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Newsletter

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7th Week in Ordinary Time
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Vol. I psalter week 3
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The Season of Lent
Vol. II psalter week 4

Next Sunday's Readings

- Genesis 2:7-9. 3:1-7
- Ps 50:3-6.12-14.17. R.cf.v.3
- Romans 5:12-19
- Matthew 4:1-11

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Lenten Focus

ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

As a consequence of the current situation we ask for your understanding if Holy Communion will not be administered under both kinds until further notice. That means that the Extraordinary Ministers will not administer Holy Communion from the chalice at weekday and Sunday Masses. A reminder goes out to all EMs to use the sanitizers available on the credence tables on either sides of the Sanctuary before distributing the Sacred Hosts. I would ask those who receive the Sacred Host on the tongue to consider taking it in the hand until further notice. A number of ministers are concerned about spreading flu or virus by spittle. Thank you for your co-operation in this.

LENTEN FOCUS.

This Lent we will be putting the attention on the Stations of the Cross.

The Stations are by tradition the devotions for Lent as they focus on the last hours in the life of Our Lord. A short meditation is said at each Station on our life as Christians as reflected in the person of Jesus and his perfect sacrifice on the cross for the salvation of all. The Stations will be celebrated twice a week, on Wednesday and Friday evening after the 6.30pm Mass. As there will be a number of events during the year linked to the Year of the Word, we will not be having the usual Lenten Talks. We hope instead to make the devotion of the Stations our parish focus this Lent. Whether you are able to come each time, or once a week, or even just once in the Lenten time, make the Stations of the Cross your special devotion this Lent. Join with the other members of the parish as together we make this Lent a special time of devotion to the sufferings of Christ.

Remember we are encouraged to use three tools to develop our spiritual lives in Lent. They are Prayer, Fasting and Good Works. If we can we should try to make space for each in our lives, then when we come to the celebration of Easter we will ourselves have experienced a personal resurrection as well. Have a happy and a holy Lenten Time.

Fr John

THE PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Parish Priest: Canon John Clark MA

Parish Clergy: Fr Joseph Donkor MA, Fr Dennis Bukunya CSSp 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

This Sunday, 23 February, there will be a second collection in support of Poor Parishes, formerly for the 'Needs of the Diocese'. This collection enables the Archbishop to make grants to some of the smaller parishes in the Diocese.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On Good Friday we will have Stations of the Cross led by the young people of the parish at 6pm in church. If you are in Y8-Y13 and would like to get involved, we will have our 1st session on Thursday 5 March from 4-5pm in the Youth Room. For more information please contact Eleanor (Youth Minister): eleanor.bowman@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk

ENVIRONMENT GROUP

Re-imagining the parish orchard: tree-planting? wildlife garden? veggie beds? outside space for prayer and reflection? if you have ideas for our grounds, want to get involved in parish gardening, or would just like to hear more, please come along to a brainstorming session with the parish Environment Group, on Sunday 1 March, 6pm, in the Parish Lounge. Ed Belderbos, a Sacred Heart parishioner and head of local garden design and landscaping company, Belderbos Landscapes, will be on hand to offer advice. Teas & coffees will be provided.

LIVE STREAMING

Link for live streaming of daily 10am Masses and Sunday 8pm Masses: www.churchservices.tv/wimbledon

Parish News

AT HOME

There will be an *At Home* on Monday 24 February from 7.30-9pm. Canon John is available to see anyone who calls in to the Presbytery. If you wish to talk about any matter, please do come along, no appointment needed.

SIGNED & SPOKEN MASS

A signed & spoken Mass will be celebrated today 23 February at 4pm in the Sacred Heart Chapel in the church. All with hearing difficulties welcome!

ASH WEDNESDAY

This Wednesday 26 February is Ash Wednesday, first day of the season 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.

LENT DAY BY DAY

The Lent 2020 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).

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During the season of Lent the celebration of the Stations of the Cross will start at 7.15pm every Wednesday and Friday (after the 6.30pm Mass) beginning next Friday 28 February.

SCHOOL SLIPS

School slips will be collected again after the half term break.

MOTHER'S DAY CARDS

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

Announcements

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2020

'A service for everyone. Rise! Take your Mat and Walk'. On Friday 6 March, World Day of Prayer there will be services at St John Fisher Church, 207 Cannon Hill, SW20 9DB (at 10.30am) and at Christchurch West Wimbledon, SW20 0RZ (8pm), themed 'Praying with Zimbabwe'. Refreshments are

served after each service, all are welcome!

MESSY CHURCH'

Tuesday 3 March from 4.30-5.45pm in the Lower Hall, families with primary school aged children are invited to join us to explore a bible story in new and creative ways. There will be games, arts and crafts to help us explore the theme, refreshments available.

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 6 March starting after the Stations of the Cross (after 6.30pm Mass) continuing to midnight. Silent prayer to 8.30pm followed by meditations and prayers.

Parish Organisations

YOUNG ADULTS

The young adults (18-35) community are holding a Pancake Night on Tuesday 25 February from 7pm. Please contact eleanor.bowman@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk for more information including the address, we would love you to join us!

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

On Saturday 29 February from 10.30-11.30am in the Parish Lounge. The bereavement Team invites everyone

experiencing loss in their lives, no matter how long ago, to drop in for a coffee and a chat. Grief is a particularly isolating experience. It can affect all aspects of your life, physically, emotionally and socially. For more information please call 020 8946 5198 or visit the website.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Friday March 6 at 2.30pm in the Lounge: Quiz, do come and join a team for our fun Quiz afternoon. Prizes! Tea & cakes as usual. All welcome

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 or Jenny (07906 856 183), Charlotte (07714 702 735).

Social, Cultural & Notices

MUSIC FOR LENT

Tuesday 10 March at 7.30pm in the church. David Gammie plays Petr Eben's dramatic musical illustrations of the *Book of Job*, with bible readings by Dr William Griffiths.

ACADEMY CHOIR

The Academy Choir Wimbledon will be giving a very special performance of Handel's dramatic and engaging oratorio *Saul* alongside the Academy Baroque Players and a quintet of top operatic soloists (including Christopher Purves and Sarah Tynan) on Saturday 14 March at St John's, Spencer Hill. Tickets are from £15-30 (£5 for students and under 18s), availa-

ble from the choir's website, www.academychoirwimbledon.co.uk

NEWMAN CIRCLE

All are welcome to the next Wimbledon Newman circle talk on Wednesday 18 March at 7.30pm in the Parish Lounge. Tina Beattie, Professor of Catholic Studies at the University of Roehampton, London, will talk about *'The Church's social teaching concerning the common good & its relevance in 2020'*.

'THE FROGS'

Wimbledon College presents Sondheim's *'The Frogs'*, a comical musical masterpiece which follows Dionysos on his quest to save the world.

March 25, 26 & 27 at 7.30pm. Tickets £7 and £4 (under-18s) from Paola Cray on 020 8946 2533, or email: paola.cray@wimbledoncollege.org.uk

VACANCY

The Holy Cross School, New Malden, is currently recruiting for a Deputy Headteacher at the school for a September 2020 start. Interested candidates are encouraged to visit the school website for further info about the role and how to apply ([The Holy Cross School Employment Opportunities](http://TheHolyCrossSchoolEmploymentOpportunities)). The closing date for applications is 9am Fri 28 Feb., with interviews taking place on Thur 5 March.

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.

OPEN MORNINGS

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, KT3, is delighted to announce that it received an Outstanding judgement in last November Section 48 inspection. Inspectors commented on 'a high standard of Catholic education, excellent leadership and exemplary (pupil) behaviour'. Come & visit our school on Tuesday 3 March, Wednesday 22 April, Friday 22 May at 9.15am for open mornings. We have limited vacancies in some year groups. Contact us on - 0208 942 0215, school@sacredheart.merton.sch.uk,

Exploring our Faith

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The SH Charismatic Prayer Group will be meeting in the Youth Room for an evening of prayer, praise & worship on Monday 24 February at 7.30pm. All are welcome. Audra (07958 782 779 audra.wamsteker@gmail.com).

A DAY WITH MARY

You are invited to *A Day with Mary* on Saturday 29 February at St Columba, Queenhill Road, Selsdon, CR2 8DW starting at 10am (-5.30pm) with Procession of Our Lady, Angelus, Crowning, sung Litany, Mass in honour of Our Lady; Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Roy Tablizo, sermon on Our Lady by Frs Stephen Boyle and Bijoy Chandra Nayak CMF. All welcome, more info at www adaywithmary.org

TALKS FOR YOUNG ADULTS

The series of talks about Mary for young people continue in March. The talks, organised by a number of Southwark Clergy for the *Faith Movement*, will take place at Our Lady of the Assumption and St Gregory RC Church, 24 Golden Square, W1F 9JR, at 7pm on Tuesdays 3 (*'Mother of the Church'* by Sr Andrea Fraile) & 17 March (*'Devotion to Mary'* by Fr Richard Marsden). Light refreshments will be available after each talk. All welcome.

FCJ VOCATIONS WEEKEND

'There is nothing quite like religious life – it's an extraordinary adventure into a deep relationship with God': A weekend for Young Women (20s & 30s) reflecting on the vocation to religious life. 28

Feb - 1 Mar FCJ (Faithful Companions of Jesus) Community, Liverpool; to reserve a place, please contact Sr Lynne fcj lynnefcj@hotmail.com.

DOMINICAN YOUTH MOVEMENT

Lent Study Weekend themed *'The Way of the Cross: 'Crux stat dum volvitur orbis'* A team of Dominican friars & sisters will lead participants on a weekend of study and reflection on the meaning of the cross *'which stands still'* at the centre of our lives *'while the world revolves'*. Aimed at young adults and university students: 28 - 29 March, The Kairos Centre, Maryfield Convent, SW15 4JA. Tickets are £60-120 according to what people can afford. Non-residential tickets also available, for more info & booking email dym@english.op.org

WORLDWIDE

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

For the past 50 years *Worldwide Marriage Encounter* has been offering marriage enrichment retreats all around the world. Focused on couples who want to enrich their relationship and gain a deeper understanding of the Sacrament of Marriage, the retreat offers a unique experience. It's a chance to explore your relationship at a deeper, more intimate level, regardless of how long you have been together. The next retreat is 6-8 March in Swindon, why not find out more at wwwme.org.uk

CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

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

* SH School Mass Centre

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat	22	6.30pm	Noel D'Costa RIP
Mon	24	7.30am	Thanksgiving for Medjugorje
		10.00am	Helen Mooney RIP
		6.30pm	Angelica D'Agostino
Tue	25	7.30am	Aubrey Honeyman RIP
		10.00am	Marcela Mendoza RIP
		6.30pm	Queen of Peace
Wed	26	7.30am	Angela Sims RIP
		10.00am	Thanksgiving
		6.30pm	Matthew Honeyman Ints.
		8.00pm	Phyllis Carey
Thu	27	7.30am	Teresa Ptasynska-Neophytou
		10.00am	Thanksgiving for Medjugorje
		6.30pm	Emelda Indra Pedropillai
Fri	28	7.30am	Donna Read Ints.
		10.00am	Mr & Mrs Samuel Ints.
		6.30pm	Bridgid McShane RIP
Sat	29	7.30am	Thanksgiving for Medjugorje
		10.00am	Mary Bridget Kelleher RIP

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Win Leadbeater, Eileen Dooley, Godfrey Lataya-Muwanga

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Liam Myles, Eilish Healy, Eileen Hernandez, William Maher, Paula Diggle, Alice Kehoe, Margherita Opacic

The sick: Samar Staussi, Harriett Cahill, Catherine Gapp, Patsy Banks, Margaret Tolmie, Peter Kosciolek, Pauline Hearn, Brendan Hollingsworth, Tilly Walters, Ian Parr, David Carrier, Colin Sims, Mary Ann Williams, Maria Keaveney-Jessiman, Annette Wheatley, Paul Jong, Richard Conceicao, Sheila Soodin, Maureen Searle, Kieran Walsh, Paul Saunders, Carol Donnelly, Damji Vadha, Margaret Birch, Manjula Topno, Alina Hancock, Simon Hull, Lalita Nagar, Cath O'Neill, Andrew Tan, Tom Searle, John Burke-Gaffney, Donald Derx, Margaret Lumley, Electa Almeida, Brian Sewell

Please note that for data protection reasons, individuals must 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 sick list.



COLLECTIONS

Collection at Mass last Sunday came to £1,227 in loose plate giving and £452 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £1,679. This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Sunday 23 February Day for the Unemployed

Tuesday 25 February St Ethelbert, King

The end of Ordinary Time before Lent

Wednesday 26 February Ash Wednesday, a day of fasting and abstinence; ashes are blessed during Mass

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 C, Spatzenmesse, KV220, W.A. Mozart

Laudate Dominum, K339 W.A. Mozart

Agnus Dei (from Mass), 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: ppc@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk or contact Anne Waldron (Chair) at anne@annewaldron.com or 07886 034 323

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.

[St George's Hospital Chaplaincy: Fr Mark Higgins (020 8725 3069)]