Holy Places* came to £2,105.

Canon John, Fr Ted and Canon Elias would like to express their deep gratitude for your very generous Easter offerings.

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Thursday 19 April St Alphege, Bishop & Martyr

Saturday 21 April St Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

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 Eb, Antonio Lotti

Regina coeli, Gregor Aichinger

Cantate Domino (à 4), Hans L. Hassler

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.