



THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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This Sunday's Readings:

Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm 18:8-11

1 Cor 1:22-25

John 2:13-25

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.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 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 Mass and private prayer. If you would like to help, please contact Alison Lobo at radar1972@hotmail.com or call 07711 583 414.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

All services from Maundy Thursday to Easter Day will be by pre-booked ticket. There will be overflow capacity in the halls with streamed services and distribution of Holy Communion and Veneration of the Cross on Good Friday. Streaming will also be available by logging on to www.churchservices.tv/wimbledon.

Bookings for tickets will open on 15 March from 11am.

Earlier applications will not be processed. The best way to book is through the parish website. If you are not already registered (if you receive *News and Views* via email, you are!) then you are advised to do so before the bookings open giving your contact details including postal address. After the bookings have opened you will only be able to book through temporary registration.

IN NEED OF PRAYERS

Please pray for those who are sick, Patricia Small, Catherine Gap, Patricia Codd, 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, Remo Dipre, Kim Perrot McGroaty, Herold Codd, Winifred (Ruth) Bogt, Helena Chadwick, Caroline Gray, Mary Sheehan and Kathleen Wharton.

We remember all whose anniversary occurs at this time: Archbishop Peter Smith, Eugene Byrne, Peter Barry and John Patrick Pieroni.

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

The Funeral Mass for Caroline Gray will be celebrated on Friday 12 March at 12noon.

A SHARED PARISH JOURNEY THROUGH LENT

DAILY REFLECTIONS FOR LENT

This week's daily Lent reflections, prepared by parishioners for parishioners, are attached. If you would like to share your own reflection, it's not too late! Please email sarah.tobin@btconnect.com or eleanor.bowman@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk for more information.

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

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).

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.

LAUDATO SI' AND THE 2021 UN CLIMATE TALKS IN GLASGOW

Would you like to know more about Pope Francis' message in the encyclical *Laudato Si'* - on care for our common home? What led to his 'ecological conversion'? How it relates to the upcoming UN Climate Summit? Dr Peter Coughlan will be reflecting on these questions and more in a joint Newman Society and SH Environment Group Zoom talk on Tuesday 16 March at 7pm. Please contact sarah.tobin@btconnect.com for the meeting link.

THE EASTER STORY THROUGH ART

Experience the central story of our faith through some of the greatest Western art on Friday 26 March at 8pm. Our speaker is Jo Walton from the National Gallery whose Christmas art lecture for the Sacred Heart was described as '*excellent*', '*fascinating*', '*brilliant*', '*so engaging and accessible*' and '*a wonderful and uplifting evening*'.

Please contact Anne Waldron for a Zoom link (anne@annewaldron.com)

MOTHER'S DAY CARDS AND EASTER CARDS

A limited number of cards for Mother's Day and Easter are available at the Presbytery, they will be sold on a first come first served basis (by the door).

EASTER CHEER 2021

EASTER SUNDAY

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 closer to the date in the *News & Views*.

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 665947 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!

A WORD OF THANK YOU

The community of the Daughters of the Heart of Mary would like to thank Canon John, the Clergy and Parishioners for their prayers and Masses offered for Sister Charmain. They thank Canon John for his prayerful and devoted celebration of both the Funeral Mass and the internment at the cemetery. They also thank Rachel and John and family for their gift of music which added such beauty to the liturgy.

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