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Newsletter

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First Sunday of Lent (C)

First Week
of Lent

Vol II. Psalter week I

Next Sunday's Readings

Second Sunday of Lent

- Genesis 15:5-12.17-18
- Psalm 26:1.7-9.13-14
- Philippians 3:17-4:1
- Luke 9:28-36

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 9 March

- Stations of the Cross, 7.15pm

Thursday 10 March

- Footsteps Group (see p.2), 4.30pm, Lower Hall
- Lent Talk 'The Gift of Faith', 7pm for 7.30, Upper Hall

Friday 11 March

- Family Fast Day
- Stations of the Cross, 7.15pm

Wednesday 16 March

- Newman Circle, talk by Fr Ladislav Šulik SJ, 7pm Upper Hall

Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving

As we enter into the desert with Jesus during Lent let us consider our objectives as we approach the celebration of Easter: classically Lent involves three practises, Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.

The doing of these things often remains superficial, but their purpose is to internalise the reality they represent so that we are better equipped to bear spiritual fruit as disciples of Christ, those fruits being principally: proclaiming the Kingdom of God - that Christ is Lord over all things; performing the good works demanded by Jesus in the Gospel thereby advancing the Kingdom, and, as a result of doing the above, progressing in the spiritual life in order to achieve an ever deeper communion with God and the members of Christ's body the Church.

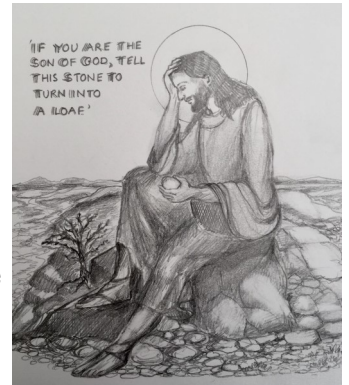
Prayer is the raising of the mind and the heart to God. To attend to God, to seek communion with God in a deliberate and conscious way. Constant prayer is being present to God, and means looking out for the ways in which He manifests himself to us, through the circumstances of our life, through our mind and through our emotions. It is the discovery of God's will in the prayer and the strengthening of our faith that prayer brings that we are primed for action.

Fasting has its purpose in the strengthening of the Will. The emotions, the imagination, memory and the intellect should all be subject to the will because the will is the faculty by which we exercise our faith in the performance of good works. The will therefore is the most important faculty we possess because, by exercising the will, we are better able to make acts of Christian love.

Almsgiving is not so much about altruism as seeing and serving Jesus in our neighbour. It is in obedience to Jesus' command to love that we give alms which can take many forms: just think of the Corporal Works of Mercy: Feeding the hungry and thirsty, visiting the sick and lonely, clothing the naked, providing shelter and warmth etc. Assisting and providing aid to our Ukrainian brothers and sisters represents an ideal opportunity for manifesting practical expressions of love and solidarity with Christ in those who suffer.

The greatest prayer available to us, and the deepest expression of God's love for humanity is the Mass. The Mass is the Paschal Mystery, the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus which results in an intimate and physical communion between us and God in the Eucharist. That communion of love with Christ through the Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith and the good works that ensue from it.

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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: Sr Dorothy Perrott OSU, Sr Francis SSA

Youth Minister: Eleanor Bowman

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As part of our Lenten observance, therefore, let us re-discover the Mass, so that by the grace we draw from a more regular participation in its mystery, we might draw strength from the Passion Death and Resurrection of Christ in the performance of our Lenten observance in preparation for our Passover at Easter. *Fr Matthew*

EMERGENCY UKRAINE HUMANITARIAN APPEAL
CAFOD, a member of the Disasters Emergency Committee, has launched an appeal to help the over one million people who have fled their homes to escape conflict in Ukraine; because of CAFOD's global reach and local presence, they are there when an emergency hits. Your donations will reach families who are in urgent need of help. Please visit <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Ukraine-crisis> to make a donation towards the appeal, and to find out how to support the Ukrainian people.

'God's plan for the world is peace, not disaster. We pray for Ukraine and her people, and for the world's leaders.
No one wins in war.
Everyone wins in peace.'

Loving God,
We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them.
We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.
We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need.
May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world.
Amen.

Parish News

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

You are invited to follow the Stations of the Cross in the church, every Wednesday and Friday after the 6.30pm Mass during Lent.

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 elizabethbottrill@hotmail.com for details. Children's Liturgy dates for your diaries: 13 & 27 March,

24 April, 22 May, 12 & 26 June and 10 July.

CDs FOR SALE

Deacon Joseph's CDs are for sale after each Mass this Sunday: 'If you would like to purchase a copy of his EP CD (Praise and Worship music CD), titled 'As For Me & My House', please find me outside of the church as you exit. I ask for a donation of at least £5 to cover basic costs of production. I highly appreciate your support in this ministry! Many blessings in Christ!' *Deacon Joseph*.

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. There is still time 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/MKQNh7Dvf9u9QILOA>

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 before Sunday 13 March).

Announcements

ST JOSEPH NOVENA

To commemorate the year dedicated to St Joseph and mark his feast day, a novena to St Joseph will commence on Thu 10 March after every Mass until 18 March, the vigil of his feast day.

LENT TALKS

Our series of Lent talks - following *Sycamore* which is an informal course about the Christian faith and its relevance for life today - will continue on Thursday 10 March 7.30-8.30pm in the Upper Hall, (hall opens from 7pm for refreshments). The second talk will be on 'The Gift of Faith'. Everyone is welcome.

FOOTSTEPS

Footsteps, a family-based group for those with primary age children will continue to meet on Thursday 10 March from 4.30-5.30pm in the Lower Hall. We will explore scripture, play games and creatively reflect on topics related to our faith (elleanor@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk).

R.C.I.A.

Two members of our Parish, John Cattermole and Georgia Leatherdale-Gilholly, will celebrate the Rite of Election this 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 with Bishop Nicholas Hudson to celebrate the fourth centenary of the canonisation of St Ignatius Loyola & St Francis Xavier: 12noon on Saturday 12 March at St Ignatius Church, Stamford Hill, N15 6ND.

Parish Organisations

MEMORY LANE CLUB

This popular club for people with dementia and their

carers is open 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.

Social & Cultural

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 line-up of soloists headed by Nick Pritchard as the Evangelist and conducted by Matthew Best. Tickets at www.academychoirwimbledon.co.uk or 0333 6663366.

NEWMAN CIRCLE

You are invited to the Upper Hall on Wed 16 Mar, 7pm, when Fr Ladislav Šulík 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 Šulík 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.

OLIVER - THE MUSICAL

Back after three years! Wimbledon College presents Lionel Bart's musical "OLIVER!" on 23, 24 & 25 March at 7.30 in the College

Hall. Prices £9 adults, £6 under-18s. Reservations and payment may be made on 020 8946 2533 or via the Wimbledon College website. The young cast looks forward to welcoming you!

WINTERSHALL PASSION PLAY

After a break of two years, Wintershall will once again be performing Passion of Jesus Christ in Trafalgar Square on Good Friday 15 Apr, 12noon & 3.15pm. The performance is free, all are welcome. The play takes place in the open air and has been extremely popular in previous years, so arrival in good time to obtain a seat on the steps is strongly recommended. No tickets required.

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.

FAMILY FAST DAY

Family Fast Day is on Friday 11 March. Join in Family Fast Day with our parish, your friends and family so that more children can grow up big and strong. By eating simply and giving what you save, you'll be making a place at your table for children like Lombah (see <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day>) this Lent - because no child should go hungry. Family Fast Day envelopes are available at the back of the church.

Exploring our Faith

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.'

ONLINE LENT RETREAT - SAVING GRACE

A retreat for Lent introduced by Archbishop John Wilson and led by the Southwark Spirituality Commission: During each week of Lent, Archbishop John will introduce a video, an Old Testament passage will be read, followed by a brief talk exploring themes connected with the Gospel. The content can be viewed at any time and the talk will be accompanied by suggestions for prayer and reflection through the week. For full details & to sign up: <http://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/>

A DAY WITH MARY

You are invited to a Day with Mary on Saturday 19 March at Our Lady & St Peter, Victoria Drive, SW19, from 9.30am-5pm; celebrant and preacher Fr Philip de Freitas; Exposition & Procession of the Blessed Sacrament; Sermons on Our Lady by Fr Antonio Ritaccio and Fr Martin Edwards, Meditations on the Passion of Our Lord; please bring your own packed lunch. For more information please visit adaywithmary.org.

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 Canon John Clark
12 noon Fr Michael Barnes SJ
5.00pm Fr Joseph Donkor
8.00pm Fr Matthew Donnelly

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 5 10.00am Michael Wiggins RIP
6.30pm Anna Rosa Carneiro & Joaquin Pires RIP
Mon 7 7.30am Sheena Wilson RIP
10.00am Dougie Millar RIP
12.30pm Funeral of Elizabeth Anne Oliver
6.30pm Thank you Mass from the Healy Family
Tue 8 10.00am Elizabeth & Patrick Howlin RIP
6.30pm Angela Kelly RIP
Wed 9 10.00am Superior General of the Heart of Mary
6.30pm Patricia Wilbrahim RIP
Thu 10 10.00am Maria for good health, thanksgiving Ints.
6.30pm Caroline Wilson Ints.
Fri 11 7.30am Fabio Formenton Macola RIP
10.00am Margaret Farley 100th Birthday Ints.
6.30pm Caroline Wilson Ints.
Sat 12 10.00am Joan Boyle 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

Solemn Latin Mass

K,S,A: *Missa brevis in C*, Antonio Lotti
Veritas mea, George Malcolm
Ave verum, William Byrd

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 / wimparish@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Patricia Reynolds, Maria Moniz, Norah Frain, Marian Korybut, Patrick Barry, Elizabeth Anne Oliver and Leon Keens-Douglas.

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Joy Thimont, Michael Wiggins, Robert Deith, George McPartlin, Roland Randall, Cecilia Vaz, Eugene Byrne and Peter Barry.

The sick: Joyce Shannon, 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 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 7 Mar Ss Perpetua and Felicity, martyrs
Tue 8 Mar St John of God, Religious
Wed 9 Mar St Frances of Rome, Religious
Fri 11 Mar Family Fast Day

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 or contact Anne Waldron (Chair) at 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