



THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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NEWS and VIEWS 13/21

4 April 2021

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

This Sunday's Readings:

Acts of the Apostles 10:34.37-43

Psalm 117:1-2.16-17.22-23

Col 3:1-4 (alternative 2nd reading: 1 Cor 5:6-8)

John 20:1-9

Canon John, Fr Joe and Fr Dennis,
together with the Parish Pastoral team, wish you all a very
Happy and Holy Easter!

OPENING OF THE CHURCH

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

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 on <https://www.churchservices.tv/wimbledon> at the following times: Sundays 10am & 8pm, weekdays including Saturdays 10am & 6.30pm.

You are asked to wear face masks and use hand gel when entering the church. Please bring your completed *Track & Trace* form with you. Alternatively, download the NHS COVID-19 app and scan it (scanning codes are on the pillars by the rear tables). Please continue to comply with our stewards who so generously give up their time each week. Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

The Parish Office will be closed from Thursday 1 April until Tuesday 6 April.



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

1 April – Maundy Thursday - the Lord’s Supper - 8pm

2 April – Good Friday - Children’s Service - 10.30am;

Solemn Liturgy - 3pm;

Stations of the Cross - 6.30pm

3 April – Holy Saturday - Vigil Mass - 8pm

4 April – Easter Sunday - 10am, 12 noon, 5pm and 8pm

5 April – Easter Monday - 10am only

Confession times until Easter:

Maundy Thursday 10.30-11am

Saturday 10.30 - 11.30pm and 6 - 6.20pm

All services from Maundy Thursday to Easter Sunday are by pre-booked ticket only. Ticketing has now closed and we are in the process of sending out the tickets by email. Please contact the Parish Office at ticketing@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk as soon as possible should you be unable to attend the service/Mass for which you have a reservation. Please bring a copy of the email with your booking confirmation when attending a service/Mass; it will also be retained as our *'Track and Trace'* record.

We do sincerely regret that numbers of parishioners being admitted to the services are very limited this year; however, services will be streamed (<https://www.churchservices.tv/wimbledon>). There will be a number of changes in the way celebrations for Holy Week will proceed, as set out by the Bishops’ Conference guidance, to minimise the risks of COVID-19 transmission:

Maundy Thursday: there will be no feet washing or procession to the Altar of Repose, or watching at the Altar of Repose.

Good Friday: the shorter form of the gospel will be used, the ‘turba’ parts should not be exclaimed by the congregation. At the Veneration of the Cross, there will be no procession, the congregation will be invited to genuflect or bow in their places, followed by a short period of silent prayer.

Stations of the Cross: the congregation will be asked to remain in their places.

IN NEED OF PRAYERS

Please pray for those who are sick, Phillip Chappell, Christopher Browne, 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, Antonio Pietra, Helen Somers, Patricia Price, Rose Webber and Remo Dipre.

We remember all whose anniversary occurs at this time: Carmel Simmons, Sheila Gallagher, Gail Bhagwatsingh, Evelyn Raimondi, Ragna Ekeroth, Mary Joan James, Patrick Quigley, Francis Martin Finnerty, Jeannette Forrester, Jasmine Elliott and Justin Jessiman.

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

CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We are planning to run the Stations of the Cross for our children this year, although, with social distancing still in place, it will have to be a little different. Please email rachel@marshallemail.net if you are interested in your child/children participating. Family bubbles would make things much easier to organise! The rehearsal will be in the church on Good Friday, 2 April, at 9.15am with the service straight afterwards at 10.30am. Actors and readers needed.

LE CHEMIN DE LA CROIX

Marcel Dupré's *Le Chemin de la Croix*, Stations of the Cross: David Gammie plays the intensely spiritual and beautiful Stations of the Cross; a new performance was filmed in the closed church and is now online in five instalments - the links are available on the parish website.

COLLECTIONS OVER THE EASTER PERIOD

The collections over the Easter Masses are traditionally our way of acknowledging appreciation of our priests and their ministries. Regular monthly donations by standing order or through the website are not included in the Easter Offering. In view of the current restrictions on Mass attendance you are invited to make your contribution by one of the following:

1. An 'Easter Offering' button is being set up on the parish website (<https://www.sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/>) where you can donate by debit or credit card.
2. By bank transfer using the reference '[Your Surname] Easter' to **Sort Code** 60-24-07 **Account:** 33138672 **Name:** Sacred Hrt Covennt
3. By cheque made payable to 'Sacred Heart, Wimbledon' clearly endorsed on the back 'Easter Offering'.

For those attending the church:

1. Easter Offering envelopes will be available in the church and halls at all Masses from Palm Sunday to be returned over the Easter period.
2. Baskets labelled 'Easter Offering' for cash offerings will be available in the church and halls for the Vigil Mass, Easter Day Masses and Easter Monday.
3. Offerings through the digital terminals at the church entrance for the Vigil Mass, Easter Day Masses and Easter Monday will be allocated to the Easter Offering.

COLLECTION FOR HOLY PLACES

At the Solemn Liturgy on Good Friday there will be a collection for the Holy Places (the places connected with Our Lord's Passion have always been centres of veneration and pilgrimage; the Good Friday collection is for their upkeep, and to help maintain Christian schooling in the area). Baskets will be available to collect cash and cheques; donations through the digital terminals on that day will also be allocated to this cause.

Please note that all donations can be gift aided. If you have already completed a gift aid declaration, no further action is needed.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

GIFT AID

Gift aid envelopes packs have now been sent out. If you were expecting a pack and have not received one, please let the Gift-Aid-Team know by email (wimbledongac@rcaos.org.uk) or by leaving a message at the Parish Office. Thank you.

CHURCHES TOGETHER GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

This year, instead of the usual Procession of Christian Witness walking from the Methodist Church to Raynes Park station for readings, worship and, of course, sharing coffee and hot cross buns, we invite parishioners to join *Churches Together in West Wimbledon* for the Good Friday Service from the comfort of your own home on your computer screen. The service will start at 10am on Good Friday 2 April and, even if we cannot be together in person, we will be together in spirit. To join us, please book your place through Eventbrite using the link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/good-friday-service-tickets-143053636277>.

As well as the Sacred Heart Church, *Churches Together in West Wimbledon* comprises Christ Church, Copse Hill; Holy Cross, Motspur Park; Lantern Methodist, Raynes Park; Raynes Park Community Church, Cottenham Park Road; St Matthew's, Durham Road; St Saviour's, Grand Drive and the Wimbledon Quakers. For more information, please email David (dthurst52@gmail.com).

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - 11 APRIL

In preparation of the Feast of the Divine Mercy, celebrated each year on the first Sunday after Easter, we are invited to begin to pray the Divine Mercy Novena on Good Friday. You can find the Divine Mercy Novena of Chaplets online at <https://www.thedivine mercy.org/message/devotions/novena>.

SECOND COLLECTION

The second collection on Sunday 11 April will be for the maintenance of St George's Cathedral. St George's Cathedral is the mother church of our diocese. This collection helps meet the cost of the upkeep of the cathedral. Baskets will be available at the back of the church to collect your donations.

HEALTH & SAFETY

The diocese has recently adopted an on-line system called SafetyToolbox that all parishes are required to use. We wish to form a H&S Committee of 4 people - and are urgently seeking volunteers to join the committee - to implement the system which will include addressing the following tasks:

- Preparing and implementing an Emergency Fire Plan including fire warden and fire drill arrangements
- Oversight from a H&S perspective of hall usage and lettings

Previous experience of H&S is not necessary but it is indispensable that we have a committee to do this work since compliance with H&S legislation is mandatory. And, rather unfairly, the person who would be held responsible for non-compliance is Canon John. If you are willing to volunteer, please contact the Parish Office.

CATHOLIC UNIVERSE AND CATHOLIC TIMES

To the *Catholic Universe* and *Catholic Times* readers in the parish:

If you are unable to collect your paper at Mass you can now get it delivered directly to your home every week post free (it's quick and simple) just go to www.thecatholicuniverse.com or call 0161 820 5722 and they will arrange delivery for you. (Special offers: 3 months for £25.00; 12 months for £99.00; digital copy: 12 months for £55.00; digital copy & hard copy for £115.00). All papers are Covid safe and packed in a sterile component.

Every blessing on you all.

Canon John

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.

St George's Hospital: Fr Mark Higgins (020 8725 3069).

St Heliers and Epsom Hospital: Fr Philip Pak (020 8296 2000)

Kingston Hospital: Fr Tony Oleh (020 8546 7711)