



# THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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## Newsletter

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### Second Sunday of Lent (C)

Second Week  
of Lent

Vol II. Psalter week 2

### Next Sunday's Readings

#### Third Sunday of Lent

- Exodus 3:1-8.13-15
- Psalm 102:1-4.6-8.11
- I Corinthians 10:1-6.10-12
- Luke 13:1-9

### Upcoming Events

#### Sunday 13 March

- Children's Liturgy, 10am Mass

#### Wednesday 16 March

- Stations of the Cross after the 6.30pm Mass
- Newman Circle, talk by Fr Ladislav Šulik SJ, 7.30pm, Upper Hall

#### Thursday 17 March

- Footsteps Group, 4.30pm, Lower Hall
- Lent Talk 'The Community of the Church', 7pm for 7.30pm, Upper Hall

#### Friday 18 March

- Stations of the Cross, after the 6.30pm Mass

## Back to the Mountain of Transfiguration

The gospel mentions the brightness of Jesus' clothes; Luke says they became 'brilliant as lightning'. Saint Gregory Nazianzen tells us that this brightness was the Divinity, manifested to the disciples.

Traditionally, Moses and Elijah are seen as representing the Law and the Prophets, an interpretation which we find in the preface of today's Mass. But Moses and Elijah were also people who had encounters with the Divinity. Both had to cross the desert for forty days and climb the mountain of God. Perhaps these two are present as representing all who desire to see God's glory. When can I enter and see the face of God? (Isa 42:2). What were Moses



Mount Tabor

and Elijah talking about with Jesus? Luke says they were 'speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem', and indeed it was in his Passion that the face of God was to be revealed, as John would later writes: 'No one has ever seen God; it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart, who has made him known' (John 1:18).

Today, we thank the Father whose voice is heard in the Transfiguration of his Beloved Son. Like the three disciples, we are given this glimpse of who Jesus is, to

strengthen us and help us understand what is revealed in the Passion. John says in the Prologue: 'we saw his glory;' is he referring to the Transfiguration or to the Crucifixion, to Tabor or to Calvary? Or is there a sense in which these two mountains are one? Was the disciples' experience on Mount Tabor for them a preview of Calvary, a deeper vision of the reality of the Crucifixion event?

Every week we bring our gifts of faith to church to share, and we can be assured that in God's plan everyone is special, and everyone is welcome to carefully listen to God's Beloved Son and respond to Him obediently.

Fr Joseph Donkor

### 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

## JESUIT MISSIONS' UKRAINE EMERGENCY APPEAL

In the last fortnight we have seen a tragedy unfolding in Ukraine. Russia's invasion has led to mass displacement and violence against men, women and children.

Here in the United Kingdom, the proximity of the conflict brings home to many the reality of those around the world who are faced with war, conflict and injustice; there is a tremendous amount of goodwill and a desire to address the suffering of the people of Ukraine. Jesuit Missions have launched an Ukraine Emergency Appeal. For more information and for the link to JM's donations page, please see <https://jesuitmissions.org.uk/work/emergencies/crisis-in-ukraine-2/> : Thanks to the international partnership between Jesuit Missions, a member of the Xavier Network, and Jesuit Refugee Service in Europe, your financial donations will help provide emergency shelter, food and essential items, facilitate transportation for the refugee population, provide legal assistance and psychosocial support, as well as other protection mechanisms to support the Ukrainian people. Jesuit Missions extend their sincere thanks for your continued support of their international relief and development efforts. Your contributions help to transform the lives of the most vulnerable people.

Let us continue to pray together for the people of Ukraine.

## 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.

### CARDS

Cards for St Patrick's Day, Mother's Day, Easter, First Communion and Confirmation cards are now available at the Presbytery Reception.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY RECRUITMENT

To all members of the Sacred Heart Parish: we are seeking new volunteers to join our wonderful Ministry.

It is an approx. 6x/year commitment, and you will be assisting, so it's not too stressful. We are a lovely team, so please do join us in supporting our parish; email Elizabeth ([elizabethbottrill@hotmail.com](mailto: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.

### COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE

On Saturday 26 March from 10.30-12.30pm we will be collecting below listed items for Ukraine in the Lower Hall:

- Medical supply like painkillers (for children and adults), plasters, bandages, sudocrem
- Female hygienic items
- New-born items (antiseptic creams, formula, nappies)
- Cosmetics (soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hand and face lotions)
- Dry food for little children
- Sweets, coffee tea and biscuits, tinned meat, fish, beans, rice noodles in a pot, porridge in a pot

**Thank you for your generosity!**

## Announcements

### ST JOSEPH NOVENA

To commemorate the year dedicated to St Joseph and mark his feast day, we will continue to pray the novena to St Joseph after every Mass until 18 March, the vigil of his feast day.

### CONTL. BREAKFAST

We will meet again for a continental breakfast next Sunday 20 March after the 8am Mass until noon in the Lower Hall. Come and join us for lovely croissants, tea & coffee and a chat.

### 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 17 March 7.30-8.30pm in the Upper Hall, (hall opens from 7pm for refreshments). The third talk will be on 'The Community of the Church'. Everyone is welcome.

### FOOTSTEPS

*Footsteps*, a family-based group for those with primary age children will continue to meet on Thursday 17 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 ([eleonor@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](mailto:eleonor@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk)).

## Parish Organisations

### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

The Bereavement Team invites everyone experiencing loss in their lives, no matter how long ago, to drop in for a coffee and a chat on Saturday 26 March from 10.30-11.30am, in the Parish Lounge. For more information,

please call 07702 339000 or visit the parish website.

### FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Objects of interest: Do join us in the Lounge on Friday 1 April at 2.30pm. And bring along an object of interest to share with the group. Tea and cakes. All welcome!

### 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 & cake along with lots of chat, laughter and other activities. We greatly look forward to meeting up with old friends and new.

## Social & Cultural

### NEWMAN CIRCLE

You are invited to the Upper Hall on Wed 16 Mar, 7.30pm, 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.

### URSULINE PREP OPEN EVENT

Ursuline Prep School is having a virtual Open Event on 16 March at 7.30pm, a convenient option for parents with young children to get a feel of the school. Parents are then invited to come for a personal tour. Parents can sign up at <https://www.ursulineprep.org/admissions/open-events>

### THE PASSAGE

*The Passage*, a Catholic charity working with homeless

people, is raising funds through the *Big Give*, a matched giving scheme: Every £1 donated online between 12noon on Mon 14 and 12noon on Mon 28 March makes £2 and £2.25 if you are a taxpayer through Gift Aid. Please visit: <https://bit.ly/BigGiveMarch22> to support the campaign 'It takes more than a house to make a home' focusing on the services provided to people who have been homeless in their journey to being happily settled in a new home. For more info or assistance making a donation please ring 020 7592 1856.

### OLIVER - THE MUSICAL

Back after three years! Wimbledon College presents Lionel Bart's musical "OLIVER!" on 23, 24 & 25 March at 7.30pm in the College Hall. Prices £9 adults, £6 under-18s. Reservations & 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 the Passion of Jesus Christ in Trafalgar Sq. 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 is strongly recommended. No tickets required.

### SEVEN LAST WORDS FROM THE CROSS

On Palm Sunday, 10 April, at 6.30pm, as part of the liturgical service, the Choir of St Mary's Church, Wimbledon, will be performing a collection of new choral music on the subject of *Christ's Seven Last Words from the Cross*. The works by established and local composers (including Owain Park, Ken Burton, David Bednall and Ruth Byrchmore) present musical styles that showcase the very best of what this country has to offer in choral composition.

The choir and clergy of St Mary's Church, Wimbledon SW19 7BP, cordially invite you to the service which will consist of the choral music, readings and congregational singing. Admission is free, with a retiring collection.

### 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.

### VACANCIES

The Society of Friends of Westminster Cathedral is seeking to recruit a PT Organising Secretary to help administer the charity, assist in recruiting new members and in organising events. The appointment based in Westminster Cathedral Clergy House is for 20 hrs/week at a salary in the region of £14,500 p.a. The appointment is for 12 months. Closing date 27 March. For further details please visit <https://westminstercathedral.org.uk/the-friends-see-an-organising-secretary/>.

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Lay Chaplain: An exciting new opportunity has become available to work with Ursuline Preparatory School, Wimbledon, as a Lay Chaplain for two days (or equivalent)/week, term time only. This is a permanent post, starting in September 2022. The salary is in the region of £10,900. For further information please contact Helen Robinson, Bursar, at [bursar@ursulineprep.org](mailto:bursar@ursulineprep.org). Closing date: 1 April.

## Exploring our Faith

### 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](http://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 Matthew Donnelly  
8.00am Fr Joseph Donkor  
10.00am Fr Michael Barnes SJ  
12 noon Fr Joseph Donkor  
5.00pm Fr Matthew Donnelly  
8.00pm Canon John Clark

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 12 6.30pm Ana Carolina de Morges Wilson Ints.  
Mon 14 7.30am Cormac Duffy RIP  
10.00am Paddy Barry RIP  
6.30pm Ana Carolina de Morges Wilson Ints.  
Tue 15 10.00am Paddy Barry RIP  
12.30pm Funeral of Layla Bahnam  
6.30pm Ana Carolina de Morges Wilson Ints.  
Wed 16 10.00am David Curzon  
6.30pm Ana Carolina de Morges Wilson Ints.  
Thu 17 10.00am Christopher Cooper RIP  
6.30pm Ana Carolina de Morges Wilson Ints.  
Fri 18 7.30am Captain Declan Whelan RIP  
10.00am Holy Souls  
6.30pm Ana Carolina de Morges Wilson Ints.  
Sat 19 10.00am Mr & Mrs Angela Boland 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:** Angela de Leon Nieves, Patricia Reynolds, Maria Moniz, Norah Frain, Marian Korybut, Layla Bahnam, Patrick Barry and Leon Keens-Douglas.

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** John Patrick Pieroni, Rose Webber, Margaret Thatcher, Hazel Mary Beckingham, Eileen Mayo and Christopher Cooper.

**The sick:** Tony Brook, Masha Shishkina, Joyce Shannon, Carol Pegler, Jane Boyle, Teresa Smith, 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

**Thu 17 Mar** St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland, Feast  
**Fri 18 Mar** Collect of St Cyril of Jerusalem  
**Sat 19 Mar** St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of the Universal Church

### 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: 111 *Christ is the world's light*

Kyrie: *Orbis factor* (plainsong)

Offertory: *O nata lux*, Thomas Tallis

Sanctus: Missal tones (M4)

Communion: *Panis angelicus*, César

Franck arr. Rutter

Post-communion hymn: 301 *Immortal, invisible*

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### 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)