



## THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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### NEWS and VIEWS 3/21

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) Vol I psalter week 3

This Sunday's Readings:

Jonah 3:1-5.10

Psalm 24:4-9

1 Cor 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

### MESSAGE FROM CANON JOHN

In view of the continuing seriousness of the public health situation and the advice to stay at home, the church will not re-open for public masses this week. This is not a decision that we have taken lightly. I recognise the distress that this will cause and would urge all of you to see this as a limited period of sacrifice to protect the lives and the health of others. This decision will continue to be reviewed on a weekly basis.

Whilst we are unable to come together in person, we can still join together spiritually via the live-streamed Masses. Masses will be streamed daily through

<https://www.churchservices.tv/wimbledon> as follows:

Sundays: 10am and 8pm

Weekdays including Saturdays: 10am and 6.30pm

For those without internet access, the Diocese of Middlesbrough offers a Catholic Mass-by-phone service. To take part, call 01642 130120 (calls are charged at a local rate).

The church will also continue to open for private prayer every weekday between 10.30am - 12 noon and for Reconciliation between 10.30-11.30am on Saturday morning.

Subject to a review of the latest situation regarding the virus towards the end of next week, it is our intention to re-open the church for public Masses on weekdays (Monday to Friday) from 1 February, with a range of additional safety measures in place.

An Act of Spiritual Communion can help us when we follow Mass online and ask for Our Lord's guidance by offering prayers like this one written by St. Alphonsus Liguori in the 18th century:

My Jesus,  
I believe that You are present in the most Blessed Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You.  
*Amen*

### **ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISITING THE CHURCH**

Any time the church is open, there will be stewards on duty to ensure we observe the COVID-safety practices. Parishioners are asked to wear face masks when entering the church. Please bring your completed Track and Trace form with you. Alternatively, download the NHS COVID-19 app and scan it (scanning codes are on the pillars by the rear tables).

For everyone's safety, please follow the guidelines and be respectful of our stewards and their role in keeping the church open. Please keep a safe distance of 2 metre, use hand gel on entry and (unless exempt) wear a face mask.

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 only contact the office by phone or email and not visit the Presbytery during this new period of lockdown.

### **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, please contact Alison Lobo at [radar1972@hotmail.com](mailto:radar1972@hotmail.com) or call 07711 583 414.

### **IN NEED OF PRAYERS**

Please pray for those who are sick, Justin Pedler, Maria Moniz, Kim Perrot McGroaty, Simon Wood, Pamela Hannigan, Samar Staussi, David Carrier, Oscar Carrier-Sippy, John Clancy, 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, Kathleen Wharton, Carol Donnelly, Sister Charmain Bourbon - Daughter of the Heart of Mary, Claire Riberio, Joan Irene Desbruslais, Lilly Auza-Coloma and Michael Paice.

We remember all whose anniversary occurs at this time: Sean Murphy, Andrew Lawrence, Ewa Hryniewicz, Cyril Williams and Margaret Moran.

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

### **PARISH STAFFING**

Due to the difficult financial situation the parish is faced with, the Parish has had to reduce Parish staffing. Unfortunately, as a result, Kelly Hockey will be leaving us as the Adult Faith Coordinator from 15 January 2021 to focus on her new role as a key worker. Though no longer a paid employee, Kelly will, however, remain a parishioner and wishes to remain involved in parish life. We are delighted that we will not be losing Kelly entirely and wish her our very best wishes and prayers for the future. If anyone wants to get in touch with Kelly, they can do so via [kellyhockey@protonmail.com](mailto:kellyhockey@protonmail.com). Her parish email address will no longer be in use.

### **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

Registration for this year's First Holy Communion and Confirmation programmes is now open. To register please visit the parish website. The pages can be found under the 'Faith and Sacraments' tab and all the information for how this year's programmes will look in light of COVID-19 can be found here. Registration will close on the evening of Sunday 31 January.

### **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).

### **YEAR OF ST JOSEPH**

On the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 8 December 2020, the Holy Father announced that a *Year of Saint Joseph* was to begin that same day to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the proclamation of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church by Blessed Pope Pius IX in 1870. In a new Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris Corde (With a Father's Heart)*, Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows. See: <http://www.vatican>.

[va/content/francesco/en/apost\\_letters/documents/papafrancesco-lettera-ap\\_20201208\\_patris-corde.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papafrancesco-lettera-ap_20201208_patris-corde.html)

The Holy Father wrote *Patris Corde* against the backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of ‘ordinary’ people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble Saint Joseph, ‘*the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence*’ who nonetheless played ‘*an incomparable role in the history of salvation*’. More information about the Year of St Joseph and a link to the Apostolic Letter can be found at the Bishops’ Conference website: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/year-of-st-joseph/>

## **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2021**

18 - 25 January *Abiding in Christ*

The *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity* in 2021 has been prepared by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland. The theme that was chosen, ‘*Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit*’, is based on John 15:1-17 and expresses Grandchamp Community’s vocation to prayer, reconciliation and unity in the Church and the human family. Resources are provided by the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and are available on the Vatican website: [http://www.christianunity.va/content/unita\\_cristiani/en/settimana-di-preghiera-per-l-unita.html](http://www.christianunity.va/content/unita_cristiani/en/settimana-di-preghiera-per-l-unita.html)

Resources are also available on the Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI) website: [www.ctbi.org.uk](http://www.ctbi.org.uk) ; hymns can be accessed and heard on the website of the Community of Grandchamp: [www.grandchamp.org](http://www.grandchamp.org). You can also listen to their common prayer online every day at: [www.grandchamp.org/prier-avec-nous](http://www.grandchamp.org/prier-avec-nous).

Prayer (which will be said at Masses during the *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*)

Jesus Christ,  
you seek us, you wish to offer us your friendship  
and lead us to a life that is ever more complete.  
Grant us the confidence to answer your call  
so that we may be transformed  
and become witnesses of your tenderness for the world.

## **COVID-19 VACCINATIONS**

There has been some uncertainty within the Catholic community with respect to vaccinations for COVID-19. It is very important that the pastoral counsel we offer our people accurately reflects the Church’s moral teaching and tradition which affirms that such vaccinations are morally licit. This is articulated in the most recent statements by the Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/health-social-care/coronavirus-guidelines/update-on-covid-19-and-vaccination/> and the Vatican [http://www.vatican.va/roman\\_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc\\_con\\_cfaith\\_doc\\_20201221\\_nota-vaccini-anticovid\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc_20201221_nota-vaccini-anticovid_en.html)

## **SPECIAL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) VACCINE Q&A**

With multiple Coronavirus vaccinations being rolled out, it feels as though we are finally nearing the end of this long COVID-19 journey. However, with so much misinformation surrounding the vaccines, Wimbledon Guild has invited NHS South West London (Merton) to join us for a Special Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine Q&A. The NHS Patient and Public Engagement Manager and a Clinician will give an update on the vaccine rollout. There will also be a 'Question and Answer' session, where they will address any questions or concerns you may have about the vaccine. Questions can be submitted in advance if you prefer, please email them to [activities@wimbledonguild.co.uk](mailto:activities@wimbledonguild.co.uk).

So that as many people as possible can attend, there are two dates for the talks:

Thursday 28 January, 11am - 12 noon, Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86210486349?pwd=a2NSRVhBTTdTYWJ2cDJuN-jJuaG5uQT09>

Meeting ID: 862 1048 6349 Passcode: 941733

Tuesday 2 February, 3 - 4pm, Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/94732213232?pwd=TVE2UndGU2ZsbE9qK1pvN2YwVIIvUT09>

Meeting ID: 947 3221 3232 Passcode: 232131

## **SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL – APPEAL**

Our Sacred Heart Conference helps local people in need, irrespective of their beliefs. Funds are now depleted and we are appealing to the generosity of parishioners to enable us to respond to needs. It is always difficult to project what calls may be made, but we would like to raise £3,000 to cover anticipated demands over the next 12 months. With the closure of the church, we are not in a position to accept cash donations but we have set up a Just Giving page where you can donate with gift aid. Please visit <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sacred-heart-svp-conference-a190704-wimbledon>.

Alternatively, you can donate by bank transfer to NatWest A190704 Sacred Heart Wimbledon, Sort code: 60-60-04, Account: 46080244. Please give your surname as a reference. Gift aid declarations can be downloaded from here <https://www.sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/Publisher/File.aspx?ID=274000> and emailed to [treasurer190704@svp.org.uk](mailto:treasurer190704@svp.org.uk)

Thank you for your support and please let us know of anyone who may need our help by contacting the parish office 020 8946 0305 or by email [presidentA190704@svp.org.uk](mailto:presidentA190704@svp.org.uk). All requests are dealt with in strict confidence.

## **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.

Fr Tony Oleh is chaplain at Kingston Hospital and can be contacted on 020 8546 7711.

## **VACANCIES**

The Holy Cross School: There is currently a vacancy for a Clerk to the Governing Body at the Holy Cross School, New Malden; part-time, permanent, to start on 16 April 2021. To apply, please visit the school's website where you can view the job description for the post ([www.holycross.kingston.sch.uk](http://www.holycross.kingston.sch.uk)) and download a CES Support Staff application form. Please refer to the 'Notes to Applicants' document when completing your application to ensure all required forms are submitted. Please send your completed application form to Mrs Silvana Saragosa-Voysey, Headteacher's PA ([apply@holycross.kingston.sch.uk](mailto:apply@holycross.kingston.sch.uk)). For any questions related to this position, please contact Anna-Marie Boyd, Chair of Governors ([chairofgovernors@holycross.kingston.sch.uk](mailto:chairofgovernors@holycross.kingston.sch.uk)). Closing date: 9am Wednesday 27 January 2021.

Christian Care Merton: They are currently looking for a volunteer Family Support Coordinator to follow the present coordinator who will be leaving at Easter. For more details, please visit <https://christiancaremerton.org.uk> and/or contact [gillian.thick@christiancaremerton.org.uk](mailto:gillian.thick@christiancaremerton.org.uk) or call 07932 628 840.

Every blessing on you all.

**Canon John**