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Newsletter

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Third Sunday of Lent

3rd Week of Lent
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Next Sunday's Readings

- I Samuel 16:1.6-7.10-13
- Ps 22 R.vI
- Ephesians 5:8-14
- John 9:1.6-9.13-17.34-38

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Updates

ARCHBISHOP PETER SMITH

Details of Archbishop Peter's funeral are:

Sunday 29th March 6pm
Reception of the body.

Monday 30th March
12:30pm Funeral Mass
with burial in crypt.

Please remember Archbishop Peter in your prayers.

CORONAVIRUS

Archbishop John has issued a decree effective from the 9th March 2020 until the 6th April 2020 detailing the steps that must be taken in each parish in reaction to the present spread of the Covid-19 virus. Fortunately we have been observing each of the requirements for the



Jan Joest van Kalkar

past couple of weeks. I have asked Eleanor, our Youth Minister to keep abreast of information coming from the diocese and other agencies. She, with her co-workers, will advise us as to further actions that we may need to take as the weeks go on. The Decree issued by Archbishop John is on the parish web page and in hard copy at the back of the church.

MASS IN THE MAIN HALL

The lack of heating in the church due to a leak in the main pipe from the church to the boiler room is making life very uncomfortable for many. It has been agreed to move the Sunday Masses to the Upper Hall where there is heating, until further notice. I hope it makes life more comfortable for you.

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

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Friday April 3rd in Parish Lounge. Talk: Relive Joe Ruston's youthful expedition up the Blue Nile, braving cataracts and crocodiles. Tea and Cakes. All welcome.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

New Gift Aid envelopes for year beginning 6th April 2020 have been posted to parishioners who gift aid by envelope. Please notify the Parish Office if you have not received these by Monday 16th March, also if you have changed your address or Tax status. Mini sets of envelopes are available in the Parish Office

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/eusettledstatus Please bring this to the attention of friends, family members & fellow parishioners who may need to apply. Information on assistance 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.

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Do come and have a chat with other parishioners over a delicious breakfast in the Lower Hall this Sunday 15 March after 8.15am Mass until noon.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

On Saturday 28 March 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. For more information call 020 8946 5198 or see the website.

Parish News

AT HOME

There will be an *At Home* on Monday 16 March from 7.30-9pm.

SCHOOL SLIPS

Please note that school slips will not be collected until further notice.

KEEPING

PARISHIONERS

INFORMED BY EMAIL

We sent an email to all parishioners last weekend informing them about the church heating, a number of which bounced, presumably

because the address we have has changed. If you did not receive this email you can make your own changes to your details by logging on to the website. If you have not registered you can do so online or fill in a card at the back of the church. Any difficulties please email website@sacredheart.wimbledon.org.uk and we will add you to the database. In the current circumstances this is a very speedy way of keeping you

informed about precautions for coronavirus.

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).

MOTHER'S DAY CARDS

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

Announcements

ARCHBISHOP PETER

SMITH †

It is with great sadness that we have to inform you that the Most Reverend Peter Smith, Emeritus Archbishop of Southwark, died peacefully on Friday 6 March. Please keep Archbishop Peter, his family and friends, in your prayers. May he rest in peace. Funeral details may be found on the front page of this newsletter.

R.C.I.A

A number of parishioners celebrated the Rite of election at the cathedral on 29 February and will be receiving the Sacraments of Initia-

tion at the Easter Vigil. During the 12.45pm Mass for three Sundays (15, 22 and 29 March) Albene, Corinne, David, Francesca, Jodi, Louis, Mastam, Michelle, Paul, Simon and Wai-Ying will receive special anointings and blessings as part of their final preparation. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

NIGHT SHELTER NEEDS ...

After a terrific response from volunteers, all of whom have now been trained and briefed, the night shelter still needs a few items to get going from Sunday 15 March

for seven weeks. So, this is an appeal for any spare pillows, pillowcases and medium sized towels (not bath towels as we have no bath!). We need 16 of each item to be delivered to the Presbytery or email David at dthurst52@gmail.com. Thank you in advance.

SIGNED & SPOKEN MASS

A signed & spoken Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 22 March at 4pm in the Sacred Heart Chapel in the church. All with hearing difficulties welcome!

Parish Organisations

YOUTH GROUP

Our Youth group for those in y8+ will meet again this Sunday 15 March in the Youth Room from 6-7.45pm and all are welcome. Please contact Eleanor for more info: eleanor.bowman@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk

SACRED HEART SOCIAL CLUB

The SH Social Club Irish Night: on Saturday 14 March has had to be postponed to a future date. This to comply with recommended precautions for the Coronavirus.

MEMORY LANE CLUB

Due to coronavirus precautions we regret that Memory Lane Club will be closed until further notice. We will keep the situation under review and hope to reopen after Easter on Wednesday 22 April subject to national advice and guidance.

Social, Cultural & Notices

NEWMAN CIRCLE CANCELLATION: WEDNESDAY MARCH 18TH

The Newman Circle talk by Prof. Tina Beattie has had to be postponed until further notice in order to comply with recommended precautions for the Coronavirus. There will be no meeting on Wednesday March 18th in the Lounge.

'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/email: paola.cray@wimbledoncollege.org.uk

EDGE HILL PLAYERS

The Edge Hill Players will be holding auditions for their forthcoming production of *Footloose* on Sunday 29 March in the Upper Hall from 10am-5pm. For more information please contact Marie-Claire, marie.claire.lindsay@gmail.com.

SPECIAL EVENSONG

'Seven Last Words from the Cross' on Palm Sunday, 5 April, 6.30-7.30pm, St Mary's, SW19 7BP. As part of Holy Week worship, the choir and the choristers will be giving the premiere of an exciting collection of pieces based on Christ's utterances from the Cross. Seven well established and local composers have been commissioned by the choir for this project. The music will range from the comforting harmonies of Bersweden to the African American gospel style of Burton. Readings & congregational hymns interspersed. Entry free.

COTTAS & CASSOCKS

The time has come again when we need wash & repair all the red cassocks and the cottas, which will be used for the Easter Services. Thank you again to all who helped last time, with many hands they were done in no time. Please will you help this time? If you can wash and iron one

or two of these garments can you contact Sadie Smith on 020 8946 5198 / 07752 831304 or email sadie-smith3@talktalk.net Thank you again!

SACRED HEART CHORUS

Please save the date: Chorus concert on Saturday 13 June at 8pm in aid of SOS!SEN (a charity supporting parents with children who have special needs). A Mendelssohn Evening including *Fingal's Cave Overture*, *Lauda Sion*, *As the Hart Pants*. Workshop on Saturday 4 April from 2-4.30pm, all welcome. For more info please contact Sheena (sheenamacd@btinternet.com) or visit the parish website.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

The Parish Office needs volunteers to man the Reception office on Tuesday and Friday afternoons. If you are interested please contact Thelma in the Parish Office.

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 16 March 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 21 March at St Joseph, New Malden, Montem Rd, starting at 9.30am (-5pm) with Procession of Our Lady, Angelus, Crowning, sung Litany, Mass in honour of Our Lady; Cele-

brant & Preacher: Fr Michael Creech CSsR, sermon on Our Lady by Fr Marcus Holden. All welcome, more info at www adaywithmary.org

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The Catholic Association Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Dioceses of Clifton, East Anglia, Northampton, Southwark with Stonyhurst College and Glanfield Group) under the leadership of Archbishop John Wilson will take place from 21-28 August, flights from London Stansted and Birmingham; for more information and

booking please visit www.catholicassociation.co.uk or www.tangey-tours.com/CA or call 01732 886666

YOUNG ADULTS

On the 2nd April at 7pm in the Youth Room, Brendan Thompson (*Catholic Voices*) will be coming to deliver a talk unpacking the theme of 'The God who speaks'. Food and refreshments will be provided and all young adults aged between 18 - 35 are welcome to join us. Please contact Eleanor for more details: eleanor.bowman@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk

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.

FAMILY CRAFT MORNING

On the 29th March after the 9:45am mass there will be a craft morning for families in the Lower Hall until 12noon following a Lenten Theme. For more information please contact Eleanor.

WEST BARNES SINGERS

You are welcome to join the West Barnes Singers for their Spring Concert (John Rutter's Requiem & works by Charles V. Stanford and Ralph Vaughan-Williams) on Saturday 28 March at 7.30pm at St Paul's Church, Augustus Road, SW19 6EW; tickets £15, children free.

LIVE STREAMING

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

CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

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

* SH School Mass Centre

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 14 6.30pm Breege Syron RIP
Mon 16 7.30am Dced Members of Chale, Makukula Fam.
10.00am Archbishop Peter Smith RIP
Eileen Dooley: Funeral cancelled
6.30pm Samar Staussi
Tue 17 7.30am Kingsley Gunewardena RIP
10.00am Christopher Cooper RIP
6.30pm Francis Burke RIP
Wed 18 7.30am Maureen Byrne RIP
10.00am John Sullivan RIP
6.30pm Win Leadbeater RIP
Thu 19 7.30am Fr Amal (John) Jacob RIP
10.00am Eileen Dooley RIP
6.30pm Bernard Eason RIP
Fri 20 7.30am Thanksgiving St Joseph
10.00am Sagi Talaat Ints.
6.30pm Brian Nangle RIP
Sat 21 7.30am Holy Souls
10.00am Holy Souls

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Patsy Banks, Win Leadbeater, Eileen Dooley, John Sullivan, John Campbell

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Majorie O'Reilly, Margaret Thatcher, Hazel Beckingham, Ellen Mayo, Christopher Cooper, George Shanahan

The sick: Samar Staussi, Harriett Cahill, Olga Herbert, Catherine Gapp, Margaret Tolmie, Peter Kosciolk, Pauline Hearn, Brendan Hollingsworth, 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 £1,618 in loose plate giving and £406 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £2,024. This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 17 March St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland

Wednesday 18 March St Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop and doctor of the Church

Thursday 19 March St Joseph, Spouse of the BVM, Patron of the Universal Church

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

Kyrie: Mass in 3 parts *Byrd*

Ad te levavi Aiblinger

Sanctus: mass XVIII Plainsong

Agnus Dei: *adapted from a Litany by Thomas Tallis*

O Lord, turn not Thy face

John Wilbye

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)]