



# THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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## Newsletter

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### Sixth Sunday (C)

Sixth Week in  
Ordinary Time

Vol I. Psalter week 2

### Next Sunday's Readings

Seventh Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

- I Samuel 26:2.7-9.12-13.22-23
- Psalm 102:1-4.8.10.12-13
- I Corinthians 15:45-49
- Luke 6:27-38

### Upcoming Events

#### Thursday 17 February

- Legion of Mary Meeting, Youth Room 7pm

#### Saturday 19 February

- Love Heals Body Mind and Spirit, half-day retreat, 11am

#### Saturday 26 February

- Piano Duo Recital, 7.45pm, Church

## The Approach of Lent

We have barely three weeks before we begin the Holy Season of Lent. From the earliest times the Church has associated Lent with Baptism. Initially, the 40 days of Lent were the final preparation of the catechumens before their Baptism and Confirmation. In time there was an increased desire of all Christians to be associated with this time of penance and renewal of our baptismal commitment. Lent is therefore both penitential and baptismal in nature.



The season of Lent runs from Ash Wednesday until up to but excluding the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday. It encompasses Holy Week, a time focused on the Passion and death of Jesus Christ,

beginning with his Messianic entry into Jerusalem of Palm Sunday. The early days of Holy Week are still days of Lent until they run into the days of the Sacred Triduum and day by day we are associated with the revealing acts of Jesus in and through his saving acts from the last supper through his arrest and passion to his execution and death on the cross. The silence of the tomb gives way to the joys of Jesus resurrection on Easter night.

The forty days of Lent offer us three steps for renewal. The first forces the faithful to confront their own sinful nature. The second emphasizes Christ's promise of eternal life. The third phase during the final weeks of Lent points the faithful towards the observance of the Lord's passion. Three spiritual tools are offered to us each Lent to help us make Lent a significant event for us as we recall our own baptism and the promises made on our behalf that we will find renewal in the midst of penitence. Our three tools? Prayer, Fasting and Good Works. Next week we will look at these three great spiritual gifts given to us by God to help us find our path to salvation. *Canon John*

### THE PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Parish Priest: Canon John Clark

Parish Clergy: Fr Joseph Donkor, Fr Matthew Donnelly, Deacon Julian Burling, Deacon Joseph Gulliford and Deacon Shaun Crocker

Team Members: Sr Dorothy Perrott OSU, Sr Francis SSA

Youth Minister: Eleanor Bowman

## 'AS FOR ME & MY HOUSE' CD

Deacon Joseph's CD 'As For Me & My House' featuring a combination of original Praise & Worship songs that he has written, fitting both for prayer and reflection are for sale at the Presbytery or can be ordered directly at [josephgulliford.bandcamp.com](http://josephgulliford.bandcamp.com).

Suggested donations (at least £5) go towards covering the cost of production and help with future projects. Thank you in advance for your support.

## SECOND COLLECTION

This Sunday 13 February is Racial Justice Day; the 2nd collection will be in support of the Catholic Association for Racial Justice, to promote racial justice in our schools, parishes and in wider society.

## ONE IN CHRIST

On this Racial Justice Sunday a Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop John Wilson at 10am in St George's Cathedral. All are welcome in person or via live-stream: <https://youtu.be/62sluHPSbIU>.

Please join in celebrating the fact that we are all 'One in Christ'.

## AYLESFORD PRIORY

Lent Talks: starting on Sat 5 March with a talk by Francis Kemsley O'Carm, on 'Who do you say that I am?', the Friars at Aylesford will be hosting a series of 6 talks on Saturdays throughout Lent. Those wishing to attend are invited to join the Friars for tea & coffee at 10am in the Small Refectory, with the talk taking place between 10.30am-12noon in the Choir Chapel. All are welcome, no tickets required, sugg. donation for attendance of the talks: £15 pp. <https://www.thefriars.org.uk>

## Parish News

### FACE COVERING

In order to respect the safety of all, we encourage that you wear a face covering in the church. Thank you for your cooperation.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY RECRUITMENT

To all members of the Sacred Heart Parish: we are desperately seeking new volunteers to join our wonderful Ministry. It is not a major

commitment, about 6 times/year and you will be assisting, so it's not too stressful. We really are a lovely team so please do join us in supporting our parish; email Elizabeth on [elizabethbottriell@hotmail.com](mailto:elizabethbottriell@hotmail.com) for details.

### RECEPTION

The Parish office is looking for someone who is interested in volunteering to cover the Reception on Thursday

and Friday afternoons. Please contact Thelma D'Costa at 020 8946 0305 if you can help.

### EXPOSITION

Please note that there will be **no** Exposition after the 10am Mass on Wednesday 16 February.

## Announcements

### HEALING EVENT

'Come to Me', Day of Healing at St George's Cathedral: The Southwark Charismatic Team have arranged for a healing day between 10am-4.45pm on Sat 19 Feb. All are welcome in person or online: <https://youtu.be/CgKprvdHDbg>. Those wishing to attend in person are encouraged to register in advance on Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/southwark-archdiocese-catholic-renewal-day-of-he-tickets-194027681017>

### FOOTSTEPS

In Lent this year, we are hoping to launch a new,

family-based group for those with primary age children. We will explore scripture, play games and creatively reflect on topics related to our faith. We are hoping to launch this on Thursday 3 March from 4.30-5.30pm. To register interest, please contact Eleanor at [eleanor@sacredheartwimledon.org.uk](mailto:eleanor@sacredheartwimledon.org.uk)

### LENT TALKS

Our very popular series of Lent talks is back in-person this year, running on Thursdays during Lent (3 Mar - 7 Apr in the Upper Hall from 7.30 - 8.30pm, hall opens from 7pm for refresh-

ments. You can come to any number of talks as each week will explore a different topic. We will be following *Sycamore* which is an informal course about the Christian faith and its relevance for life today. It gives you space to meet other people, share ideas, and think about questions that really matter.

To create a warm and welcoming environment for the talks, we would need your help: whether you can make & drop off a cake/help with the tea and coffee, your time will be hugely appreciated! Please contact Eleanor.

## Parish Organisations

### ENVIRONMENT GROUP

*Show the Love*: Join the environment group after the 10am Mass this Sunday 13 February for refreshments and family crafts as we take part in the Climate Coalition *Show the Love* - campaign. All are welcome!

### YOUTH GROUP

Our youth group for those in Y9 and above has resumed and all are welcome to join

us. We meet in the Youth Room from 6-7.30pm on Tuesday evenings. Contact Eleanor ([eleanor@sacredheartwimledon.org.uk](mailto:eleanor@sacredheartwimledon.org.uk)) for more information.

### FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Friday 4 March at 2.30pm in the Lounge: Do come and join in our annual Prize Bingo Event and enjoy tea and cakes to follow. All welcome!

### MEMORY LANE CLUB

This popular club for people with dementia and their carers is open again on Wednesdays from 10.30am - 12.30pm in the Parish Lounge with tea, coffee and cake along with lots of chat, laughter and other activities. We greatly look forward to meeting up with old friends and new.

## Social & Cultural

### CATHOLIC MEDICAL ETHICS

An offer for university students in the healthcare field who are interested in the Church's response to challenging ethical questions: lectures will take place on Mondays between 6-7.30pm on MS Teams starting on Mon 14 Feb entitled "An Introduction to Catholic Moral Thinking & Catholic Anthropology". To sign up for the group, or for more info, please email Laurence Jasper, Catholic Chaplain of King's College London ([laurence.jasper@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:laurence.jasper@kcl.ac.uk)) or visit <https://bit.ly/3ggBND3>

### PIANO DUO RECITAL

The Kong-Affonso Piano Duo will give a recital at Sacred Heart Church on

Saturday 26 February at 7.45pm with a delicately chosen selection of works by Bach, Mozart, Schubert, Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, Debussy and Ravel. Free admission, retiring collection in aid of the Sacred Heart Appeal and the Royal Marsden Cancer Charity.

### JOHN RUTTER SING DAY

St Mary Magdalene Church, Wandsworth Common, is holding a Singing Day with John Rutter on Saturday 5 March. The day will feature "Feel the Spirit", John Rutter's uplifting arrangements of well-loved spirituals plus other choral favourites.

Cost: £30, accompanied children (11-18yrs) are free, students (18-22) £15 (incl.

use of the music scores and refreshments).

Registration starts at 10am, for details, please email [join.in@smmwandsworth.org.uk](mailto:join.in@smmwandsworth.org.uk) or ticket link via <https://www.wandsworth.org.uk/>

### EDUCATION & CAREERS DAY

St Boniface Youth and 20's & 30's Group is organising two help & advice sessions:

Saturday 5 March 3-4pm on apprenticeships on and Saturday 12 March 3-4.30pm on Higher Education.

All Year 11 & 12 or any year group and parents are most welcome. A chance to ask professionals questions, learn how to apply to university Consider what courses you are interested in.

### New to the Parish?

Please introduce yourself to a member of the Parish Team after Mass and register online at <https://sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/> or by filling in a registration form, available at the back of the church.

### JOB OPPORTUNITY

Warden & Clerk at St Scholastica's Retreat: competitive salary, pension, and accommodation onsite in Princes Risborough, Buckinghamshire. The Trustees are seeking to appoint a Warden & Clerk to the Trustees for this alms-house charity that provides sheltered housing for Catholics in financial need aged 60 or over. For details of the role and how to apply, please visit [www.stscholasticas.co.uk/warden-clerk-vacancy](http://www.stscholasticas.co.uk/warden-clerk-vacancy)

### RETOUVAILLE

A Lifeline for Marriage: Retrouvaille have organised an online weekend programme for couples experiencing marriage difficulties. Whether this is due to the stress of the pandemic or demands of daily life, Retrouvaille seeks to help couples overcome their differences and start again. The retreat will take place between 3-6 March and all couples are welcome. For further details please email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) or call +44 788 729 6983. Confidentiality is assured.

## Exploring our Faith

### LOVE HEALS BODY MIND AND SPIRIT

The Love Heals Body Mind and Spirit Ministry invites you to a half day retreat of quiet reflection on Sat 19 Feb (Sacred Heart Church, Edge Hill) from 11am -1pm; Holy Rosary, recorded talk by Sr Doctor Betty Nina MSJ, discussion to follow on the talk, Christian meditation, Healing Prayers; immediately after the 10am Mass, starting with Tea & Coffee.

### A DAY WITH MARY

You are invited to a Day with Mary on Sat 26 Feb at

St Anselm, Westhill, Dartford, DA1 2HJ, from 9.30am-4.30pm; celebrant and preacher Fr Henri Mukasa; Exposition & Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, Sermons on Our Lady by Fr David Gummett and Fr Stephen Boyle, Meditations on the Passion of Our Lord; please bring your own packed lunch. For more information, please visit [adaywithmary.org](http://adaywithmary.org).

### RETREAT FOR LENT

Make some space to develop your relationship with God this Lent. Sign up

for our Diocesan 'retreat at home' called *Saving Grace*. Every week you will receive an email with links to a 25mins video in which Archbishop John will introduce the theme and the reading, Chris Chapman will deliver the retreat, with others contributing. You will also receive materials to use in your own prayer and reflection. All you have to do is sign up and then set aside what space you can for *Saving Grace*! More info about the retreat can be found at: <https://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/savinggrace>;

### 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.

### CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

6.30pm (Sat) Fr Joseph Donkor  
8.00am Fr Matthew Donnelly  
10.00am Fr Michael Barnes SJ  
12 noon Canon John Clark  
5.00pm Fr Matthew Donnelly  
8.00pm Fr Joseph Donkor

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 12 6.30pm Joaquim Pires & Ana-Rose Carneiro RIP  
Mon 14 7.30am Gay Barret Ints.  
10.00am Cecilia Wiggins RIP  
12.30pm Funeral of Lee Abberton  
6.30pm Teresa & Zygmunt Sobocki RIP  
Tue 15 10.00am Dcd Members of Reynold Family RIP  
6.30pm Richard Boyce RIP  
Wed 16 10.00am Dcd Members of the Swords Family RIP  
6.30pm Eileen Connolly RIP  
Thu 17 10.00am Mary Troy RIP  
6.30pm Mary Ryce RIP  
Fri 18 7.30am Josephine Coney RIP  
10.00am Angela Byrne RIP  
6.30pm Tim Sheehan RIP  
Sat 19 10.00am Leo Coughlan RIP

### 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)

### EXPOSITION

Wednesdays & Fridays  
after the 10.00am Mass  
and from 5.25 - 6.25pm

### RECONCILIATION

Monday - Saturday:  
6.00 - 6.20pm  
and Saturday morning  
10.30 - 11.30am

### MUSIC AT THE 12 NOON MASS

Entry hymn: 74 *Be thou my vision*  
Kyrie/Gloria 459/460  
Offertory motet: *Lead me Lord*, Samuel S. Wesley  
Sanctus: 433  
Communion motet: *God so loved the world*, John Stainer  
Post-communion hymn: 40 *Amazing grace*

If you wish to include items in the weekly newsletter, please keep them brief, - if possible no more than 40 words - send them by Tuesday before publication to [newsletter@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk) / [wimparish@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](mailto:wimparish@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk)

### WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

**Those who have died recently:** Maeve Clark, Len Hay, Diana Lethbridge, Elizabeth Anne Oliver, James Conboy and Lee Abberton.

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Gerald Gearing and Hugh Johnston.

**The sick:** Lesley Manning, Beryl Shannon, Matthew Bees, Jack Cassagrande, Artemis Greenbury, Billy Densham, Emily Grey, Samar Staussi, Naomi Linkson, Alec Smith, Ian Parr, John Reynolds, John Alexander, Ryan Lindsey, Nancy Drapper, Patricia Small and Andrew Tan

*[Please advise the Parish Office when names can be removed.]*

Please note that for data protection reasons, individuals must explicitly agree for their names to be mentioned in our newsletter. Please let the Parish Office know in writing if either your name or the names of your relatives and friends should appear in our sick list.



### FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

**Mon 14 Feb** Ss Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop, patrons of Europe  
(St Valentine, Priest and Martyr)  
**Tue 15 Feb** St Claude de la Columbière, Priest  
**Thu 17 Feb** The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

### PARISH SERVICES

Parish Office/Reception Hours: 9am - 4pm (Mon-Fri)

Executive Assistant & Hall bookings: Thelma D'Costa (Mon - Fri 9.30am - 4pm) Caretaker: George McLennan

Parish Pastoral Council: [ppc@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](mailto:ppc@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk) or contact Anne Waldron (Chair) at [anne@annewaldron.com](mailto:anne@annewaldron.com) or 07886 034 323

Baptism, Marriage, First Sacraments, Funerals contact the parish 020 8946 0305

Bereavement Support: one to one support or bereavement drop-in, please call 07702 339000 between 9am -5pm, more information please contact the co-ordinator by email [bereavement.group@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](mailto:bereavement.group@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk)