



# THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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## Newsletter

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**Eighth Sunday (C)**

**Eighth Week in  
Ordinary Time**

**Vol I. Psalter week 4**

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### Next Sunday's Readings

#### First Sunday of Lent

- Deuteronomy 26:4-10
- Psalm 90:1-2.10-15
- Romans 10:8-13
- Luke 4:1-13

### Upcoming Events

#### Saturday 26 February

- Piano Duo Recital, 7.45pm, Church

#### Tuesday 1 March

- Young adults meeting, pancake party, 7.30pm (see p. 2)

#### Wednesday 2 March

- Masses at 7.30 & 10am, 6.30 & 8pm; Distribution of Ashes
- Talk by Fr M. Donnelly, 7.30pm, Youth Room

#### Thursday 3 March

- Legion of Mary Meeting, Youth Room 7pm

#### Friday 4 March

- Friendship Group 2.30pm

## The Season of Lent

On Ash Wednesday we receive the mark of ashes on our forehead, a mark that distinguishes us publicly as sinners. What we know privately about ourselves we show to the world. In this act we are bearing our soul so that the pretence of self-righteousness gives way to acknowledging that we have received redemption as a free gift unmerited and completely gratuitous.

Our problem as human beings first, and Christians second, is that we all suffer the shame of our first parents at having rejected God. And indeed, we still tend to choose the way of self-indulgence in following the dictates of the ego rather than submit to the Word of God through the obedience of our faith, preferring darkness to light.

This tension will always be with us; it goes with our constitution as composite beings made-up of body and soul, but also because we suffer a nature which is fallen; one that finds it all too easy to indulge in selfishness rather than seek out truth and goodness by making the continual acts of love demanded by Christ in the gospel.

The tragedy of our condition is that we are made in God's image who is love, and yet we fall short of that love at every turn. The humiliation and shame that this brings is often too hard to face and we fall into living a double life: the spectre of hypocrisy begins to loom large in our dealings with the other: living in interior darkness whilst ostensibly being children of the light.

Tendentious forms of piety that make a public display of devotion and good works to gain social acceptance and praise are symptomatic of this struggle but are forms of religion which are roundly condemned by Our Lord in the gospel.

During Lent we are called upon to perform acts of penance. True penance is performed in recognition of our need for God, so that we can become ever more inclined to deny base instincts in preference to making gratuitous acts of love in seeing and serving God in our neighbour. Penance is the antidote to hypocrisy.

May our penance this Lent never be a cover for living a double life but always the means by which we can gain a greater facility in overcoming ourselves in order to seek the good of the other. Our penance will, thereby, make us true to our nature as sons and daughters of God who is love. When this happens our darkness will be overwhelmed by the light of Christ that will be breaking forth within us.

*Fr Matthew*

### 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

## CLERGY SUPPORT FUND COLLECTION

This Sunday the second collection will be in support of the *Clergy Support Fund of the Archdiocese of Southwark* which provides care for priests in their old age and retirement, and their time of ill health. A gift to this worthy fund will ensure a dignified retirement for our priests, after they have dedicated a lifetime of service to Christ, His Church and His people.

In 2021 the Clergy Support Fund provided care for 71 retired priests, at a cost of £1.25 million. With the number of priests over the age of 65 steadily increasing, so too will the financial obligation to the Archdiocese.

Please be generous with a gift to the Clergy Support Fund and continue to keep our priests in your prayers.

Donations can be made online ([rcaos.org.uk/donate/CSF](https://rcaos.org.uk/donate/CSF)), by telephone (020 7960 2504) or by cash/cheque (use the CSF envelopes at the back of the church). Thank you!

### THANK YOU

The Missionary Society of St Columban would like to say a word of thanks for the wonderful support of their missionary efforts. The recent appeal in our parish raised £1,404.

### STAMP CUTTING

Volunteers needed to help trim & sort used stamps to raise money for Jesuit Missions: Thursday 3 March from 9.30am-12.30pm, coffee provided; please bring your own scissors, enquiries to Tim Everson ([tim.everson@btinternet.com](mailto:tim.everson@btinternet.com)) or just turn up at: 11 Edge Hill, SW19 4 LR.

## Parish News

### ASH WEDNESDAY

This Wednesday 2 March is Ash Wednesday, a day of fasting and abstinence.

Masses with distribution of ashes will be celebrated at 7.30 & 10am and 6.30 and 8pm.

### 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 [elizabethbottruell@hotmail.com](mailto:elizabethbottruell@hotmail.com) for details.

### PARISH SURVEY

How would you like to hear from Sacred Heart?

The Parish Pastoral Council wants to find out more about how we can share information with you, as a parishioner, to help you and others feel part of our parish community. Please take 5 minutes

to fill out this online survey. All responses are anonymous and the more information we receive, the better we can ensure communications serve you.

The survey can be found on the following link :

<https://forms.gle/MKQNh7Dvf9u9QILQA>

Thank you for your time. (For anyone without access to the internet, there will be paper copies of this survey available at the back of church, they can be returned to the Parish Office).

## Announcements

### THE MYSTERY OF THE MASS

You are invited to a talk by Fr. Matthew Donnelly on the 'Mystery of the Mass' after the 6.30pm Mass on Wednesday 2 March, Ash Wednesday, in the Youth Room. All welcome.

### LENT TALKS

Our series of Lent talks - following *Sycamore* which is an informal course about the Christian faith and its relevance for life today - starts on Thursday 3 March 7.30-8.30pm in the Upper Hall, (hall opens from 7pm for refreshments). The first talk will be on 'The Holy Spirit & The Church'. Everyone is welcome.

### FOOTSTEPS

*Footsteps*, a family-based group for those with primary age children will start on

Thursday 3 March from 4.30-5.30pm. We will meet in the Lower Hall and explore scripture, play games and creatively reflect on topics related to our faith ([eleanor@sacredheartwimledon.org.uk](mailto:eleanor@sacredheartwimledon.org.uk)).

### WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

On Fri 4 March a women-led, ecumenical service will be held at St John the Divine, High Path, SW19 2JY, at 10.30am. Service by women from England, Wales & Northern Ireland; theme "I know the plans I have for you" (Jeremiah 29:1-14). For more information please contact [alisonwilliams36@btinternet.com](mailto:alisonwilliams36@btinternet.com).

### R.C.I.A.

Two members of our Parish, John Cattermole and

Georgia Leatherdale-Gilholly, will celebrate the Rite of Election on Saturday 5 March in Southwark Cathedral. It will be the first step of the final stages of their preparation for their reception into the Catholic Church leading to baptism at the Easter Vigil. Please keep them, and all who journey with them, in your prayers.

### IGNATIAN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION MASS

You are invited to a special Mass to celebrate the fourth centenary of the canonisation of St Ignatius Loyola & St Francis Xavier with Bishop Nicholas Hudson 12noon on Saturday 12 March at St Ignatius Church, Stamford Hill, N15 6ND.

## Parish Organisations

### YOUNG ADULTS

Young Adults pancake party! For all those aged 18-35, we will be hosting a pancake party this Tuesday 1 March at

the young adults' house from 7.30pm. Contact Eleanor for the address.

### 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.

## Social & Cultural

### ST DAVID'S DAY CONCERT

The Passage, a Catholic Charity, working with homeless people, is holding a St David's Day concert on Thu 3 March at 7.30pm in Holy Trinity Church, Sloane Square, with The London Welsh Male Voice Choir & soloist tenor Ryan Vaughan Davies; tickets are £20 ([passage.org.uk/st-dauids-day-concert](http://passage.org.uk/st-dauids-day-concert) or 020 7592 1856).

**PALESTRINA  
SUCCESS & SUCCESSION**  
The Holst Singers present a spring programme of sublime choral music spanning four centuries with Palestrina's Missa Papae Marcelli, JS Bach's *Komm, Jesu, Komm* and new music from

Jaakko Mäntyjärvi and Ivo Antognini; Saturday 5 March, 7.45pm at St John the Baptist, Wimbledon. Advance tickets £18 from [www.holstsingers.com](http://www.holstsingers.com).

### ST JOHN PASSION

The Academy Choir Wimbledon will be performing Bach's St John Passion on Sat 12 March at 7pm at St John's Spencer Hill, SW19 4NZ alongside Academy Baroque Players with a starry lineup of soloists headed by Nick Pritchard as the Evangelist and conducted by Matthew Best. Tickets at [www.academychoirwimbledon.co.uk](http://www.academychoirwimbledon.co.uk) or 0333 6663366.

### NEWMAN CIRCLE

You are invited to the Up-

per Hall on Wed 16 Mar, 7pm, when Fr Ladislav Šulik SJ will talk about activities to celebrate 'Ignatius500', the 500th anniversary (1521-2021) of the time that a cannonball changed the life of St Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuit order.

Originally from Slovakia, Fr Ladislav Šulik SJ studied philosophy and theology in Slovakia and at the Gregorian University in Rome. After spending time during his formation at Wimbledon College, he was ordained in 2010 and now works as Chaplain at the London Jesuit Centre. His particular interest is in the central Christian belief in God of Trinity.

### 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.

### VACANCY

There is a vacancy for Chief Executive Officer of the Dalgarno Trust, a community centre in the heart of Ladbroke Grove, N-Kensington; their objective is to bring adults and children of all ages from diverse and disadvantaged backgrounds together, to help fulfil their potential and break the cycle of poverty, ill-health, and deprivation. For more information and to apply please visit <https://careers4change.com/jobs/chief-executive-officer-dalgarno-trust/>. Closing date 15 March, 5pm.

### CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS

Friday 4 March: Meet at St George's Cathedral, Southwark London SE1 7HY, at 3pm. (Nearest tube: Waterloo East or Lambeth North). A stroll around Southwark. Discover links with Charles Dickens, a ruined church with a story, and more about St George and why he is our local patron saint! This is a circular walk which will finish back at St George's - but of course you can leave any time.

## Exploring our Faith

### 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 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 can be found at: <https://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/>

[savinggrace](http://savinggrace.org.uk); sign up to receive materials: [http://ee.purl.com/hnK\\_Rz](http://ee.purl.com/hnK_Rz)

### LOVE HEALS BODY MIND AND SPIRIT

The LHBMS Ministry welcome you to come to a one-day retreat of quiet reflection on Saturday 5 March, 11am - 4.30pm at Our Lady of Assumption & St Gregory, Warwick Street, Piccadilly, W1F 9JR: Rosary, Holy Mass (celebrant priest: Fr Mark Elliott Smith), lunch (please bring your own lunch - tea & coffee available), scripture based talk - 'Free Will and God's Will', Christian Meditation, Blessed Adora-

tion with Divine Mercy, healing prayers - praise & worship. <https://www.lovehealsbodymindspirit.com/>

### POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION

Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention during the month of March: 'A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges, we pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.'

### 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 Matthew Donnelly  
8.00am Fr Joseph Donkor  
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 26 6.30pm Alice Kehoe RIP  
Mon 28 7.30am Michelle Fagan RIP  
10.00am Jack, Maryjo & John RIP  
11.30am Funeral of Len Hay RIP  
6.30pm Muriel Hofstetter (née D'Souza)  
Tue 1 10.00am Teresa Smith Ints.  
6.30pm John Chin RIP  
Wed 2 7.30am Holy Souls  
10.00am Alice Magee RIP  
6.30pm Newton D'Souza Ints.  
8.00pm Marian Korybut Ints.  
Thu 3 10.00am Holy Souls  
6.30pm Joann D'Costa Birthday Ints.  
Fri 4 7.30am Genovefa Sitarska RIP  
10.00am Anna Yi RIP  
6.30pm Alfons & Kasimira Kempinski RIP  
Sat 5 10.00am Anna R. Carneiro & Joaquim Pires 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)

### WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

**Those who have died recently:** Caryl Hayward, Patrick Barry, Len Hay, Elizabeth Anne Oliver and Leon Keens-Douglas.

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Alice Kehoe, Margherita Opacic, Louis Salole, Pauline Spooner, Joy Thimont, Maureen Denney, Eilish Healy and Tony Atkinson.

**The sick:** Patricia Reynolds, Carol Pegler, Jane Boyle, Teresa Smith, Angela de Leon Nieves, 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

**Tue 1 Mar** St David, Bishop, Patron of Wales, Feast  
**Wed 2 Mar** Ash Wednesday, a day of fasting and abstinence; Ashes are blessed during Mass (St Chad, Bishop of Lichfield; St Nicholas Owen)  
**Fri 4 Mar** Collect of St Casimir;  
Women's World Day of Prayer

### 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: 98 *Breathe on me, Breath of God*

Kyrie/Gloria 459/460

Offertory motet: *Alleluia! I heard a voice*, Thomas Weelkes

Sanctus: 433

Communion motet: *O sacrum convivium*, Giuseppe Bernabei

Post-communion hymn: 891 *Christ be our light*

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)

### 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)