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Newsletter

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**Sixth Sunday
of Easter**

**Weekday readings for
6th Week of Easter**

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Next Sunday's Readings

- Acts 1:15-17. 20-26
- Ps 102:1-2. 11-12. 19-20.
R.v.19
- 1 John 4:11-16
- John 17:11-19

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The Ascension of the Lord

Thursday this week is the feast of the Ascension of our Lord into Heaven. With this great act the physical presence of Jesus Christ on earth ends, but not his spiritual presence. As he said to his apostles, "I will be with you always until the end of time." His presence with his apostles and with all who have followed them, is through the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Blessed Trinity. Only when Jesus has returned

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.
John 15:9

to His Father in heaven can he send the Holy Spirit into the lives of the Apostles when they then can find the courage to begin to preach the Good News of our salvation to the world. Jesus has prepared his apostles

well for the coming of the Spirit. His homily to them at the last supper, part of which we read today in the gospel, sets the scene for the coming of the Spirit, the Advocate. In his time with the apostles after the resurrection he further builds up their faith and confirms them in their role as his Apostles. Now in the days leading to Pentecost they have time to reflect on the significance of the Ascension of Jesus.

SACRED HEART CHURCH APPEAL

Last Sunday, we launched an appeal to fund necessary repairs and conservation work on our church, to be carried out over the next 2 years at an estimated total cost of £1.7m. There is a display at the back of the church, next to the stairs to the choir gallery, explaining the need for the appeal. Please take time to look at it and take a leaflet. Please contribute as much as you are able. So far, generous contributions have raised over £3,000. If you have any ideas for fund-raising events or activities please contact Deacon Julian Burling, Chairman of the Appeal Fund Committee, at deaconjulianburling@gmail.com or by letter to the Presbytery.



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

Next Sunday 13 May is World Communication Day; the second collection will be in support of the work of the Catholic Communications Network (CCN), the media office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The CCN seeks to be of service both to the Church and the world in offering professional channels of communication, and provides support for the Bishops of England and Wales and the wider Church in promoting the Gospel through the media on current issues. Thank you for your support of this good cause.

LOST PROPERTY

There are many items in our lost property box at the Presbytery: please do come and pick your lost property; things that are not collected until the end of the month will be donated to a local charity.

At this time of heightened international tension, the Bishops of England and Wales ask us to join in the prayer for peace in the world and for a greater collaboration between all nations:

Let us pray, through the intercession of Mary Queen of Peace, for peace on earth and an end to violence and terrorism in our world, for a new spirit of trust and collaboration between nations, for the gift of wisdom for our politicians and leaders, and especially for the resolution of long-standing conflicts in Syria, Gaza and Ukraine, and in other countries around the world. Amen.

Parish News

AT HOME

There will be no 'At Home' on Bank holiday Monday 7 May.

SCHOOL SLIPS

School slips will be collected this weekend.

BANK HOLIDAY

Please note that there will be only one Mass on Monday 7

May at 10 am. The church will stay open until 5pm.

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

On Thursday 10 May, the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, a Holy Day of Obligation, Masses will be celebrated at 7.30am, 10am, 6.30pm and 8pm.

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.

Announcements

HOLY ROSARY

During May, the month of devotions to the Blessed Virgin Mary, 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.

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.

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 cele-

bration 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 not later than this weekend. 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 COMMUNION MASSES

First Holy Communion Masses will be celebrated again next Saturday 12 May (at 12noon and 2pm). Please note that there will be **no**

confessions other than the 6pm that day.

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

PENTECOST NOVENA

For nine days leading up to Pentecost, Sunday 20 May, there will be a daily Novena Prayer at each Mass starting on Friday 11 May, please take a Novena booklet at the back of the church and join in preparing for this wonderful feast.

CANON JOHN'S BIRTHDAY

Please save the date: Sunday 20 May when we will be celebrating Canon John's 70th birthday. More details to follow.

Parish Organisations

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Friday 1 June at 12.30pm: Summer Lunch to celebrate the Royal Wedding in the Upper Hall. £15. Booking essential. All welcome. For tickets and details call Judy Ruston on 020 8947 1658.

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

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

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 on 020 3602 9213, or email: teeceedee@live.co.uk

THE DREAM OF GERONTIUS

The SH Concert Chorus will perform Elgar's finest choral masterpiece *The Dream of Gerontius*, conducted by Bob Rathbone, on Saturday 9 June in the church with John Upperton as Gerontius, Alison Wells as the Angel

and Michael Bundy, Angel of Agony, Wimbledon Youth Chorus (director Max Barley). Tickets (£15, concessions £10, FT students £5) via website 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).

WIMBLEDON COLLEGE

Applications warmly welcomed for Deputy Site Supervisor/handyman at Wimbledon College, please contact

the Facilities Manager on 020 8879 9318 or see www.wimbledoncollege.org about us/ job opportunities for more details, closing date 21 May.

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.

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.

Exploring our Faith

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.

A DAY WITH MARY

You are invited to a Day with Mary on Sunday 20 May starting at 11.40am until 6pm

at the Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham, the National Shrine of England, NR22 6AL. For more details please visit www.adaywithmary.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 Briega 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@divinemercury.org.uk.

ADOREMUS

There will be a National Youth Congress 'I am the Bread of Life', held in Liverpool on Saturday 8 September. The Congress aims to give young people a positive experience of being a young Catholic today, to help them experience how God speaks to them through the celebration of the Eucharist, to help them to live the Eucharist through witness, proclamation, care for the broken in society and love for the planet. The Congress is aimed at those 13-20 years of age; for more information and booking please visit www.adoremusyouth.co.uk.

FAITH IN ACTION

Faith in Action Merton Homelessness Project would like to thank everyone who contributes funding and items needed by their service users, including old mobiles and chargers, oyster cards with £5 credit, and cans of meat or fish with a ring-pull opening. There is a continuing need for men's boxer shorts (M).

Trustees needed: do you have experience in finance, communications, fundraising, human resources, or the law? Would you like to be part of a team providing life-changing support, information and assistance for local people who are homeless or vulnerably housed? FIA are looking for trustees from local communities with time and energy to devote to their work. For further info about any issues, including the time commitment needed, please contact Mel Angel chair@mertonfaithinaction.org or visit www.mertonfaithinaction.org

CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

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

* SH School Mass Centre


MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 5 6.30pm Annette Wise RIP
 Mon 7 10.00am Mary Griffiths RIP
 Tue 8 7.30am Mrs Gibbons
 10.00am Thiru Families Ints.
 6.30pm Alex & Annabella Fernandes
 Wed 9 7.30am Margaret James RIP
 10.00am Anton Benedict RIP
 6.30pm Gabrielle Lockyer RIP
 Thu 10 7.30am Rosa Buckley
 10.00am Marlene O'Neil RIP
 6.30pm Eugene Byrne RIP
 8.00pm Bertha D'Costa Ints.
 Fri 11 7.30am Those who have no one to pray for them
 10.00am Funeral Mass for Patricia (Patsy) Mitchell
 6.30pm Eileen Healy RIP
 Sat 12 7.30am Children of M. Byrne Ints.
 10.00am Joanne Thiru RIP

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Mark O'Shea, Peter Tolley, Roy Walker, David Foxley, Patricia (Patsy) Mitchell, Gordon Crosby

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: John Joseph Cleary, Catherine Deidre James, Geoffrey Chapman, Michael Broadley, Sr Margaret Mooney SMR, Carmine Ferullo, Stephan Frank, Michael Nolan

The sick: Michael Powell, 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 £2,518 in loose plate giving and £377 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £2,895. This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.

The second collection in support of the maintenance of St George's Cathedral £779. Thank you.

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Monday 7 May Consecration of our church, the Church of the Sacred Heart in 1931

Thursday 10 May The Ascension of the Lord, Solemnity, Holy day of Obligation

Saturday 12 May Ss Nereus and Achilleus, 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 lux et origo*, Plainsong Mass I*Jubilate Deo*, Lassus*Ecce panis angelorum*, Traditional Portuguese**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.