



## THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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### NEWS and VIEWS 7/21

**21 FEBRUARY 2021**

First week of Lent Vol II psalter week 1

This Sunday's Readings:

Genesis 9:8-15

Psalm 24:4-9

1 Pt 3:18-22

Mark 1:12-15

### OPENING OF THE CHURCH

The church is open to welcome you on weekdays for Mass at 10am and 6.30pm and from 10.30am - 12noon for private prayer.

Please note that on days when funeral Masses are celebrated at 11.30am, private prayer will close at 11.10am.

Sunday Masses will be the Vigil Mass on Saturday evening at 6.30pm and on Sunday Masses at 10am, 12noon, 5pm and 8pm.

Confessions are available on Saturdays 10.30 - 11.30pm and 6 - 6.20pm.

The Sunday obligation remains suspended, so some parishioners may prefer to attend a quieter weekday Mass than a Sunday Mass. Masses will also continue to be live-streamed daily through <https://www.churchservices.tv/wimbledon> as follows:

Sundays: 10am and 8pm Weekdays including Saturdays: 10am and 6.30pm

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*Unfortunately, the internet in the parish office is out of action which means that the priests and staff in the Presbytery do not have access to their terminals and cannot communicate by email; also, the streaming of Masses is suspended. This is a local issue and not the responsibility of Churchservices.*

*It may be some days before all facilities are restored but we are hoping to provide the streaming for Masses on a temporary basis.*

*Thelma D'Costa will be able to pick up emails through her mobile phone but our ability to respond will be very limited.*

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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).

## **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 (unless exempt) and use hand gel 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.

For further information please visit the parish website <https://www.sacredheartwimbleton.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 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, Catherine Gatt, Patricia Codd, Jim Tait, Justin Pedler, Maria Moniz, Kim Perrot McGroaty, Simon Wood, Pamela Hannigan, Samar Staussi, David Carrier, Oscar Carrier-Sippy, 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, Herold Codd, Winifred Bogt, Helena Chadwick, John Clancy, Ernesto Colicci, Caroline Gray, Mary Sheehan, Monica Clark, Maria Jessiman, Liam Gallagher, Patricia Wilbraham, Carol Donnelly and Kathleen Wharton.

We remember all whose anniversary occurs at this time: Henry Galligan, Patricia Fyfe, June Stroud, Caitlyn Blount, Agnes Almeida, Fr Stephen Hayward SJ, Eilish Healy, Eileen Hernandez, William Maher, Paula Diggle and Mary Stables .

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

Funeral Masses will be celebrated as follows:

Mass for Maria Jessiman on Monday 22 February at 11.30am

Mass for Liam Gallagher on Thursday 25 February at 11.30am

Mass for Ernesto Colicci on Thursday 25 February at 1.15pm

Mass for John Clancy on Tuesday 2 March at 12.30pm

Mass for Patricia Wilbraham on Friday 5 March at 11.30am

## **EDGEWAYS**

February Edgeways is now available for download:

[https://www.icloud.com/iclouddrive/0q07goBU98AQNqIw2JDYI1p5w#Edgeways\\_February\\_2021](https://www.icloud.com/iclouddrive/0q07goBU98AQNqIw2JDYI1p5w#Edgeways_February_2021)

### **A SHARED PARISH JOURNEY THROUGH LENT**

This week's daily Lent reflections, prepared by parishioners for parishioners, are attached. If you would like to receive these in a daily email, please contact [nbrenninkmeijer@gmail.com](mailto:nbrenninkmeijer@gmail.com). The parish office can also arrange to send out paper copies for anyone without internet access.

Thank you to everyone who has already shared their reflections. If you would still like to contribute, it is not too late! Please contact Sarah Tobin ([sarah.tobin@btconnect.com](mailto:sarah.tobin@btconnect.com)) or Eleanor Bowman ([eleanor.bowman@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](mailto:eleanor.bowman@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk)) or Sr Dorothy ([dorothyperrott@aol.com](mailto:dorothyperrott@aol.com)) or the Parish Office. Possible ideas are below, but you are invited to share what is important to you this Lent.

- If I could take only one thing – a prayer, a reading, an image, a question, a piece of music or anything else - with me on my journey through Lent, what would it be?
- What does Lent mean for me? What do I plan to do differently this Lent? What is particularly on my mind as I begin Lent this year?

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

We are invited to pray and meditate on Christ's passion when we visit the Stations of the Cross in our church every Wednesday and Friday of Lent after the 6.30pm Mass.

### **LENT DISCUSSION GROUP - via Zoom**

Sometimes isolation which is different from solitude wears us down. If you long for spiritual companionship to speak about God, the scriptures and prayer etc. – sometimes not easy to do even with our loved ones. Why not use this time of Lent to share with others in a very gentle way your thoughts and doubts by joining in some short Zoom conversations? If you are interested in meeting via Zoom to discuss and pray together during Lent, please contact Sadie Smith ([sadiesmith3@talktalk.net](mailto:sadiesmith3@talktalk.net)).

### **EXPLORING POPE FRANCIS' *LAUDATO SI'***

As we prepare for Lent, and as the UK prepares to host a major UN climate summit later this year, The Newman Society and Environment Group have invited Dr Peter Coughlan to discuss Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical on care for our common home, widely known as *Laudato si'*, on Tuesday 16 March at 7pm. Dr Coughlan has recently given seminars on the Second Vatican Council and on the pontificate of Pope Francis at the Mary Beaufort Institute in Cambridge. Please contact [sarah.tobin@btconnect.com](mailto:sarah.tobin@btconnect.com) if you would like to attend this online event.

## SYCAMORE LENT SERIES

*Sycamore* is an informal course about Christian faith and its relevance for life today. It gives you space to meet other people, share ideas, explore your beliefs and think about questions that really matter. Sessions are held on Thursdays during Lent from 7.30 - 8.45pm and will be facilitated over Zoom. Please contact Eleanor at [eleanor.bowman@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](mailto:eleanor.bowman@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk) to receive the Zoom Link.

## CREATIVE WRITING FOR LENT

Take a moment out to find your own way to reflect and pray using the power of creative writing. A relaxed and peaceful 45-minute session for anyone and everyone on Saturdays at 2.30pm starting 20 February! You are welcome to drop in for just one session or to come every week. Please contact Anne Waldron [anne@annewaldron.com](mailto:anne@annewaldron.com) for a Zoom link.

## DAILY ROSARY PRAYER

‘We would like to invite anyone that is interested to join a daily rosary prayer via WhatsApp. We send a message out every morning at 6am with a small heart to invite anyone who would like to join in saying the rosary. You can say it any time during the day and you can share any reflections or links to help others with this powerful prayer.’ If you would like to be added to the group please contact Rachel on 07926 268 403.

## CELEBRATING NATURE IN ART

Join art historian Julie Trinkler Burt on Friday 5 March at 8pm for a colourful and lively exploration of art and artists inspired by the wonders of our natural world. Julie is an art historian who runs ‘*Gallery Talks*’ and has been teaching art history in museums and galleries in London and Florence over the last ten years and in recent months giving weekly Zoom Gallery talks. Please contact [sarah.tobin@btconnect.com](mailto:sarah.tobin@btconnect.com) if you would like to attend this online event.

## RETREAT FOR LENT

Archbishop John and the Diocesan Spirituality Commission are offering a Retreat for Lent, which you can follow in your own home.

Using the link below, you can watch a short video reflection each week, download prayer materials and other resources which can help you make the best use of whatever time and opportunity you may have during your week.

If you are looking for a way to deepen your life of prayer this Lent, click on <http://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/followme> where you can also sign up to receive materials directly to your email.

## **TRAIDCRAFT SPRING CATALOGUE**

As *Traidcraft* Fair Trade goods can't be sold directly, please visit the *Traidcraft* website ([www.traidcraftshop.co.uk](http://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk)) to see what they have to offer. Much of the stock is not only fair trade, but organic, and buying from them helps producers in poor countries to make a decent living. New stock includes the Real Easter Eggs and other Easter gifts.

## **HEART PROJECT - HOUSE WANTED!**

We are once again asking for your help to look for a 3-4-bedroom house to rent (approx. £1650pcm to match the level of capped benefits for a family of five living in this area of London) as our community application to sponsor a Syrian refugee family, the *Heart Project*, was approved in principle by Merton Council & by the Home Office. Approvals are subject to finding a suitable house, preferably near to the Sacred Heart Primary School in Burlington Road SW20 that has available places in all year groups. When we have a house, we will be matched with a refugee family. If you can help or advise us in this search, please email David at [dthurst52@gmail.com](mailto:dthurst52@gmail.com). Thank you!

## **CAFOD LENT APPEAL 2021**

The coronavirus pandemic has shown how important it is to have access to clean, safe water. During these challenging times, your donation to CAFOD's Lent Appeal is needed more than ever. With your donations CAFOD can reach out to communities around the world to help them thrive even in the most difficult environments. Whether you donate, download prayers or want to get involved with CAFOD in another way, you are helping CAFOD ensure that no one is beyond reach of the love and care they need, please visit <https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-CAFOD/Lent-Appeal> for more information.

## **MARRIAGE CARE**

*Marriage Care* with their dedicated relationship support services can be accessed online.

**Marriage Preparation:** Engaged couples can now easily join live, facilitated, marriage preparation courses via Zoom. Group courses called '*Preparing Together*' which have received an Imprimatur from Cardinal Vincent Nichols are provided, and *FOCCUS* - a tailored questionnaire-based marriage preparation service for couples who wish to explore their own unique relationship in more depth. Courses are approved for marriage preparation in the Catholic Church. For more information and booking please visit <https://www.marriagecare.org.uk>.

**Relationship Counselling:** Parishioners are encouraged to seek support if they are experiencing relationship distress. *Marriage Care*'s professional relationship counselling service is provided on a donation-only basis and seeking help at whatever stage can make a real difference. You can find out more and book counselling sessions <https://www.marriagecare.org.uk/how-we-help/relationship-counselling/>.

## **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.

Every blessing on you all.

**Canon John**