



# THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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## Newsletter

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### Seventh Sunday

**Weekday Readings for  
7th week in Ordinary Time  
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**Vol. I psalter week 3**

### Next Sunday's Readings

- Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7
- Ps. 91:2-3,13-16. R Cf.v2
- I Corinthians 15:54-58
- Luke 6:39-45

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## Preparing for Lent

In less than three weeks time we will begin the Holy Season of Lent. Each year we are offered this special time during which we can grow in our love of God and deepen our faith. Originally Lent was a period of preparation for those hoping to be admitted to the Church at Easter. In time all members of the church joined the catechumens in their preparation for Easter. And that is where we are today. How do we use this time offered to us? We are offered three tools that we can use, prayer, fasting and good works. Prayer is



the most fundamental aspect of our relationship with God. At best it means giving time to God sharing as with a friend all that touches our lives and our loves. Lent is a time to 'smarten up our act'. Where we rush our prayers we give a little more time to say them properly. If we don't say the rosary, now how about saying a decade each day. If you find that at times

your mind wanders, how about attending a weekday mass. There is both an early morning Mass and an evening Mass as well as one mid morning. If you want to spend more time with the Lord come along to one of the sessions of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. There is a small publication 'My Day by Day' for infants, children and adults which can help us to ground our prayers in the word of God in scripture. This can be used individually or as a family. The more time we give to preparing for Lent the better.

### THE PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Parish Priest: Canon John Clark MA

Parish Clergy: Fr Thaddeus Nwokeji and Deacon Julian Burling

Team Members: Sr Francis SSA, Sr Dorothy Perrott OSU and Cristina Connolly

Youth Minister: Eleanor Bowman

Adult Faith Formation Officer: Kelly Hockey

## SECOND COLLECTION

Next Sunday 3 March the second collection will be in support of poor parishes. This collection enables the Archbishop to make grants to some of the smaller parishes in the Diocese.

## 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 1 March after 6.30pm Mass continuing to midnight. Silent prayer to 8.30pm followed by meditations and prayers. Please come, if only for a short visit.

## EASTER CARDS

Mother's Day cards and Easter cards are now available at the Presbytery Reception.

## CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Do come & have a chat with other parishioners over a delicious breakfast in the Upper Hall today 24 February after the 8.15am Mass - noon.

## LOST PROPERTY

The box with lost property in the Presbytery is filling up, please come and collect your lost items until the end of the month otherwise we will donate them to a local charity.

## JESUIT MISSIONS

JM would like to invite you to a talk by Fr Xavier Jeyaraj SJ on '*Is leadership too important to be left to leaders?*' at Donhead School on Wednesday 27 February at 7.30pm (doors open at 7pm). A talk about how we can respond to the challenges of social justice, Care of Creation and leadership. Free event, followed by refreshments, all welcome.

## Parish News

### AT HOME

There will be an *At Home* on Monday 25 February from 7.30-9pm.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Can you spare a few hours on Friday afternoons during March and April to help out in the Parish Reception? Please contact Thelma D'Costa in the Parish Office (020 8946 0305).

### PARISH YOUTH

As part of the Youth Ministry programme in the parish, we would like to start running a group for those in year 6 & year 7. The evenings will consist of food, lots of fun activities, organised games, teaching, small group discussion and a time of prayer. To make this a reality, a team of

volunteers is needed. If you are interested to find out more please speak to Eleanor after Mass (or contact her on [eleanor.bowman@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](mailto:eleanor.bowman@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk) 020 8946 0395).

### SCHOOL SLIPS

Please note that school slips will not be collected until 2/3 March.

## Announcements

### SIGNED & SPOKEN MASS

A signed and spoken Mass will be celebrated today, 24 February, at 4pm in the Sacred Heart Chapel in the church. All with hearing difficulties welcome!

### FLAME 2019

The UK's biggest Catholic Youth Event (y9-y13) is happening on Saturday 2 March at Wembley Arena. The theme of this year's event is '*Significance*' and the sessions will be centered on being created in the image and likeness of God. The speakers include Jean Vanier (founder of *L'Arche* community), there will be incredible music led by Tim Hughes. This is an all-day event, (£15/

ticket). Registration ends this weekend: [eleanor.bowman@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](mailto:eleanor.bowman@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk)

### SPECIAL MASS

You are invited by the Catholic Union of Great Britain and the Catholic Union Charitable Trust to a Mass celebrated by Cardinal Vincent Nichols on Thursday 28 February at 6pm at Farm Street Jesuit Church, followed by a reception in the hall. If attending the reception, please register on 020 8749 1321 or [info@catholicunion.org.uk](mailto:info@catholicunion.org.uk). All welcome!

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

On Friday 1 March women-led, ecumenical services will be held at St Saviours in Grand Drive (10.30am) and

at Dundonald Congregation Church in Fairlawn Rd (8pm). Theme '*Come, Everything is ready*' (Luke 14:15-24), for more info contact [alisonwilliams36@btinternet.com](mailto:alisonwilliams36@btinternet.com)

### LENTEN TALKS

What about taking up Bible study for Lent? Esteemed biblical scholar Fr Peter Edmonds SJ is going to lead our Lenten talks '*Preparing for Easter with Paul - Glimpses of an Apostle*' this year. After each talk there will be scope for small group spiritual formation for those who express an interest. Thursdays 7, 14, 21 & 28 March and 4 April from 7.30-8.30pm in the Upper Hall.

## Parish Organisations

### FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Friday 1 March at 2.30pm in the Lounge: Quiz afternoon, do come and join a team for our annual quiz! Tea & cakes, everyone welcome!

### SH LUNCH CLUB

The SH-Lunch Team is in need of more volunteers who prepare a Sunday lunch at home and take it to a housebound parishioner to

help keep them part of the parish community. If you are able to help (even just for one Sunday every other month), please contact Ruth Kelly ([ruthjkelly@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ruthjkelly@yahoo.co.uk) or 07944 388 299)

### 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, music as well as various games and activities available - all in an informal, friendly and fun atmosphere. Contact: [edgehillmemorylaneclub@gmail.com](mailto:edgehillmemorylaneclub@gmail.com) or Jenny (07906 856 183), Charlotte (07714 702 735).

## Social, Cultural & Notices

### THE PASSAGE

You are invited to a concert in support of *The Passage*, a Christian Charity working with homeless people, on Friday 1 March at 7pm at Methodist Central Hall, Westminster; the concert features the London Welsh Male Voice Choir with guest soloists Fflur Wyn (soprano), Aled Wyn Davies (tenor) and Edward Stourton (Compère). For more info & booking visit [www.passage.org.uk](http://www.passage.org.uk), call 020 75921856 or email [info@passage.org.uk](mailto:info@passage.org.uk)

### QUIZ NIGHT

The *Depaul UK* team at Christ the King Church, would like to invite parishioners to a Quiz Night on Sat 2 March in the church hall, 9 Crescent Gardens, SW19 8AJ, to support *Depaul's* work with young homeless (16 - 25-year olds). Doors and bar will open from 6.45pm for a 7.15pm start. Please bring food to share. There will be a bar and a raffle. Tickets are £7.50 each

and can be reserved by email to [alicia.holliday@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:alicia.holliday@blueyonder.co.uk) or calling 020 8543 1063.

### CONCERT

The Wimbledon Symphony Orchestra will hold a concert in aid of *Mac Millan Cancer Support* on Saturday 2 March at 7.30pm at St Paul's Church, Augustus Rd, SW19 6EW; Andy Morley will conduct the WSO in Finzi's Clarinet Concerto, Brahms Symphony No1 and Suppé's Light Cavalry Overture. Tickets are £25 to include interval refreshments from Zoë Penny 020 8947 4297, [zmpenny@btinternet.com](mailto:zmpenny@btinternet.com) or [eventbrite.co.uk](http://eventbrite.co.uk)

### ACADEMY CHOIR

The Academy Choir Wimbledon is welcoming the London Mozart Players back to St John's, Spencer Hill, on Saturday 9 March for a concert of Bruckner (Mass No. 2 in E Minor), Brahms, Mendelssohn, Schubert and more; tickets are £15-25, £5/

students & <18s, more details from [www.academychoirwimbledon.co.uk](http://www.academychoirwimbledon.co.uk).

### ST PATRICK'S BREAKFAST

Come and join in with some Irish music and good Irish breakfast on Sunday 17 March after 8.15am Mass - 1pm. All welcome! Calling Irish musicians and any Irish dancers willing to perform on the day! Also volunteers to help set up/serving/clearing! Please contact Louise Cooper ([louise@ginghamhearts.plus.com](mailto:louise@ginghamhearts.plus.com)).

### FUNDRAISING IN MARCH

10 March: World Book Day, 2nd hand book sale in the Upper Hall after all morning Masses. Please bring any books especially children's books to the Presbytery Reception next weekend (2/3 March). All proceeds towards the orchestra for the concert on Saturday 22 June (Bach's B minor Mass) in support of the Sacred Heart Church Appeal.

### New to the Parish?

Please introduce yourself to a member of the Parish Team after Mass and register online at <https://sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/> or by filling in a registration form, available at the back of the church.

### WEIRD SCIENCE AND THE SEARCH FOR GOD

You are invited to a *The Tablet* event in conjunction with Stonhurst College on 'Weird Science and the Search for God: G.M Hopkins, A. Conan Doyle, J.R.R. Tolkien', an evening with Dr Michael D. Hurley on Thur 14 March followed by Q&As, refreshments, book sales and signings from 5.45-8.15pm at Farm Street Jesuit Church, 114 Mount St, W1K 3AH. For more info please visit [www.thetablet.co.uk/events](http://www.thetablet.co.uk/events) or call 020 8748 8484.

### A LIFETIME OF LOVING

You are invited to a celebration of your marriage. However long you have been married, come along to St Teresa's, Ashford, Kent, on Saturday 9 March from 9.45am - 4.30pm. A day in which married couples can explore their relationship more deeply and gain valuable insights into their communication and the call of the Church to the married. For more information and booking contact 07983 524 727 or email [mflkent@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflkent@rcaos.org.uk). Booking forms are also available at the back of the church.

## Exploring our Faith

### CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

SH Charismatic Prayer Group will be meeting in the Youth Room for an evening of prayer, praise and worship on Monday 25 February at 7.30pm followed by a testimony sharing and healing and intercession prayers. All are welcome. Any enquiries contact Audra (07958 782 779 or [audra.wamsteker@gmail.com](mailto:audra.wamsteker@gmail.com)).

### STUDY WEEKEND

The Dominican Youth Movement – English Province

invites young adults (18-35) to a study weekend on *The Mystery of Human Happiness*; from Friday 29 - Sunday 31 March at Worth Abbey, Crawley RH10 4SB; £63 - £126 all included; for more information and to book please contact Kelly at the Parish Office (020 8946 0305).

### TAIZÉ REFLECTION WEEK

A week of reflection reserved for 18-35 year-olds will be held in Taizé from 25 Aug -1 Sept. Students, young

professionals, people involved in voluntary work and job-seekers are all welcome. The aim of the week is to allow young adults of the same age-range to meet and discuss their future seen in the light of faith. For more info and to book your place please visit [http://www.taize.fr/en\\_article24938.html](http://www.taize.fr/en_article24938.html) or call Kelly at the Parish Office.

### CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

6.30pm (Sat) Fr T Nwokeji 11.15am Canon J Clark  
 8.15am Fr T Byron SJ 12.45pm Fr T Nwokeji  
 8.30am\* Fr M Barnes SJ 5.00pm Fr Kinga SJ  
 9.45am Fr T Nwokeji 8.00pm Canon J CLark

\* SH School Mass Centre

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 23 6.30pm Eilish Healy RIP  
 Mon 25 7.30am Queen of Peace  
 10.00am O'Brien Family Ints.  
 6.30pm Mary Cassandro RIP  
 Tue 26 7.30am Alfred Jessiman RIP  
 10.00am Alfred Jessiman RIP  
 6.30pm Diana Ferrari Rip  
 Wed 27 7.30am Teresa Ptaszynska-Neophytou Ints.  
 10.00am Aubrey Honeyman RIP  
 6.30pm Agnieszka Ptaszynska, Jan Ptaszynski RIP  
 Thu 28 7.30am Anthony Airs RIP  
 10.00am Patrick McNamee  
 6.30pm Horance d'Cruz RIP  
 Fri 1 7.30am Jean Riley RIP  
 10.00am Alfred Jessiman RIP  
 6.30pm John Michael Chin RIP  
 Sat 2 7.30am Holy Souls  
 10.00am Alice Kehoe RIP

### WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

**Those who have died recently:** Fr Billy Hewett SJ, Tim Turner, Sheena Wilson, Tadeusz Kosmider

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Michael Quinlan, Eilish Healy, William Maher, Paula Diggle, Alice Kehoe, Margherita Opacic

**The sick:** Maureen Searle, Kieran Walsh, David Carrier, Paul Saunders, Carol Donnelly, Rita Westbrook, Mary Purcell Cosgrave, Damji Vadhia, Brian & Margaret Birch, Manjula Topno, Alina Hancock, Simon Hull, Doug Cusack, Lalita Nagar, Cath O'Neill, Trinity Kerin, Roberto Farina, Andrew Tan, Tom Searle, John Burke-Gaffney, Donald Derx, Margaret Lumley, Electa Almeida, Giena Worth, Brian Sewell

Please note that for data protection reasons, since the 25th of May people have to explicitly agree for their names to be mentioned in our newsletter. Please let the Parish Office know **in writing** if either your name or the names of your relatives and friends should appear in our NL sick list.



### COLLECTIONS

Collection at Mass last Sunday came to £1,557 in loose plate giving and £456 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £2,013. This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.

The second collection in support of Racial Justice raised £938. Thank you for your generosity.

### FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

**Monday 25 February** St Ethelbert

**Friday 1 March** St David, Bishop, Patron of Wales; Womn's World Day of Prayer

### 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 octavi toni*, Orlando di Lasso

*Jubilate Deo*, Orlando di Lasso

*If ye love me*, Thomas Tallis

### 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: sacredheartwimbletonppc@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.