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NEWS and VIEWS 14/21

11 April 2021

Second Sunday of Easter (B) Vol II psalter week 2

Divine Mercy Sunday

This Sunday's Readings:

Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

Psalm 117:2-4, 15-18, 22-24

1 Jn 5:1-6

John 20:19-31

A WORD OF THANKS

It was so heartening to see so many taking part in the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter. Our initial words of thanks must go to Alison Lobo, and her great team of stewards who managed the allocation of places during the services in the church and in the Upper Hall. Their work was supported by the efforts of Thelma and of Paul in taking the bookings for places at the various services.

The church was so well decorated reflecting the changing moods of the services during the days of Holy Week and Easter. The liturgies of those days were enhanced by our altar servers, musicians, eucharistic ministers and readers. All had spent time in preparation for their particular contribution. We were especially grateful to the contributions of the musicians who were limited by the restrictions and yet were able to enhance the presentation of the liturgies. The altar servers too had to operate under great limitations but carried out their duties exceedingly well.

One group in the parish who helped by working behind the scenes were the group who prepared and distributed the Easter Hampers to the elderly and housebound. The hampers were well received and I have had a number of cards expressing appreciation of them.

To all who helped in so many ways to prepare and present the services over the past days a very big thank you. Your work has been greatly appreciated! Canon John

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. (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 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 ring 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.

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.

IN NEED OF PRAYERS

Please pray for those who are sick, 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, HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, Phillip Chappell, Antonio Pietra, Helen Somers, Patricia Price, Rose Webber and Remo Dipre.

We remember all whose anniversary occurs at this time: David Foxley, Patricia Mitchell and Mary Prior.

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

The funeral Mass for Patricia Price will be celebrated on Tuesday 20 April at 11.30am.

REST IN PEACE

It is with sadness that we join with the rest of the United Kingdom in mourning the loss of His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

May God rest his soul in peace.

EASTER OFFERING

Many thanks to the many parishioners who have made an Easter Offering which is for the benefit of our priests. It is not too late to do so either by

1. The clicking on the 'Easter Offering' button 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'.
4. By placing donations in Easter Offering envelopes which are still available in the church and halls at all Masses and can be left in the collecting baskets at the back of the church or posted through the Presbytery letter box.

Please note that all donations can be gift aided (please contact the Gift-Aid-Team by email (wimbledongac@rcaos.org.uk) or the Parish Office to receive a pack of gift aid envelopes).

SECOND COLLECTION

The second collection this 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.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - 11 APRIL

In preparation of the Feast of the Divine Mercy this Sunday we are invited to continue 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>.

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.

STAND WITH STAN

This is a message from Jesuit Missions:

Fr Stan Swamy SJ was imprisoned last October on baseless terrorist charges which he vehemently denies. He has now spent over 180 days, including Christmas and Easter, behind bars in Taloja prison in Mumbai.

An international campaign *Stand with Stan* has attracted huge support. In Britain, politicians of all parties have raised his situation in Parliament. The Provincial, Fr Damian Howard SJ, participated in a demonstration outside the High Commission of India last year and has also co-signed a letter to the media with Cardinal Vincent Nichols calling for Fr Stan to be bailed.

Shortly before Easter, a bail application to secure Fr Stan's release because of his age and infirmity (he has Parkinson's disease) was rejected by the Indian courts.

A statement from the Curia in Rome strongly condemned the decision of the Court and said: *'We stand united with Stan and many other human rights defenders at this crucial juncture. We commit ourselves to continue our effort, both nationally and internationally, to bring truth and justice to light and advocate for the rights of vulnerable people in a peaceful, non-violent way.'*

You are invited to send Fr Stan who celebrates his 84th birthday on 26 April a birthday or Easter greeting expressing your solidarity with him. The card can be very simple; a postcard or even a piece of folded paper.

You can drop them at Jesuit Missions by 21 April or at the Presbytery marked for the attention of Fr Stan Swamy SJ, c/o Jesuit Missions, 11 Edge Hill, Wimbledon, London SW19 4LR.

Jesuit Missions intend to present the cards to the Indian High Commissioner on Fr Swamy's birthday. It would be great to receive as many individually signed cards from members of the parish community as possible to be subsequently presented in a large amount to the High Commissioner.

Fr Stan has devoted his life to working for the poorest and most marginalised people in India. The Indian government has pursued a campaign of harassment against Fr Stan and other human rights activists in recent years.

Fr Stan embodies the Christian ideal of service and sacrifice. Thank you for showing your support and joining Jesuit Missions in sending him a message of hope and solidarity this Easter.

VACANCY

The Governors at St Philomena's Catholic High School for Girls, Pound Street, Carshalton, Surrey, are seeking to appoint the following position for April 2021: Clerk to the Governing Body. Further details and an application form are available by emailing

recruitment@stphils.or.uk or can be downloaded from our school website (<http://www.stphils.org.uk/join-us/vacancies>) or please contact the HR Officer on 020 8642 2025.

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)