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NEWS and VIEWS 18/21

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

This Sunday's Readings:

Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26.34-35.44-48

Psalm 97:1-4

1 Jn 4:7-10

John 15:9-17

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.

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.

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.

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, Nancy Drapper, Christopher Browne, Patricia Small, Electa Almeida, 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, Dario Vio, Emma Rugless and Pompeo Sangiuolo.

We remember all whose anniversary occurs at this time: Mary Theresa Williams, Geoff Chapman, Rita Westbrook, Catherine James, Diana Guerrini, Ronald Peacock and Liliana Walden.

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

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - 13 MAY

Solemnity, Holyday of Obligation; Masses will be celebrated at 10am, 6.30pm and 8pm.

PENTECOST NOVENA

We begin to pray the Novena to the Holy Spirit on 14 May, the Friday after the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, at the end of each Mass until the Saturday before Pentecost. You can find the daily prayers on <https://mycatholic.life/catholic-prayers/novena-to-the-holy-spirit/>.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

At the latest PPC meeting held on Thursday 6 May, three key priorities were identified and agreed for coming out of lockdown and a return to 'normal service' across the parish. These follow the priorities for parishes set out by the Catholic Diocese of Southwark.

1. Opening the Church for public services and increasing the number of public Masses - see the opening section of '*News & Views*' for confirmed details and timings, and continuing restrictions for private services. Please note that the live streaming of services will continue.
2. Re-establishing live meetings and activities for all the many parish voluntary groups, strictly in accordance with government safety guidelines.
3. Building on existing initiatives for developing Community Spirit, caring for those in need, of all faiths and none, across the parish and our wider community.

Please watch out for further steps in implementing the above priorities in the next few weeks, leading up to and beyond the proposed ending of Government lockdown restrictions from Monday 21 June.

GLOBAL ROSARY MARATHON

During the month of May Pope Francis encourages us to unite and pray the global rosary marathon for the end of the pandemic at Shrines around the world and in the UK: Join the daily live broadcast of the recitation of the Holy Rosary in link-ups with Marian shrines around the world; videos for all international shrines are available from the official channels of the Holy See at 5pm UK time (Vatican News website and their YouTube channel www.vaticannews.va), video links for shrines in the UK are available at 8pm from www.rcdop.org.uk.

SECOND COLLECTION

Next Sunday 16 May is *World Communications Day*; the collection that day supports the work of the Catholic Communications Network (CCN), the media office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The CCN seeks to be of service both to the Church and the world in offering professional channels of communication, and provides support for the Bishops of England and Wales and the wider Church in promoting the Gospel through the media on current issues.

With his message for the 55th *World Communications Day* (published, as usual on 23 January, the vigil of the Memorial of St Francis de Sales - patron Saint of authors and journalists) Pope Francis seeks to promote authentic "clear and honest" human communication, he follows the theme "come and see" (Jn 1:46) – Communicating by encountering people as they are. To read the Holy Father's message in full please visit <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/world-communications-day-2021/popes-communications-message-2021/>.

LECTIO DIVINA

The Lectio Divina Group meets every Friday from 11am -12noon on Zoom. It is a great way to prepare for Sunday Mass, a prayerful reading of the Scripture - not a Bible study. We reflect on the readings for the forthcoming Sunday and what they are saying to us. Everyone is welcome to join us. Why not give it a try? For more details, please contact Bridget on 07981 94 1516.

SPONTANEOUS PRAYER GROUP

The group meets every Wednesday evening at 8pm for one hour. At the moment we meet on Zoom but hopefully by midsummer we will get back to meeting physically. In this joyful group we pray with scripture and spontaneously thank God for His many gifts. We pray for our parish, for Church leaders for the people we meet, often for people who ask us to pray for them and we like to sing a little - short verses depending on what comes up in our prayers. We welcome anyone who would like to join us. Like Jesus we say '*come and see*'. For more information, please contact Sr Gretta (020 8543 0594, grettamccormick@yahoo.com) or Sadie Smith (020 8946 5198, sadiesmith3@talktalk.net).

EXPLORING THE GOSPEL

The *Exploring the Gospel Group* has been meeting every two weeks for several years now. Together we enjoy reading and discussing various books of the New Testament. We have learned a great deal from each other, exploring both the scriptures and the wider issues of our faith, we come together when we can, though for the last 14 months our meetings have been on Zoom. Hopefully we can get back to meeting face to face after 21 June. You are most welcome to join the group; for more information, please contact Sue Chapman (murrawingi@gmail.com) or Sadie Smith (020 8946 5198, sadiesmith3@talktalk.net).

PARISH BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

So many people have suffered bereavement during the Covid-19 restrictions. Many were unable to be with loved ones as they died. Lockdown prevented attendance at funerals of family and friends. Some are still locked into the grief which is added to the isolation which everyone has experienced.

The Bereavement Support Group wants you to know that it is here for you to share your loss and loneliness. We can now meet one-to-one outdoors and we hope very soon to be able to meet in a group to share confidentially with others in a similar situation and with trained group members.

If you would like to talk to one of us, please feel welcome to call Sadie Smith on 020 8946 5198 or email sadiesmith3@talktalk.net.

HEALTH & SAFETY

We are urgently seeking volunteers to form a Committee of 4 people to oversee Health and Safety in the parish. Compliance with H&S legislation is mandatory and, rather unfairly, the person who would be held responsible for non-compliance would be Canon John. Please bear in mind that this work has to be done by someone. Perhaps the someone is you. If you are willing to volunteer, please contact the parish office.

JESUIT MISSIONS

LONDON MARATHON: Run in the London Marathon for Jesuit Missions! This year's London Marathon has been rescheduled for Sunday 3 October 2021. Since its founding, the marathon has been an important fundraising event to support the work of Jesuit Missions UK, the international development office of the Jesuits in Britain. If running is not your thing, why not volunteer to help on the day? For more information or to get involved please contact: joelene@jesuitmissions.org.uk.

GET INVOLVED - GROWING OUR FUTURE: Your voice is needed! Discover how you can make a real change for our common home and join Jesuit Missions ahead of the United Nations' Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) in Glasgow in November, described as the 'last best chance' to protect our common home. To make a real difference, politically, personally and spiritually you are invited to join Jesuit

Missions in *Growing Our Future*. JM wants to help you grow as a climate change activist, grow as discerning individual and grow as a steward for God's creation, '*together, we will be growing our future*'. To learn more about COP26 and why JM is getting involved, visit <https://jesuitmissions.org.uk/climatechange/>; you can sign up today to receive every month:

- One Campaigning Action to help you raise your voice of concern for the planet ahead of COP26
- One Lifestyle Change to help you make small changes with a big impact for our common home.
- One Spiritual Reflection to help you consider the climate crisis in the context of *Laudato Si'* and Ignatian spirituality.

CAFOD

With India fighting a second wave of Covid-19, CAFOD is working with the experienced local Church agency, Caritas India, to provide vital support to poor and marginalised communities. Donations to CAFOD's Coronavirus Appeal will help to distribute PPE kits to frontline health workers, promote COVID & vaccine awareness campaigns, and set up safely run isolation & quarantine centres. Donations can be done online (cafod.org.uk/give). Please keep praying for the people of India and all those affected by the pandemic. Today, Friday 7 May, at 6.30pm, CAFOD is holding a special online Mass to pray for the people of India (via bigmarker.com/cafod/India-Emergency).

GRIEF TO GRACE - 14 EDGE HILL

The (registered) charity *Grief to Grace* has now leased the building at 14 Edge Hill, the former Loyola House, from the Jesuit Community, for at least the next 3 years to run their programmes of integrated spiritual and psychological healing for sexual and other abuse survivors.

There are opportunities for employment/volunteering at 14 Edge Hill; flexibility, confidentiality and sensitivity are essential. *Grief to Grace* is seeking to employ a suitably qualified and experienced cook/housekeeper (25 hrs/week, plus some over-time) and a PT administrator (initially 17.5 hrs/week) to join the small team running their new Wimbledon retreat facility named 'The Garden Enclosed', commencing July. Volunteer skills (e.g. gardening, DIY) are also needed.

In addition, they would like to enrol prayer partners to support their ministry. Safeguarding is their priority, so their Safe Recruitment protocols require enhanced DBS checks and references for employees and volunteers. For more information about the charity, please visit www.griegtograceuk.org. For job descriptions, volunteering or to arrange an informal chat, please email info@griegtograceuk.org in confidence.

VACANCIES

ST JOSEPH'S ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, Kingston, is seeking an exceptional Headteacher from September 2021 to make their *Good* school *Outstanding*. Full details are available from the school's website <https://www.stjosephs.kingston.sch.uk/vacancies>.

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL, Kingston, is seeking an Assistant Headteacher from September 2021. To find out more about the role and to apply, please visit the school's website (www.holycross.kingston.sch.uk). For further information or to arrange a visit to the school, please contact Mr Tom Gibson, Headteacher, via Mrs Silvana Saragosa-Voysey (PA to Headteacher) ssarag1@holycross.kingston.sch.uk. Please return your completed application form and letter to the PA to Headteacher (apply@holycross.kingston.sch.uk). Closing Date: 9am Monday 24 May.

Every blessing on you all.

Canon John

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat	8 May	6.30pm	George Staussi Birthday Ints.
Mon	10 May	10.00am	Diana Guerrini RIP
		6.30pm	Francis Ching Ints.
Tue	11 May	10.00am	Christy Joseph RIP
		6.30pm	Elvira De Menezes Birthday Ints.
Wed	12 May	10.00am	Lucia Adami RIP
		6.30pm	Crescencia Nga Ewodo RIP
Thu	13 May	10.00am	Joanna Thiru RIP
		6.30pm	Filu Da Silva RIP
		8.00pm	Martin McPartland RIP
Fri	14 May	10.00am	Mr Joseph RIP
		6.30pm	Karen Lynch RIP
Sat	15 May	10.00am	Mrs Joseph RIP

SAFEGUARDING

It is the policy of the Catholic Church in England and Wales to report all allegations of abuse to statutory authorities, regardless of whether the abuse occurred recently or in the past, or whether the accused person is living or deceased. If you are concerned about the welfare of a child or adult at risk, do not delay in contacting the police, using 999 if a child or adult is believed to be in immediate danger. Further safeguarding information can be found on the parish website.

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)