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Newsletter

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Eighth Sunday

**Weekday Readings for
8th week in Ordinary Time
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Vol. I psalter week 4

Next Sunday's Readings

- Deuteronomy 26:4-10
- Ps. 90:1-2,10-15. R.v15
- Romans 10:8-13
- Luke 4:1-13

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Lent - A Grace Filled Season of Opportunity

Almost everything about the amazing season of Lent points to opportunity. Whether it is about opportunity to pray, to fast or to give alms, it is all aimed at helping us to draw closer to God and enjoy more of His love, to identify where this love is needed most and to be eager to share it more willingly.

Our parish newsletter, in the past few weeks, has carried encouraging and inspiring words aimed at preparing us for this grace filled season of Lent, laden with opportunities to do good and be better. The time is here. There will be series of *Talks* aimed at enriching and 'topping up' our spiritual deposits. There will be Stations of the Cross Wednesday



and Friday evenings to help draw us deeper into the mystery of the passion, death of our Lord Jesus Christ, pointing us towards his blessed resurrection. Check the newsletter for more details.

We pray for the grace to see and know what ought to be done and the courage to be about it. There is always something to be improved on whether it is with regard to our

relationship with God or with one another, whether it is in our individual lives, community lives or in the Society. We remember to pray for the Church, especially in this troubled time. Wishing us all, a wonderful season of Lent full of opportunities to receive and share the grace and love of God.

WE WELCOME

FR JOSEPH DONKOR

We are delighted to welcome Fr Joseph Donkor to our parish this weekend. He will be with us for the next few years. I know that he will get a very warm welcome from the people in the parish.

THE PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Parish Priest: Canon John Clark MA

Parish Clergy: Fr Thaddeus Nwokeji and Deacon Julian Burling

Also Resident: Fr Joseph Donkor

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

Youth Minister: Eleanor Bowman

Adult Faith Formation Officer: Kelly Hockey

SECOND COLLECTION

Today's 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.

REDUCE - REUSE RECYCLE

As a Parish we are keen to reduce our environmental impact and you will see that there are now new recycling bins all the parish halls, offices and sacristy, including for the first time bins for recycling food waste. From now on, nothing will end up in landfill: whatever can't be recycled will be used to produce green energy. Please take a moment to work out what goes in each bin and don't forget to rinse plastic, metal and glass containers before putting them in the recycling bins. Best of all, of course, please try to reduce waste in the first place by cutting back on heavily packaged items and using real crockery and cutlery whenever possible, instead of disposable items. Thank you in advance for your help in making the new arrangements work. Any questions, please contact the Sacred Heart environment group, via sarah.tobin@btconnect.com

CATH. VOICES TALK

'Never again; the legacy of clerical sexual abuse.' Catholic Voices talk led by Brendan Thompson arrive at 7.15pm (7.30 start). Tuesday 5 March in the Lounge. For more info please contact kelly@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk

JM STAMP CUTTING

The next stamp cutting meeting will be held on Thu 7 March at 9.30am, Jesuit Missions, 11 Edge Hill.

Parish News

AT HOME

There will be an *At Home* on Monday 4 March from 7.30-9pm.

ASH WEDNESDAY

This Wednesday 6 March is Ash Wednesday, first day of Lent, a day of fasting and abstinence. Masses will be celebrated at 7.30 & 10am and at 6.30 & 8pm. Ashes are distributed at all Masses.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During the season of Lent the celebration of Stations of the Cross will start at 7.15pm every Wednesday & Friday (after the 6.30pm Mass) beginning next Friday 8 March.

LENT DAY BY DAY

The Lent 2019 booklets '*My Day by Day*' (for adults,

juniors, infants) are now available at the back of the church and at the Presbytery Reception (£1 each).

SCHOOL SLIPS

School slips will be collected again this weekend.

EASTER CARDS

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

Announcements

PASTORAL LETTER

Copies of Archbishop Peter Smith's Pastoral Letter for Lent are available at the back of the church.

YOUTH GROUP

The SH Youth Group for those in y9+ will be meeting again today 3 March from 6-7.45pm in the Youth Room after the 5pm Mass. All are welcome. Please contact Eleanor for more details.

LENTEN TALKS

You are cordially invited to come to the first of our Lenten talks on Thursday 7 March led by esteemed biblical scholar Fr Peter Edmonds SJ: '*Preparing for Easter with Paul - Glimpses of an Apostle*'. After each talk there will be

scope for small group spiritual formation for those who express an interest. Further dates are Thursdays 14, 21 & 28 March and 4 April from 7.30-8.30pm in the Upper Hall.

LENTEN CRAFT MORNING

On Sunday 10 March after the 9.45am Mass we will have a Lenten craft morning for families in the Lower Hall. For more information please contact: eleanor.bowman@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk

BE COMFORTABLE IN YOUR CHURCH

Colourful and comfortable cushions are now available for you to own for use in the church. Available after Mass

(or call David Hurst 07716 284287) in return for a donation to the Church Fund.

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).

Parish Organisations

YOUNG ADULTS

The young adults (18-35) community are holding a Pancake Night on Tuesday 5 March from 7pm. Please contact eleanor.bowman@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk for more information, we would love you to join us!

SH LUNCH CLUB

The SH-Lunch Team is still 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 or 07944 388 299)

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

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, Mendelssohn, Brahms, Schubert and more; tickets are £15-25, £5/ students & <18s, more details from www.academychoirwimbledon.co.uk

GENERATIONS

TOGETHER IT CLINICS

This term's popular *IT Clinics* will be on Fridays 8, 15, 22 & 29 March and 5 April at 12.45pm at the Ursuline High School. Knowledgeable girls provide excellent mobile phone, computer or laptop tuition, including how to connect with family abroad, or catch up with TV on line. All grades welcome; no charge. Contact Sheila Gent 020 8390 0119 to book a place.

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 at 07872 665947. (Donations towards the refurbishment of the Hall will be very welcome).

WORLD BOOK DAY

10 March: to mark this year's *World Book Day*, a 2nd hand book sale will be held in the Upper Hall after all morning Masses. Proceeds towards the orchestra for the concert on Saturday 22 June (Bach's B minor Mass) in support of the Sacred Heart Church Appeal.

VACANCIES

Wimbledon College are seeking to fill 2 positions during the summer term due to well-earned retirements, a Kitchen Assistant (with a 7am start) and a Caretaker. Please contact the Facilities Manager on 020 8879 9318 or see www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk/about-us/job-opportunities, for more details.

MARYMOUNT INTL. SCHOOL

MMI London are holding their Open Day on Friday 8 March, starting at 1.30pm; program will conclude by 3.30pm. Meet students, tour the beautiful garden campus, and learn about their strong tradition of academic excellence; admissions@marymountlondon.com or 020 8949 0571 for more info (George Road, KT2 7PE).

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 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. 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 church on Monday 4 March after the 6.30pm Mass for eucharistic adoration from 7-8pm followed by prayer, praise and worship All are welcome. Any enquiries contact Sr. Emmanuel SSA (020 3092 4222) or Audra (07958 782 779, audra.wamsteker@gmail.com).

A DAY WITH MARY

You are invited to a *Day with Mary* on Saturday 23 March at 9.45am at St Bede's Catholic Church, Thornton Rd, SW12, with Entry Procession of Our Lady,

Angelus, Crowning, Sung Litany, Mass, celebrant and preacher Fr Marcus Holden, sermon on Our Lady by Fr Gabriel Diaz Patri; finish at 5.30pm. For more info please visit www adaywithmary.org

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> or call Kelly at the Parish Office.

CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

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

* SH School Mass Centre

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 2 6.30pm Pamela Ann Murray OCDS RIP
Mon 4 7.30am Philomena McKenzie RIP
10.00am Mr McHugh & Family RIP
6.30pm Lucy Dunne RIP
Tue 5 7.30am Thomas Kearns RIP
10.00am Thomas Kearns RIP
6.30pm Michael Wiggins RIP
Wed 6 7.30am Eugene Byrne RIP
10.00am Jo Ann D'Costa Ints.
6.30pm Peter Scarsdale
8.00pm David & Lorenza Boyce RIP
Thu 7 7.30am Alfred Jessiman RIP
10.00am Funeral Mass for Sheena Wilson
6.30pm The Madement Family
Fri 8 7.30am Elizabeth & Patrick Howlin RIP
10.00am Thiru Ints.
6.30pm Maria Hrozowski Ints.
Sat 10 7.30am Michael Ryan RIP
10.00am Keith Wakely

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Fr Billy Hewett SJ, Sheena Wilson, Kenechukwu Nwokoye

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Paula Diggle, Pauline Spooner, Joy Thimont, Maureen Denney, Michael Wiggins, Robert Deith, George McPartlin, Roland Randall, Ann O'Hanlon

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 £1,409 in loose plate giving and £427 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £1,836. This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Wednesday 6 March Ash Wednesday, a day of fasting and abstinence

Thursday 7 March Ss Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

Friday 8 March St John of God, Religious

Saturday 9 March St Frances of Rome, Religious

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 concertata, Teodoro Casati

Laudate puerum, W.A. Mozart

Ave verum corpus, W.A. Mozart

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.