



THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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NEWS and VIEWS 10

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IN NEED OF PRAYERS

Please pray for those who are sick; We pray for all affected by the Coronavirus and Michael Paice, Samar Staussi, Lisa and Moses Mendoza, Harriett Cahill, Olga Herbert, Catherine Gapp, Margaret Tolmie, Peter Kosciolk, Pauline Hearn, Brendan Hollingsworth, Ian Parr, David Carrier, Maria Keaveney-Jessiman, Annette Wheatley, Paul Jong, Sheila Soodin, Maureen Searle, Kieran Walsh, Paul Saunders, Carol Donnelly, Damji Vadhia, Manjula Topno, Alina Hancock, Lalita Nagar, Cath O'Neill, Andrew Tan, Tom Searle, Donald Derx, Electa Almeida, Philip Chapell, Alec Smith, and Eileen McQuaid.

We pray for those who have died, Peggy Ainscow, Margaret Lumley, Diana Guerrini, Hilda Scanlan, Terry Williams, Colin Simms and all killed by the Coronavirus.

HOSPITAL CONTACTS

If you or a member of your family are admitted to one of the local hospitals do please let the hospital catholic chaplain know. Our main hospital is St Georges and the chaplain Fr Mark Higgins can be contacted on 0208 725 3069.

Funerals:

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| Margaret Lumley | 1 st June 2020 |
| Diana Guerrini | 5 th June 2020 |
| Terry Williams | 9 th June 2020 |
| Hilda Scanlan | 15 th June 2020 |

MUSIC AT THE SUNDAY MASS

The hymns this Sunday will be:

Entrance: Come Holy Ghost No 216

<https://singpraises.net/texts/4109/come-holy-ghost-our-hearts-inspire>

Offertory: Spirit of the living God No 666

<http://ehymnbook.org/CMMS/hymnSong.php?id=pd00025>

Communion: Spirit of God No 664

(Not found on line)

Exit: Mine eyes have seen No 488

<http://adventisthymns.com/lyrics/647-mine-eyes-have-seen-the-glory>

A PRAYER FOR HELP:

This prayer has been written by Diana Maria Clare, relevant for the times. Diana has also written a book of prayers entitled "The listening heart". Copies of the poems are available in the reception when it reopens. I do recommend them for your private reflection and prayer.

Almighty God, in our distress and grief
Help us to remember that you love us
We do not understand
Why this great disaster has happened but help us to trust you
Loving Lord,
For those who have died,
Give them eternal rest
For those who are bereaved,
Comfort and console them
For those who are infected heal and strengthen them
Lord God, enable us to help our suffering brothers and sisters
In whatever way we can
Heavenly Father be with us now and always
Amen

PENTECOST DAY

Lockdown and awaiting the fulfilment of the promise that Jesus made to send his Holy Spirit, Our Lady and the apostles stay together in prayer and in expectation. That is our call too at this time. Though the restrictions imposed are very gradually being withdrawn we are still being encouraged to take great care as we face the danger of the virus together. Remember in taking care of ourselves we are also caring for others especially the most vulnerable in our society. We offer all in prayer to God our Father.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WEST WIMBLEDON

This Sunday 31 May, as part of the Year of the Word, a full day of Bible-based activities was planned to be held at the Sacred Heart for all Merton Christians to share, culminating with an ecumenical service at 6.30pm.

Life is now rather different and, under lockdown, Churches Together in West Wimbledon have used initiative to prepare and share a Pentecost Unity Prayer online.

The prayer is read line by line and in turns by local Christian families of all ages and denominations, Anglican, Methodist, Community, Quaker and Catholic, all coming together in a different way of praying to profess and share their Faith.

Please join in the prayer by opening this link <https://vimeo.com/423947838>

For those who cannot access the internet, the text of the prayer can be read below.

Canon John

Churches Together West Wimbledon - Pentecost Unity Prayer

Gracious God, on this day of Pentecost you call us to make one cloth woven from a variety of traditions and a variety of cultures and we bring before you now the threads we have to offer.

We bring from our traditions the things we treasure and value and the things we could let go, the things that inspire and encourage us, the things which only embarrass us, the things that are gifts to the whole church and things that are stumbling blocks in our pilgrimage together.

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire, strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

So that together the mystery of God enfolds us, the wisdom of God upholds us, the fragrance of God surrounds us, the brightness of God enlightens us, the wonder of God renews us, the love of God flows through us and the peace of God moves within us.

Gracious God, on this day of Pentecost, we pray together as one Church, in the precious name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.