



## THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

### **ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISITING THE CHURCH DURING LOCKDOWN**

Unfortunately, it is not possible to hold public acts of worship, other than funerals, in churches since Thursday 5 November.

However, our church is open at certain times for private prayer and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

There are streamed Masses online (<https://www.churchservices.tv/wimbledon>), but not open to the public in the church, at the times shown below:

#### **MONDAY -FRIDAY**

10am & 6.30pm: live streamed Mass (church closed to parishioners)

10.30am - 12 noon: private prayer with Exposition (church open to all)

#### **SATURDAYS**

10am & 6.30pm: live streamed Mass (church closed to parishioners)

10.30 - 11am: Confessions, the church will be open to parishioners (subject to change in case of any directives from the Diocese)

#### **SUNDAYS**

10am & 8pm: live streamed Mass (church closed to parishioners)

There will be no private prayer or Exposition at weekends.

Funerals can take place in the church, but are limited to 30 people only, they will normally be live streamed.

Any time the church is open, there will be stewards on duty to ensure we observe the COVID safety practices.

For further information please visit the parish website <https://www.sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk> or telephone the Presbytery (020 8946 0305) between 9.30am and 4pm on weekdays. Please note that you should not visit the Presbytery without a prior appointment.

## **VOLUNTEERS**

Thank you to all those who have volunteered to act as stewards to enable the church to be kept open for private prayer. If you would like to help in future, please contact Alison Lobo at [radar1972@hotmail.com](mailto:radar1972@hotmail.com) or call 07711 583 414.

## **CALLING ALL THOSE ON FACEBOOK AND TWITTER**

The Parish now has a Facebook Page and Twitter account. We warmly invite you to 'like us' on <https://www.facebook.com/sacredheartwimbledon> and follow us on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/SHWimbledon>. During this period, we'll be using these platforms, in addition to *News & Views*, to post information about Masses, parish groups and other news. We also have a Parish Facebook Group, [www.facebook.com/groups/221586015725496/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/221586015725496/) where you can share anything that has encouraged you spiritually, prayer needs or questions with fellow parishioners.

## **NEWS AND VIEWS**

If you wish to include items into the weekly *News and Views*, please send them to [newsletter@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk) by Tuesday at the latest for inclusion for the following weekend. The *News and Views* will be sent out on Friday.

## **HYMNS FOR THE 10AM STREAMED MASS THIS SUNDAY**

Please find below the links for the words to the hymns at the 10am streamed Mass this Sunday:

Entrance Hymn: Praise My Soul the King of Heaven

[https://www.jubilate.co.uk/songs/praise\\_my\\_soul\\_the\\_king\\_of\\_heaven\\_peacock\\_arrangement](https://www.jubilate.co.uk/songs/praise_my_soul_the_king_of_heaven_peacock_arrangement)

Offertory Hymn: Blessed are you Lord

<https://catholico.wordpress.com/2015/05/19/blessed-are-you-lord-god-of-all-creation-hymn/>

Recessional Hymn: Our God Reigns

<http://www.christianwebresources.co.uk/hymns/hymn/129/>

## **IN NEED OF PRAYERS**

Please pray for those who are sick, Kim Perrot McGroaty, Simon Wood, Pamela Hannigan, Samar Staussi, David Carrier, Oscar Carrier-Sippy, John Clancy, Mary Razvi, Andrew Tan, Ian Parr, Harriette Cahill and Paul Saunders.

We pray for those who have died recently, and all who have died due to the effects of the Coronavirus, Maureen Kelleher, Maria Rynsaard, Davy Kenny, Dr Maryann Barone-Chapman, David Fyfe, Paul Jong and Cecilia Wiggins.

We remember all whose anniversary occurs at this time: Veronica Mirandah, Mary Henderson, Lady Jeanette Brandon and Marie Josephine Nyunt.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

The funeral Mass for Cecilia Wiggins will be celebrated on Tuesday 24 November at 12.30pm.

### **ADVENT AT HOME**

For families of the parish, Eleanor has created a reflection and activity booklet to help guide you through Advent. To receive yours, please contact Eleanor at [eleanor.bowman@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](mailto:eleanor.bowman@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk) by Tuesday 24 November so that they can be posted out in time for the first Sunday of Advent.

### **YOUTH MINISTRY**

*Mustard Seeds*: During this second lockdown, at 11am on Sundays there will be a short session led by Eleanor (Youth Minister) unpacking the week's Gospel message for families particularly with children in primary school. For more information and Zoom details please email Eleanor ([eleanor.bowman@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](mailto:eleanor.bowman@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk)).

### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

While it seems Children's Liturgy will not resume in person for some time, we have found an alternative resource for parents to use with their children from home. CAFOD have produced a virtual Children's Liturgy which can be accessed via their website or the following link: <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>

### **BLESSING OF THE GRAVES**

On Sunday 29 November there will be a blessing of the graves at 3pm at Garth Road Cemetery (the actual cemetery, not the cemetery with the nearby crematorium). Canon John and Fr Joseph will bless the graves. There will be no communal prayer. They will go to each grave and give a blessing. There should be no more than 5 people at each grave.

### **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**

The R.C.I.A. journey is on-going and we welcome anyone who would like to join us. Please get in touch with Sr Dorothy in the parish (020 8946 0305 or [dorothyperrott@aol.com](mailto:dorothyperrott@aol.com)), see also the Sacred Heart Parish website for more information.

## **PARISH BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT**

The Parish Bereavement Support offers individual (confidential) support by appointment to ANYONE who is experiencing the pain of bereavement, irrespective of when or where the bereavement took place. Grief is a particular isolating experience that can affect all aspects of your life, physically, emotionally and socially, there are so many kinds of grieving. We are here for you. Sadly, during these difficult times, we are restricted to support by telephone. But you are very welcome to talk to one of our trained group members for a friendly conversation, to help you to cope with your sadness.

This group has been working in the Parish since 2012.

Please feel very welcome to contact us at any time – call Sadie Smith 020 8946 5198 or email [sadiesmith3@talktalk.net](mailto:sadiesmith3@talktalk.net).

## **CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2020**

Sadly, we cannot provide a Parish Christmas Lunch this year. We will, however, deliver a Christmas Lunch to those living in the Wimbledon and Raynes Park area who will be on their own this Christmas.

If you know anyone who would benefit from a delivery or you are in a position to share your own Christmas Lunch with someone in need, please contact Sadie Smith (020 8946 5198, or [sadiesmith3@talktalk.net](mailto:sadiesmith3@talktalk.net)).

As we are unable to provide the comfort of our Parish Hall, nor a festive feast, nor the kind joyfulness of our volunteers, we want to do as much as we can for those we are reaching out to. Unfortunately, this will be more expensive than our traditional Christmas Lunch in the past. If you would like to support us and make a donation, it would be greatly appreciated. Cheques can be sent to The Sacred Heart Presbytery (postal address Edge Hill, SW19 4LU) payable to Sacred Heart Parish (please write 'Christmas Lunch' on the back of it). Bank transfers can be made to:

Account name: SACRED HRT COVENNT, Sort Code: 60-24-07, Account no: 33138672 (please reference: “Christmas Lunch” to avoid confusion)

We are very grateful for any kind of support!

## **HOSPITAL CONTACTS**

If you or a member of your family are admitted to one of the local hospitals, do please let the hospital's Catholic chaplain know. Our main hospital is St George's, and the chaplain Fr Mark Higgins can be contacted on 020 8725 3069. The contact number for Fr Philip Pak, chaplain at St Heliers and Epsom Hospital, is 020 8296 2000; for Fr Tony Oleh, chaplain at Kingston Hospital, it is 020 8546 7711.

## **FAMILIES IN NEED**

If you are in need of help or know of a family who is in need, please contact The Sacred Heart Conference of St Vincent de Paul, in confidence, either through the website

[https://www.sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/Groups/290592/SVP\\_The\\_Society.aspx](https://www.sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/Groups/290592/SVP_The_Society.aspx) or phone the Presbytery 020 8946 0305 and ask to be put in touch with SVP.

## **EDGE HILL PLAYERS**

*Edge Hill Players* are presenting a streamed Christmas entertainment from mid-December for parishioners to view on YouTube over the Christmas period. It will be an upbeat collection of Christmas carols and songs, together with cracker jokes, Christmas preparations etc., all in Christmassy costumes. We are also planning Zoom excerpts (in costume) of *A Christmas Carol*, and Dancers from Sacred Heart School.

There will be a family feel, with five talented families singing in groups, to remind us of the family ethos of Christmas. Children will feature, as it is very much their time of year. We will light the Advent candles one by one through the show. We hope the moving finale will be Katy Lees singing *O Holy Night* in the church to the accompaniment of the organ and the parish choir (socially distanced).

Ideas for Christmas preparation videos, which will appear between the main items, are: cracker pulling, present wrapping, present opening, card writing, Christmas decorating, mulled wine prepping, cake mixing, cake icing and wreath making.

The link to the final show will be on the *Edge Hill Players* website. Contributions must be submitted by Friday 4 December. The final show will be available from 7pm on Friday 18 December.

## **WEST BARNES SINGERS**

Over the years many parishioners have sung with the *West Barnes Singers* or attended their concerts. WBS is a local choir that normally meets in Holy Cross Hall in Motspur Park.

It is a friendly choir and you do not need an audition to join. Music is provided. Members vary as to how much experience they have reading music, but all are encouraged to learn as they go along, aided by practice discs.

We normally put on three concerts a year. Our repertoire ranges from major works such as the *Messiah*, *Elijah* and *The Creation*, to lighter programmes in the summer, such as songs from the shows, Gilbert and Sullivan and gospel music.

In February 2020 we once again performed at Merton SingFest, which was a very enjoyable opportunity to meet with and listen to other choirs who sing in and around the borough. Also, each year in December we sing carols in Centre Court when we make a collection for a charity, in 2019 for the local charity Christian Care.

Sadly, COVID-19 forced us to cancel our concerts in March and June 2020. In September we resumed meeting, but on Zoom, and have been learning a Mozart Mass, and we hope to meet to sing it together before too long.

If you are interested to hear more about *West Barnes Singers'* concerts, other activities,

and maybe thinking of coming along to sing you will find information on [www.westbarnessingers.co.uk](http://www.westbarnessingers.co.uk) and our Facebook page, Twitter @wbarnessingers or email [abwarner29@gmail.com](mailto:abwarner29@gmail.com).

## **ONLINE CHRISTMAS MARKETS**

The joyous Christmas season is approaching! The season that is filled with love, family and, most importantly, God.

This year, Sisters from the St. Elisabeth Convent (Minsk, Belarus) are unable to participate in annual Christmas markets in our region due to travel restrictions. Nevertheless, they have found a great way to spread the Christmas joy and are launching an online Christmas Market this year, so that people from all over the world can purchase Christmas presents and souvenirs made with love and continuous prayer (<https://catalog.obitel-minsk.com/christmas-market>). Through purchasing beautiful Christmas gifts each one of us will be able to serve the poor, sick, homeless and lonely people. Because every item purchased at the online Market is a donation towards one of the Convent's ministries.

### Macmillan Fair Online

As the Macmillan Christmas Fair can't be held in the normal way this year, you might be interested to know that an online fair with *Brilliant Little Brands* as host will be held instead.

BLB is a new website set up in order to give an outlet to those small businesses who can no longer attend fairs and house sales. They have recently upgraded the site to that of a market place, i.e. like *Amazon* and *Not on the High Street*, so you are able to purchase multiple items from different 'stalls' in one shopping trolley.

What makes this different to those online giants is that BLB give 10% of every sale to charity - just as they would at the fairs, they wish they were able to attend. No codes to enter, it's brilliantly set up as the site gives the 10% to the fair you attend. The Macmillan Fair is open and may be found at [www.brilliantlittlebrands.com/mertonmacmillan](http://www.brilliantlittlebrands.com/mertonmacmillan). If you wish to make a donation you can find a *Donate* button on the fair home page or alternatively visit <https://macmillan-org.enthuse.com/merton/profile>

Thank you for supporting this good cause!

## **SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, Burlington Road is conducting 1:1 bespoke tours and open mornings each week in November and December. They would be delighted to welcome you to their Outstanding Catholic school (S48 inspection). Please contact them on 020 8942 0215 or [school@sacredheart.merton.sch.uk](mailto:school@sacredheart.merton.sch.uk) or visit <https://www.sacredheart.merton.sch.uk/open-mornings/>

## **PARISH SAFEGUARDING TEAM**

Please find a document with a message from the Parish Safeguarding Team attached to this week's *News and Views* mailouts.

## **THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO**

In this difficult time of the COVID pandemic, a lot of very good things have been happening across the parish and we want to thank all the kind and selfless people, and celebrate those who have been helping and supporting others in so many ways since the first lockdown started eight long months ago in March.

Every blessing on you all.

**Canon John**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (A)

This Sunday's Readings

Ezk 34:11-12.15-17

Ps 22:1-3.5-6

1 Cor 15:20-26.28

Matthew 25:31-46

Thirty-fourth week in Ordinary Time, psalter week 2