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Newsletter

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Fourth Sunday of Lent
Laetare

Weekday Readings for
4th week of Lent
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Next Sunday's Readings

- Isaiah 43:16-21
- Ps. 125.R.v3
- Philippians 3:8-14
- John 8:1-11

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Laetare Sunday

REJOICE is the first word of the entrance antiphon at the masses today. It marks the centre point of the season of Lent and by tradition the rigours of Lent were lifted for the day. The tenor of Lent changes after Laetare Sunday as our eyes begin to focus on the coming suffering death,



resurrection and celebrated on Monday Ascension of Jesus. We recalling the 'Fiat' of Mary where she have further cause for rejoicing today: accepted to be the

First, we welcome back mother of Our Lord Fr Ted after his visit Jesus Christ. It is a suitable time to give him around again. thanks to God for our

Second, we celebrate mothers and their Mothering Sunday today. unique ministry in our

By tradition Mothering lives. It is both a happy Sunday falls in the week time celebrating our of the Feast of the mums, it is also a sad Annunciation of our day when we remember Lord. That feast we our mums who are no

longer with us but who have with the help of our prayers gone to God and now celebrate the family with all who have gone before them to eternal joy. I am not sure if loosing an hour's sleep is a cause for celebration or not. It does herald the return of the light evenings and all the signs of spring. We can give God thanks for the beauty of nature. For these reasons, and many more, Rejoice is an appropriate title for our Sunday this weekend. Have a joyful one, and Lenten resolutions can be waived for those taking mum out for a lunch time celebration, without breaking your Lenten fasts!

THE PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Parish Priest: Canon John Clark MA

Parish Clergy: Fr Thaddeus Nwokeji and Deacon Julian Burling

Also Resident: Fr Joseph Donkor MA

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, 7 April, there will be a second collection for the survival charity *Beyond the Wild* and Will Hince will be outside the church after every Mass. Please join him for a drink at the social club after the 8pm Mass next Sunday.

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 5 April starting after the Stations of the Cross 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.

CYCLONE IDAI

Jesuit Missions are in touch with their partners in Southern Africa to respond to the humanitarian disaster caused by Cyclone Idai that hit Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe two weeks ago. It is thought to be one of the worst ever weather-related disasters to ever hit the southern hemisphere. The death toll is likely to increase into the thousands in the coming days. To support JM's emergency appeal for Cyclone Idai please visit <https://jesuitmissions.org.uk/deadly-cyclone-idai-hits-southern-africa/>

JM STAMP CUTTING

Please keep your used stamps! You can post them to Jesuit Missions, 11 Edge Hill, Wimbledon, SW19 4LR or pop them through their letter-box after Mass. JM are always looking for volunteers to join their stamp team which will meet again on Thursday 4 April at 9.30am.

Parish News

AT HOME

There will be an *At Home* on Monday 1 April from 7.30-9pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We continue to celebrate the Stations of the Cross at

7.15pm every Wednesday & Friday (after the 6.30pm Mass) during Lent.

HEART PROJECT

You are amazing! On behalf of the *Heart Project* in support of a Syrian Refugee family a massive THANK

YOU for helping to over-achieve on the fundraising target they needed to reach. Watch out for more news soon!

SCHOOL SLIPS

School slips will be collected this weekend.

Announcements

R.C.I.A.

R.C.I.A. scrutinies for members of our parish who will be baptized and received into full communion with the Catholic Church will take place again this Sunday and on 7 April at the 12.45pm Mass. Let us continue to keep Jonathan Bell, Kevin Lamond, Dafydd Thomas, John Barnes and Hye Kyeong Orthova in our prayers.

NEWMAN CIRCLE

The next meeting of the Wimbledon Newman Circle will be on Wednesday 3 April at 7.30pm in the Lounge when Fr Mark Odion of the Bishops' Conference will speak about Human Trafficking and about how to

improve support for modern slavery survivors. All are welcome to the meeting.

LENTEN TALKS

The last talk of the series of Lenten talks led by Fr Peter Edmonds SJ on '*Preparing for Easter with Paul - Glimpses of an Apostle*' will take place on Thursday 4 April from 7.30-8.30pm in the Upper Hall.

MASS SERVERS' DRESS COTTAS & CASSOCKS

Please could you help to wash and iron some of these? When the church looks glorious and the flowers are beautiful at Easter, it would be good to see the servers also looking crisp and clean. Please contact Sadie Smith on 020 8946 5198 if you are able

to help.

MEMORIAL MASS

A memorial Mass for Fr Phelim McGowan SJ will be celebrated on Friday 5 April at 6.30pm in our church followed by a get together in the Parish Lounge; please bring a plate of finger food to share.

CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Children's Stations of the Cross will be held on Good Friday morning 19 April at 11am with a rehearsal at 9.15 am. Actors age 4+ and readers age 8+ please email rachel@marshallemail.net. Adult helpers greatly appreciated!

Parish Organisations

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

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

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION GROUP

Saturday 6 April: calling all Wombles: The SH Environmental Action Group would like to invite you to take part in a *Great British Spring Clean*

litter-picking event on Wimbledon Common. Meet at 11 am by the Windmill. Please bring a litter picker (if you have one otherwise it will be provided). Please contact Alexie (amathurston@hotmail.com) for more details. We need to register our presence beforehand. It would be great if you could walk, cycle or take a bus up to near the Windmill.

[Wildflower garden in the church grounds!](#) You are

invited to join a team of parish volunteers to prepare the ground on Sat 13 April between 10am - 2pm. No gardening experience necessary, please wear comfy clothes & bring a fork or spade. Light refreshments will be provided. The children of the parish will then be invited to scatter the first seeds after the 9.45am Family Mass on Easter Sunday. Please contact marion.noble@hotmail.co.uk if you can help.

Social, Cultural & Notices

GENERATIONS

TOGETHER IT CLINICS

The last session of this term's *IT Clinics* will be on Friday 5 April at 12.45pm at the Ursuline High School. All grades welcome; no charge. Contact Sheila Gent 020 8390 0119 to book a place.

FUND RAISING IN MARCH/APRIL

This weekend: 'A mile of loose change' don't forget to come to the Upper Hall to lay your change down to make a mile after Saturday 6.30pm and all Sunday morning Masses.

Race Night: Saturday 27 April, tickets £5 (available from this Sunday or from sheenamacd@btinternet.com) including a glass of Prosecco; bar or bring your own. 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.

'OUT OF THIS WORLD'

Tickets are now available for the Special Gala Concert presented by the London Accordion Orchestra with musical stars from the Sacred Heart Parish on Organ,

Piano, Strings and Percussion and Katy's Songbirds Choir on Saturday 18 May at 3pm in our church. Tickets £15 (conc. £10) from the Parish Office or via www.eventbrite.ca/e/lao-gala-concert-tickets-58805618187

We are looking for sponsors towards the running costs of this concert event, please contact Louise Cooper for more info if you are able to help (louise@ginghamhearts.plus.com).

WEST BARNES SINGERS

Come and join the West Barnes Singers for their Easter Concert: Mozart's Requiem and *Ave verum* conducted by Colette Boushell on Sat 6 April at 7.30pm, St Paul's Church, Augustus Rd, SW19 6EW. Tickets £15 (children free) available from choir members & at the door.

LONDON MARATHON

Parishioner Alain van West will be running this year's London Marathon on April 28th to raise funds for Jesuit

Missions. In the past parishioners have been very kind and generous in sponsorship of our marathon runners. If you would like to support Alain, please visit <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/AlainvanWest-1>

The Wombles will make an appearance after Masses on Sunday 14 April.

OBERRAMMERGAU

The parish will organise a pilgrimage (in June or September 2020) to the Passion Play in Oberammergau and other religious sites in Bavaria (Regensburg, Munich) and Austria (Salzburg), if there is sufficient demand. Costs: 6/7 nights with 1/2-board & Cat. 3 Passion Play tickets will be in the region of £1,450 p/p for shared rooms, or £1,710 for single rooms. If you are interested, please email your name and contact details to the parish office (wimbledon@rcaos.org.uk putting Oberammergau in the subject line) so we can assess demand.

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.

ORGAN RECITAL

On Palm Sunday 14 April, our organist David Gammie is giving a special Holy Week recital at Westminster Cathedral, playing the dramatic *Symphonie de la Passion* by the Belgian composer Paul de Maleingreau. Starting around 4.40pm, preceded by Solemn Vespers at 3.30, and followed by sung Mass at 5.30pm.

LE 10 PAROLE

For Italian speaking parishioners: a course for adult faith formation on the 10 Commandments will begin on Monday 1 April at 7pm at the Scalabrini Center, 20 Brixton Road SW9 6BU, at the Church of the Holy Redeemer, la Chiesa del Redentore led by Don Francesco Buttazzo in conjunction with the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal. The sisters are travelling from Birmingham to London every week for this event. A hugely popular course in Italy which is being delivered in Italian here in London and is aimed at professionals at the end of their working day. If there is interest from Italians in the parish, please contact Guido Amari (guidoamari@rcdow.org.uk) to find out more about the course.

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 1 April at 7.30pm. There will be a short talk on the power of praise. All are welcome. Any enquiries contact : Audra (07958 782 779 or audra.wamsteker@gmail.com)

MOUNT STREET JESUIT CENTRE

You are invited to a one-day workshop on Saturday 6 April from 11am-4pm led by Abigail Graham on 'Exploring Bach's St. John Passion'. Please visit www.mountstreet.info for more info, booking; suggested donation for one-day workshops is £30, but all activities are open to everyone. 114 Mount Street W1K 3AH.

CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

You are invited to the *Family and Life Intl. Conference* on the theme 'Why be a Catholic' on Saturday 4 May at St George's Cathedral. For further info and to register please visit www.familyandlife.co.uk or call 020 8857 9950

CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

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

* SH School Mass Centre

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 30 6.30pm Horace d'Cruz
Mon 1 7.30am Sheena Wilson RIP
10.00am Fr Phelim McGowan SJ RIP
6.30pm Simon Shilston RIP
Tue 2 7.30am Muriel Healy RIP
10.00am Christy Joseph RIP
6.30pm David & Lorenzo Boyce RIP
Wed 3 7.30am Paddy Browne RIP
10.00am Gerard Boyle RIP
6.30pm Fr Phelim McGowan SJ RIP
Thu 4 7.30am Joan Partington RIP
10.00am Funeral Mass for Genowefa Worth
6.30pm Sheddina Croos Fernando RIP
Fri 5 7.30am Kay Fahy RIP
10.00am Helen Mooney RIP
6.30pm Fr Phelim McGowan SJ RIP
Sat 6 7.30am Kat Fahy RIP
10.00am Maria Zammit RIP

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Les Jolley, Giena Worth, Tony Atkinson, Peter Barry

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Colin Alfred Higbee, Fr. Bernard Elliot SJ, Mary Joan James, Patrick Quigley, Francis Martin Finnerty, Christopher Jones, Kathleen Bulham

The sick: Maggie Humphreys, Richard Conceicao, Margaret Lyons, Sheila Soodin, Peggy Tolmie, 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, Brian Sewell

Please note that for data protection reasons, since the 25th of May 2018 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 £1,089 in loose plate giving and £471 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £1,560. This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.

Thank you for helping the *Heart Project*-team to over-achieve on their fundraising target with your donations! Thank you for your immense generosity towards this project!

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 2 April St Francis of Paola, Hermit

Thursday 4 April St Isidore, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Friday 5 April St Vincent Ferrer, Priest

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 D major, KV 194, W.A. Mozart

Jubilate Deo, attrib. to Mozart

Adoramus te, C. Monteverdi

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.