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Newsletter

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First Sunday of Lent

1st Week of Lent
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Next Sunday's Readings

- Genesis 12:1-4
- Ps 32:4-5.18-2.22. R.v.22
- 2 Timothy 1:8-10
- Matthew 17:1-9

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Prayer Fasting Works of Love

I have had the privilege on a couple of occasions of being in Indonesia during the Holy Season of Ramadan. The dedication of the people to this Holy Season is something to witness. The day begins for them with a visit to the Mosque at around 5 in the morning before they have their first meal of the day. Then from sunrise to sunset they fast. And fasting means fasting. No food, drink, not even water, and this in a country where the temperatures can go well into the 30 degrees. It is only with sundown can they have their break of fast meal. This is often an opportunity to visit the Mosque again. This programme is followed each day for a month. We start Lent humbly, close to the ground, close to our earthiness *'Remember you*



are dust and unto dust you shall return.' Our ultimate destiny is not dust and ashes but sharing in the Lord's risen life, becoming conformed to the image of Christ. We are encouraged to take Lent seriously by fasting and doing good works as the essential growth into the image of God's Son.

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.

THE PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Parish Priest: Canon John Clark MA
 Parish Clergy: Fr Joseph Donkor MA, Fr Dennis Bukenya 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

JESUIT MISSIONS ANNUAL APPEAL

Next weekend 7/8 March, Brother Stephen Power SJ, will be visiting our parish to make the Jesuit Missions' annual appeal. JM supports the efforts of the Jesuits and their partners who work with poor and marginalised people in 17 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America. JM Gift Aid envelopes will be available to complete from Saturday 29 February. For more information about Jesuit Missions please see <http://jesuitmissions.org.uk/>

Thank you for your continued generosity.

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, today, 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.

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 letterbox after Mass. JM are always looking for volunteers to join their stamp team which will meet again on Thursday 12 March at 9.30am.

Parish News

AT HOME

There will be an *At Home* on Monday 2 March from 7.30-9pm.

SCHOOL SLIPS

School slips will be collected again this weekend.

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.

MOTHER'S DAY CARDS
Mother's Day cards are now available at the Presbytery Reception

CHURCH FORECOURT

An increasing number of cars are being parked on the church forecourt. Unless this is necessary for health/mobility reasons (rather than merely 'convenient') please **do not park** on the forecourt: use the car park adjacent to the halls. Parking on the forecourt is potentially dangerous with cars and pedestrians in close proximity and the smart sandstone paving is being stained with oil drips. Thank you for your understanding!

Announcements

'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.

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 info please contact our Youth Minister Eleanor eleanor.bowman@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk

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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!

FAMILY FAST DAY

'Your love expressed through our hands'. Please show your love this Lent eat a simple meal this Friday 6 March and give what you can

to improve the health of our sisters and brothers around the world. For more information please visit www.cafod.org.uk/lent. CAFOD envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please return them 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 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

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

YOUTH GROUP

Our Youth group for those in y8+ will meet again this Sunday 1 March in the Youth Room from 6-7.45pm and all are welcome. Please contact Eleanor for more infor-

mation please contact Eleanor: eleanor.bowman@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk

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), available 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

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 2 March at 7.30pm. All are welcome. Audra (07958 782 779 audra.wamsteker@gmail.com).

LOVE HEALS BODY MIND SPIRIT

Welcome you to come to a one-day retreat of quiet reflection Saturday 7 March 11am - 4.30pm at the Cath. Church of our Lady of Assumption & St Gregory, Warwick Str., W1F 9JR, Rosary, Latin Mass in the Extraordinary Form led by Fr Mark Elliott Smith. Enquiries: Eileen & David Brum 020 8542 2476 (www.lovehealsbodymindspirit.com, lovehealsbodymindspirit@gmail.com).

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.

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

MOUNT STREET JESUIT CENTRE

'Exploring the Our Father', this short course led by Brian Purfield is a series of reflections exploring the *Our Father*, participants are invited to allow the prayer to open up their minds and hearts. 4 Tuesdays from 11am-1pm, 3-24 March or 4 Wednesdays 7-8.30pm, 4-25 March.

'The Jewish Jesus and the Divine Christ', a three-part course led by John McDade, exploring the relationship between the Jewish Jesus and the divine Christ of Christian belief. Saturdays 7 & 14 March and 4 April from 11am-11pm.

For detailed information, booking and suggested contribution for the workshops please visit www.pathwaystogod.org or call 020 7529 4844.

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.

LIVE STREAMING

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

SETTLED STATUS

All EU, EEA and Swiss citizens living in the UK are required by the government to apply through its Settlement Scheme to continue living, working and accessing services here. The deadline for applications is 30 June 2021. Details and links to the application process can be found at: gov.uk/eusetledstatus

Please bring this to the attention of friends, family members and fellow parishioners who may need to apply. Information on assistance for those who may have difficulty applying is available at: gov.uk/help-eu-settlement-scheme

The Catholic Church in England and Wales stands in solidarity with all European citizens who have made their homes here. They are a valued part of our parishes, schools and communities.

CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

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

* SH School Mass Centre

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 29 6.30pm Alice Kehoe RIP
Mon 2 7.30am Fr J. Langhan RIP
10.00am Thanksgiving to St Anthony Ints.
6.30pm Mike Muise RIP
Tue 3 7.30am Stacia Cody RIP
10.00am Kath Gower RIP
6.30pm Muise Family Ints.
Wed 4 7.30am Laurence McCormick Ints.
10.00am Dced Members of the Desmier Family
6.30pm Joseph & Mary Mulrooney RIP
Thu 5 7.30am Thomas Kearns RIP
10.00am Kathleen Nolan RIP
6.30pm Michael Wiggins RIP
Fri 6 7.30am Holy Souls
10.00am Chris Woodward Ints.
12noon Funeral for Godfrey Lataya-Muwanga
6.30pm Bernadette Burchell RIP
Sat 7 7.30am Sheena Wilson RIP
10.00am Ferdinand Blum RIP

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

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

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Pauline Spooner, Joy Thimont, Maureen Denney, Tony Atkinson, Michael Wiggins, Robert Deith

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 Vadhia, Margaret Birch, Manjula Topno, Alina Hancock, Simon Hull, Lalita Nagar, Cath O'Neill, Andrew Tan, Tom Searle, 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 £1,275 in loose plate giving and £587 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £1,862. This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.

The second collection in support of *Poor Parishes* raised £1,204. Thank you for your generous support.

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Wednesday 4 March St Casimir

Friday 6 March Women's World Day of Prayer

Lent Fast Day

Saturday 7 March Ss Perpetua & Felicity

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

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)]