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Newsletter

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Second Sunday of Lent

**Weekday Readings for
2nd week of Lent
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Next Sunday's Readings

- Exodus 3:1-8. 13-15
- Ps. 102:1-4.6-8.11. R.v8
- Corinthians 10:1-6. 10-12
- Luke 13:1-9

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The Transfiguration

One of the highlights of a visit to the Holy Land is a trip to Mount Tabor, the traditional site of the Transfiguration of our Lord. The coach arrives at the foot of the mountain at what can only be described as a Holy Bus Station. Groups of pilgrims window shop the stalls as they wait their turn for a place in one of the many taxis that will take them to the top of the mountain. The road up is one track that snakes its way up. The taxis take it at speed. The ascending the mountain meet the others coming down adds to the excitement. It is with relief that one decamps from the taxis at the top



Church of the Transfiguration
Mount Tabor

of the mountain, a little shaken by the experience of the drive up. That drive is only bettered by the drive back down. The church and the gardens at the top of the mountain give a beautiful view of the surrounding countryside. It is a road where the taxis suitable setting to ascend the mountain celebrate the Transfiguration of Jesus. In his conversation with Moses and Elijah he reveals the fullness of his glory as the promised

messiah and redeemer. The presence of Moses and Elijah represent the covenants of the Old Testament fulfilled in the person of Jesus. His instruction to his Apostles, Peter, James and John, not to speak of their experience of the transfiguration until after his own resurrection anchors this experience in the fulfilment of the New Covenant on the cross on Calvary. We too are called to share in the experience of Jesus and his apostles on the top of Mount Tabor. Just as the apostles were to be reassured of the glory that is Jesus' so we are assured to the divine nature of the Son of God, inheritors of the new Covenant in his blood.

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

Next weekend there will be a second collection to raise funds for the Parish's *Heart Project*, which supports a Syrian Refugee Family. We would like to raise £10,000 and find a 3 - 4 bed house to rent. Gift Aid envelopes are available. Many thanks for supporting this good cause!

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 in 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. 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

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The *Christian CARE* Furniture Project is the only source of free furniture in Merton and is inundated with requests for help. We are looking to recruit more volunteer drivers and non-driving helpers to take our van out on weekdays or Saturdays. For more info contact the Christian CARE Office on 020 3302 0181 or email christiancaremerton@gmail.com.

Parish News

AT HOME

There will be an *At Home* on Monday 18 March from 7.30-9pm.

NEW PPC MEMBERS

We are very pleased to welcome four new members to the Parish Pastoral Council, Siobhan Heffron, Clare Hobart, Margaret Pieroni and Anne Waldron. Many thanks to Kate Kirkland

and Faye McGillian for their service to the PPC over the past seven years. We have a vacancy for one more member, please contact the parish team if you are interested.

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).

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

SIGNED & SPOKEN MASS

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

MEMORIAL MASS

A memorial Mass for Fr Phelim McGowan will be celebrated on Friday 5 April at 6.30pm in our church followed by a get together in the Parish Lounge.

YOUTH GROUP

The SH Youth Group for those in y9+ will be meeting again today 17 March from 6-7.45pm in the Youth Room after the 5pm Mass. All are welcome. Please contact Kelly for more details.

CAFOD

This Lent, CAFOD is working to help children suffering from hunger and malnutrition in Bangladesh where floods, droughts, and cyclones have damaged crops, homes, health and income. CAFOD envelopes were distributed last weekend and will be collected next weekend. To find out more about this CAFOD's Lent appeal please visit www.cafod.org.uk/lent. Thank you for helping CAFOD to reach out to families in desperate need of support.

LENTEN TALKS

You are cordially invited to the third of our Lenten talks on Thursday 21 March led by 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 28 March and 4 April from 7.30-8.30pm in the Upper Hall.

R.C.I.A.

R.C.I.A. scrutinies for three members of our parish who celebrated the Rite of Election at the Cathedral last week will take place on three consecutive Sundays at the 12.45 pm Mass (24 & 31 March and 7 April). Let us continue to keep Jonathan Bell, Kevin Lamond and Dafydd Thomas in our prayers.

Parish Organisations

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Next meeting: Friday 5 April, in the Parish Lounge, *'Be prepared!'* Michael Orwell will talk on *'Scouting in Wimbledon, past and present.'* Tea and cakes to follow. All welcome!

WIDOWERS SUPPER

On Friday 22 March at 7.30 pm all men who have lost their wives are invited to a Fish and Chips Supper in the Parish Lounge. You will be most welcome to a very relaxed and friendly evening. For full details and to book a

place please call Sadie Smith 020 8946 5198 sadiesmith3@talktalk.net

Social, Cultural & Notices

GENERATIONS TOGETHER IT CLINICS

This term's popular *IT Clinics* continue on Fridays 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 & dancing and good Irish breakfast today 17 March after 8.15am Mass - 1pm. All are most welcome! (Donations towards the refurbishment of the Hall will be very welcome).

'CRAZY FOR YOU'

Wimbledon College boys & Ursuline High School girls present Gershwin's hit musical comedy, 'Crazy For You' on Wed 27, Thurs 28 and Friday

29 March at 7.30pm in the College Hall. (£9, <18 £6) Bookings from www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk or on 020 8946 2533.

FUND RAISING IN MARCH

30/31 March: 'A mile of loose change' in the Upper Hall after Sat 6.30pm and all Sunday morning Masses. Please save your loose 1p, 2p etc coins and bring them to the hall where you can place them down on our masking tape to make a mile. If you go to the 5 or 8pm Masses please leave your coins at the Reception & we will place them for you. 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.

VACANCIES

Sacred Heart Primary School has two vacancies on the Governing Board for Foundation Governors. If

you are interested in learning more about the role please contact Faye McGilligan via the school or Tony Moffat, Chair of Governors, by email (anthony.moffat@icloud.com).

St. Teresa's Home for The Elderly requires a PT Care Assistant, 25 hrs/week, includes weekends, preferably with experience (hours 8am - 1pm & 4pm - 9pm; subject to DBS checks). For details please call 020 8879 7366/3 or info@stteresashome.co.uk

ST JOHN PASSION

Bach's St John Passion. Sat 20 April at 7.30pm, at St John's, SW19 4NZ: London chamber choir, Choir of the 21st Century, under the direction of Max Barley perform J.S. Bach's St John Passion, as part of Wimbledon's marking of Passiontide. Tickets £24/16 (plus booking fee): <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bachs-st-john-passion-tickets-55758480115>.

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.

MOZART REQUIEM

Sonoro are joined by Wimbledon Community Chorus and Wimbledon Symphony Orchestra for a concert event to celebrate music of Suppé, Bruckner, Tallis, MacMillan and Mozart on Saturday 30 March at 7pm at St Matthew's Church, SW20 0DE; tickets are £20 (£5 for under 16s) at 0333 666 3366 or www.sonoromusic.com

THE TABLET LECTURES

You are invited to a *The Tablet* event in conjunction with Stonyhurst College, a talk by Melanie McDonagh entitled 'The Role of Catholic Education in the Modern World' on Wednesday 20 March from 5.45-8.15pm. The talk will be followed by Q&As, refreshments, book sales and signings at Farm Street Jesuit Church, 114 Mount St, W1K 3AH. For more info and booking please visit www.thetablet.co.uk/events or call 020 8748 8484.

Exploring our Faith

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

SH Charismatic Prayer Group will meet in the Youth Room for an evening of prayer, praise and worship on Monday 18 March at 7.30pm. Our guest speaker will be Charles Whitehead, the Chairman of the International Charismatic Consultation (ICC); All are welcome. Any enquiries contact : Audra (07958 782 779 or audra.wamsteker@gmail.com)

LOVE HEALS BODY MIND AND SPIRIT MINISTRY

welcome you to come to a one-day Retreat of quiet reflection on Sat 23 March 11am - 5pm at the Catholic Church of Our Lady of Assumption & St Gregory, Piccadilly, W1F 9JR: Rosary, Latin Mass Lunch (please bring your own lunch - tea & coffee available), Scripture Talk, Christian Meditation, Blessed Adoration, Healing Prayers, Praise & Worship. For more info please visit

www.lovehealsbodymindspirit.com or 020 8542 2476.

A DAY WITH MARY

Come to a *Day with Mary* on Sat 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

CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

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

* SH School Mass Centre

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat	16	6.30pm	Honerine Newman RIP
Mon	18	7.30am	Richard D'Souza RIP
		10.00am	Dr Thava & Family Ints.
		6.30pm	Robert Apthorpe RIP
Tue	19	7.30am	Barbara Connors RIP
		10.00am	Caroline Basty Ints.
		6.30pm	Shenna Wilson RIP
Wed	20	7.30am	Tim Turner RIP
		10.00am	Michael Mc Manus RIP
		6.30pm	Rita O'Connell Ints.
Thu	21	7.30am	Alfred Jessiman RIP
		10.00am	Connie Testa RIP
		6.30pm	Peggy Rodgers Ints.
Fri	22	7.30am	Una Renault
		10.00am	Nora Smith RIP
		6.30pm	Liana Lloyd Ints.
Sat	23	7.30am	Sheila Carty Ints.
		10.00am	Latina Coelho Ints.

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Sr Dorothy Bell RSCJ, Tony Atkinson, Peter Barry,

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: John Egan, Christopher Cooper, George Shanahan, Philip Martin Grace

The sick: Peggy Tormie, 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 £1,767 in loose plate giving and £413 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £2,180. This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.

The second collection in support of Jesuit Missions raised £2,142. Many thanks for your generosity.

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Monday 18 March St Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Tuesday 19 March St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday 23 March St Turibius of Mongrovejo, Bishop

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 simplicitate), Antonio Lotti

Veritas mea, George Malcolm

O nata lux de lumine, 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: 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.