



THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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NEWS and VIEWS 8/21

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Second week of Lent Vol II psalter week 2

This Sunday's Readings:

Genesis 22:1-2.9-13.15-18

Psalms 115:10.15-19

Romans 8:31-34

Mark 9:2-10

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

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 or call 07711 583 414.

IN NEED OF PRAYERS

Please pray for those who are sick, Patricia Small, Catherine Gap, Patricia Codd, Jim Tait, Justin Pedler, Maria Moniz, 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, Kim Perrot McGroaty, Herold Codd, Winifred Bogt, Helena Chadwick, John Clancy, Caroline Gray, Mary Sheehan, Patricia Wilbraham, Carol Donnelly and Kathleen Wharton.

We remember all whose anniversary occurs at this time: Alice Kehoe, Margherita Opacic, Louis Salole, Pauline Spooner, Joy Thimont, Maureen Denney, Tony Atkinson and Michael Wiggins.

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 John Clancy on Tuesday 2 March at 12.30pm

Mass for Patricia Wilbraham on Friday 5 March at 11.30am

A SHARED PARISH JOURNEY THROUGH LENT

This week's daily Lent reflections, prepared by parishioners for parishioners, are attached. If you would like to share your own reflection please email sarah.tobin@btconnect.com or eleanor.bowman@sacredheartwimbleton.org.uk for more info.

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.

For those who are unable to visit the church please find possible mediations on the Stations of the Cross below:

1. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PwPZzvP-QXc> (outdoor statues depicting the stations)
2. www.youtube.com/watch?v=0bRntdgBDIA (Sacred Heart Edinburgh)
3. <https://stpetersrcchurchedinburgh.org.uk/prayer-skills/stations-of-the-cross/> (includes references to Bosnia, the murder of Archbishop Oscar Romero, Eva Peron)
4. <https://uk.video.search.yahoo.com/yhs/search?fr=yhs-Lkry-SF3&hsimp=yhs-SF3&hspart=Lkry&p=stations+of+the+cross+on+youtube#id=4&vid=f5d15d03416fa31544a1a4d15c871362&action=view> (filmed in 2020 and focused on pandemic)
5. www.youtube.com/watch?v=iEIVGC1WsbM (by St Alphonsus Liguori - traditional)
6. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nxUTl7yBt7E> (led by Pope Francis & featuring meditations written by prisoners)
7. www.youtube.com/watch?v=oN7hY2mctis
8. <https://www.jesuit.org.uk/stations-cross> (readings for each station written by highly regarded theologian, but no visuals)

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.

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 to receive the Zoom link.

CELEBRATING NATURE IN ART

On Friday 5 March at 8pm, the Parish Environment Group is hosting a Zoom talk by art historian Julie Trinkler Burt, who invites us to share a vibrant exploration of artworks inspired by the wonders of our natural world. Please contact sarah.tobin@btconnect.com for the Zoom link.

LENT DISCUSSION GROUP - via Zoom

Lent discussion group – via Zoom has been formed to meet on a weekly basis to share scripture and prayer. For more details contact Sadie Smith (sadiesmith3@talktalk.net).

EXPLORING POPE FRANCIS' *LAUDATO SI'*

Ahead of this year's crucial UN conference on climate change, in Glasgow, the Newman Society and Environment Group have invited Dr Peter Coughlan to discuss Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical on care for our common home on Tuesday 16 March at 7pm. Dr Coughlan has given seminars at the Margaret Beaufort Institute in Cambridge and Heythrop College, London. Please contact sarah.tobin@btconnect.com for the Zoom link.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year's Women's World Day of Prayer, an international ecumenical Christian lay-women's initiative which is run under the motto '*Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action*', is celebrated in over 170 countries on Friday 5 March. To find out more about this year's day of prayer, services that will be held and livestreamed and resources to download please visit www.wwdp.org.uk.

TRAIDCRAFT SPRING CATALOGUE

As *Traidcraft* Fair Trade goods can't be sold directly, please visit the *Traidcraft* website (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.

EASTER CHEER

In preparation of Easter, we have come up with a couple of ideas to help parishioners celebrate Easter this year and to create an opportunity to connect in some way, in a safe socially distanced manner, outside our beautiful church.

We will update you on our planned activities in *News & Views* closer to the date.

EASTER TREAT

We are planning to deliver a small Easter treat to those still unable to attend Mass and who may be on their own at Easter. If you would appreciate a visit on Easter Sunday from a friendly face with some Easter goodies, or if you know anybody who would, then please do get in touch.

If you would like to get involved, we would love to hear from you, too.

Please contact Louise Cooper ([07872 665 947](tel:07872665947) or louise@ginghamhearts.co.uk) or Ben Smith (ben.0000@live.co.uk)

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. Thank you!

CAFOD LENT APPEAL 2021

Envelopes for CAFOD's Lent appeal are now available at the back of the church. Please visit <https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-CAFOD/Lent-Appeal> for more information about CAFOD's appeal.

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