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NEWS and VIEWS 19/21

16 May 2021

Seventh Sunday of Easter (B) Vol II psalter week 3

This Sunday's Readings:

Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17,20-26

Psalm 102:1-2,11-12,19-20

1 Jn 4:11-16

John 17:11-19

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.

IN NEED OF PRAYERS

Please pray for those who are sick, Anil Nautiyal, 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, Julio Roberto Palha.

We remember all whose anniversary occurs at this time: Fr Francis Walsh SJ, Helen Weaver, Rita Westbrook and Elizabeth Parsons.

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

LAUDATO SI'

Starting on Sunday 16 May the Catholic Church will be holding a week of events to mark the anniversary of the publication of Pope Francis's encyclical. For more information, please follow this link to a short message from Pope Francis (<https://youtu.be/VPpXQu-Ok-g>). The Sacred Heart parish will be marking this week of prayer and reflection by saying the *Laudato Si'* prayer at all Sunday Masses on the 16th of May.

PENTECOST NOVENA

Traditionally, between Ascension and Pentecost, we pray a novena for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit for evangelisation and renewal of the Church. We will pray nine days of intercessory prayer for this important intention at the end of each Mass from Friday 14 May until the Saturday before Pentecost. You can find the daily prayers on <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/thy-kingdom-come/pentecost-novena/>.

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

This Sunday 16 May is *World Communications Day*; the second collection 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/>.

SIGNED AND SPOKEN MASS

A signed and spoken Mass will be offered at the main church altar at 3.30pm on Sunday 23 May. All those with hearing difficulties and their friends are most welcome.

COVID AWARD

Canon John has recently been awarded with a recognition by the Mayor of Merton for his service through '*dedication and commitment to [his] faith group and all people*' during the pandemic. This award is presented to people who '*made and are still making a difference to their community*' during the COVID19 crisis.

A THANK YOU

A formal note of appreciation and a big thank you goes to parishioner Sue Chapman who has recently retired from the Parish Safeguarding Team after twelve years of faithful service. Parish Safeguarding work is an essential and important feature of any parish but mainly operates under the radar and is little known or understood. Many parishioner volunteers in this parish will be grateful for the advice and training that Sue has provided and the ways in which she has supported them to secure the

Disclosure and Barring Service certificates needed to work within their parish ministries.

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 contact Sadie Smith (020 8946 5198 or 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.

ANNUAL CATHEDRAL MARRIAGE MASS

Are you celebrating your 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or any later wedding anniversary this year? Or did you last year? If so, Archbishop John invites you to join him in celebrating a Mass for married couples at 3pm on Saturday October 9 at St George's Cathedral. You need to book in advance and will then receive a personal written invitation from Archbishop John. To book or for more details please email mflsw@rcaos.org.uk.

BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE

DEAR HUSBAND & WIFE...You are invited to give each other a gift by spending July 10 online between 9am and 1pm exploring and improving your relationship. The event, entitled '*Building A Better Marriage*', will provide you with valuable insights into your communication skills and the call of the Church to the married. There is no group sharing. This is not marriage counselling but a chance to make average-to-good marriages a bit better – whether you married five years ago or 50. Booking is essential: telephone 07983 524 727 or email mflkent@rcaos.org.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.

ST SIMON'S CHURCH, Putney, is seeking a Parish Administrator to support the parish Priest; in addition to undertaking typical administration duties such as handling general correspondence, diary management, bookkeeping and general administration tasks, s/he will also be responsible for interacting with parishioners visiting the office and those involved in parish activities; 16.5 hrs/week, salary TBC, closing date Friday 28 May. For further details, or to apply for this position, please e-mail Canon Michael O' Dea (putney@rcaos.org.uk).

Every blessing on you all.

Canon John

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat	15 May	6.30pm	Rita Westbrook RIP
Mon	17 May	10.00am	Francis Hogan Ints.
		6.30pm	Private Intentions
Tue	18 May	10.00am	Margaret Swands RIP
		6.30pm	George Mclennan Ints.
Wed	19 May	10.00am	Dash Goonawardena RIP
		6.30pm	Private Intentions
Thu	20 May	10.00am	Beatrice Mukakabera RIP
		6.30pm	Una Flynn Rooney RIP
Fri	21 May	10.00am	Maria Cheng Ints.
		6.30pm	Patricia Campbell RIP
Sat	22 May	10.00am	Joane Thiru 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)