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Newsletter

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**Fifth Sunday
of Easter**

**Weekday readings for
5th Week of Easter**

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Next Sunday's Readings

- Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-8
- Ps 97:1-4. R.v2
- I John 4:7-10
- John 15:9-17

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First Communion Masses

Next Sunday we have the first two First Communion Masses. The remainder will be the following Sunday. It is a great celebration for the whole parish as over 160 of our children receive the Holy Eucharist for the first time and join their parents around the table of the Lord. This is the second step of their full integration into the life of the Catholic Christian Community. That process of initiation comes to completion when the children, now grown to young adulthood, ask to receive the sacrament of Confirmation, the third and final step of initiation. Our prayers are for the children and their parents as they prepare for the 1st



This weekend, 28/29 April, we are launching an appeal to fund necessary repairs and conservation work on the church, to be carried out over the next two years. There will be an exhibition in the Lower Hall after each Sunday Mass (including the 6.30pm Saturday Mass). Please come and see it and talk to the Appeal Fund Committee: find out what work needs to be done and discuss how we, as individuals and as a parish, can help to meet the cost. Breakfast will be served on Sunday until noon and other refreshments after the other Masses.

Communion, is that they will be strengthened and supported as they begin this new step in their children's Christian lives. Let us also remember the young people who have begun the preparation for their Confirmation this year. Over 100 young people have begun preparation for their final sacrament of initiation. This year the parents of the young people are being encouraged to be actively involved in their young persons preparation. Hopefully it will be a positive experience for all of them. We remember all of our children and young people with their parents in this time of preparation in our prayers.

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

SECOND COLLECTION

The second collection today, 29 April, is to support the maintenance of St George's Cathedral, Southwark, the mother church of our Diocese. Thank you for your generosity.

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

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

HOLY ROSARY

You are very welcome to join us for daily rosary at 6pm (except Sunday) in the Lady Chapel (behind the altar to the left) even if only for a decade.

STAMP CUTTING AT JESUIT MISSIONS

Please keep your used stamps! You can post them to Jesuit Missions, 11 Edge Hill, Wimbledon, SW19 4LR or pop them through their letterbox after Mass. JM are always looking for volunteers to join their stamp team which meets for a few hours on the first Thursday of every month to prepare the stamps for sale. Next meeting is on 3rd May at 9.30am.

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).

Parish News

AT HOME

There will be an 'At Home' on Monday 30 April from 6-8pm. 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 be collected again this weekend.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We urgently need volunteers to help out in the Parish Reception on Thursday mornings and/or afternoons. Please contact Thelma

D'Costa in the Parish Office (020 8946 0305) if you can spare a few hours to help.

CARDS

Cards for Holy Communion and Confirmation are now available at the Presbytery Reception.

Announcements

TALK BY

MICHAEL DOPP

You are warmly invited to a talk on 'Becoming a Parish of Missionary Disciples' by Michael Dopp, founder of *relit* - Evangelisation Training, on Saturday 5 May at 7.45pm in the Parish Lounge. Michael Dopp lives in Canada and works with parishes and dioceses worldwide to help Catholics with *Why* and *How* we can embrace our missionary identity and become enthused and effective in our efforts to evangelise. For further info contact David Wills (david@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk).

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

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 4 May after 6.30pm Mass continuing to midnight. Silent prayer to 8.30pm fol-

lowed by meditations and prayers. Please come, if only for a short visit.

FIRST COMMUNION MASSES

First Holy Communion Masses will be celebrated on Saturdays 5 and 12 May (at 12noon and 2pm) Please note that there will be **no** confessions other than the 6pm on these Saturdays.

Please keep the First Communion children and their families in your prayers over the coming weeks.

EVANGELISATION MEETING

The Evangelisation Meeting originally scheduled for Saturday 5 May has to be postponed. We will get back to you all with the new date as soon as a suitable date can be arranged.

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 affect-

ed by any cancer. There will be an evening meeting on Thursday 10 May from 7.30-9pm when Rev. Judy Edwards, chaplain in St George's Hospital, will talk about her role as part of the chaplaincy team in the hospital. 30/32 Worple Road, SW19 4EF; 07948 767 936, wcfg@live.co.uk

Social, Cultural & Notices

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL on 020 3602 9213, or email: teeceede@live.co.uk
The Holy Cross School is in the process of recruiting for a Deputy Headteacher for September 2018. Any interested candidates should visit the school website for further info about the role and how to apply: www.holycross.kingston.sch.uk.

WIMBLEDON LIFE GROUP

The next meeting of the Wimbledon LIFE Group will be on Wednesday 9 May at 8pm. For details of venue etc. please contact Christine

THE DREAM OF GERONTIUS

Elgar's finest choral masterpiece will be performed on Saturday 9 June in the church.

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).

CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS

You are invited to a Catholic History walk on Saturday 19 May at 3pm on 'The Westend', London's fashionable side - but also where the Church served some of the poorest Londoners. Meet at St Patrick's Soho. Cost £5, concessions available; walks may take up to 2 hrs. Visit www.catholichistorywalks.com for more information.

Exploring our Faith

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The SH Charismatic Prayer Group will be meeting in the Youth Room on Monday 30 April for prayer, praise and worship, from 7.30 - 9pm. Sonia Tissera, from the charismatic prayer group Community of the Risen Lord (CRL), will be giving a talk 'Nothing is Impossible with God'. The mission of the CRL which was founded by Lalith Peters in Sri Lanka is the renewal in the heart of the Church. All are welcome! Any queries please contact Audra: 07958 782 779/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

POST-EASTER TALK

'The Eucharist and Prayer', you are welcome to the fourth in the series of five post-Easter

talks. Fr Philip Thomas Edwards (Community of St John) will deliver this talk at the Amigo Hall, Lambeth Road, SE1 7HY on Thursday 3 May 7-9pm. For more info visit www.ccf.tootingbec.org

DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE

The Marian Fathers are holding their 17th Divine Mercy Conference on Saturday 16 June at Our Lady Mother of the Church, 2 Windsor Rd, Ealing W5 5PD from 10.30am - 6pm. The Guest Speaker is Sr Briege McKenna, OSC, who has an Intl. Ministry for Healing. The conference will include Holy Mass presided by Rt Rev Bishop Paul Hendricks. For tickets (£10 donation) & info contact: Divine Mercy Apostolate - Marian Fathers: 020 8998 0925 or info@divinemercy.org.uk

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

You are invited to a day of prayer, rosary, benediction and consecration to the Sorrowful and Immaculate

Heart of Mary Our Mother, followed by Holy Mass offered for the community, friends & family led by Rev. Fr Len Tatt at St. Andrew's Church, Brook Rd, Thornton Heath, Surrey, CR7 7RD. Saturday 12 May at 12noon, come and spend the time in the presence of one of the four statues commissioned by Pope Benedict XV in 1917 following the 3rd apparition of Our Lady of Fatima. This statue was later blessed by Pope Pius X. For details, please contact Juliette DeMenezes-D'Costa on 020 8765 0258 / 07958 537314.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Pilgrimage to Lourdes, Lisieux, Paris, Nevers, Rocamadour and Montligeon by luxury coach from 26 May-3 June for £769 organised by Richarde Mozzi, for further info and booking please call 020 8472 0843 or 07859 027 301.

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.

MARCH FOR LIFE

March for Life, Saturday 5 May. Family, friendly life-fest starts at 9.30am-4.15pm at De Vere Connaught Rooms, 61-65, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5DA. Children Zone, music, workshops, confessions, stalls & much more. 1pm march to Parliament Square (speakers including Clare McCullough of the [GoodCounselNetwork](http://www.goodcounselnetwork.com). See www.marchforlife.co.uk for more details.

PILGRIMAGE TO AYLESFORD

There is a 1-day pilgrimage to the Priory in Aylesford, Kent, in honour 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 (07733 420 837) for info & coach reservation.

CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

6.30pm (Sat) Fr T Nwokeji 11.15am Canon V Elias
 8.15am Fr M Barnes SJ 12.45pm Fr T Nwokeji
 8.30am* Fr T Nwokeji 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 28 6.30pm James Westbrook RIP
 Mon 30 7.30am Oriel Kerr Ints.
 10.00am Bertha D'Costa Ints.
 6.30pm Diana Ferrari RIP
 Tue 1 7.30am Mary Howlin RIP
 10.00am Canon John Clark Ints.
 6.30pm Kingsley Johnson RIP
 Wed 2 7.30am Tosca Kneen RIP
 10.00am Caroline Basty Ints.
 6.30pm Laurent Kanbyono RIP
 Thu 3 7.30am Noemi Odath RIP
 10.00am Anton Benedict RIP
 6.30pm Gabrielle Lockyer RIP
 Fri 4 7.30am Eugene Byrne RIP
 10.00am Mary Thefaut RIP
 6.30pm Emma Reid RIP
 Sat 5 7.30am Mary Scanlon RIP
 10.00am Dr Joseph Thava Ints.

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Sr Patricia Vaulk DHM, David Foxley, Patricia Mitchell

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Pauline Miele, Anna Sabath, Patricia Gibbens, Lucy Leslie, Mary Howlin, Michael Courcha, Joaquim Albuquerque, Agnieszka Ptaszynska

The sick: Susan O'Grady, Eileen Dooley, Charlotte Bennett, Trinity Kerin, Mark Wardell, Marie-Jeanne Bheemul, Ann Oliver, Simon Hull, William North, Ernest Bonner, Bertha D'Costa, Oriel Kerr, Carol Donnelly, Richard Hurst, Horace D'Cruz, 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 £1,319 in loose plate giving and £357 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £1,676. This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.

The second collection in support of the *Ecclesiastical Education Fund* raised £ 2,362. Thank you for supporting this cause.

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 1 May St Joseph the Worker. Day of prayer for God's blessing on human work.

Wednesday 2 May St Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Thursday 3 May Ss Philip and James, Apostles

Friday 4 May The English Martyrs

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,*

'Spatzenmesse' (KV220), W.A. Mozart

Laudate pueri, Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy**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.