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Newsletter

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Third Sunday of Lent (C)

Third Week
of Lent

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Next Sunday's Readings

Fourth Sunday of Lent

- Joshua 5:9-12
- Psalm 33:2-7
- 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
- Luke 15:1-3.11-32

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 23 March

- Stations of the Cross after the 6.30pm Mass

Thursday 24 March

- *Footsteps* Group, 4.30pm, Lower Hall
- Lent Talk '*Catholic Social Teaching*', 7pm for 7.30pm, Upper Hall
- Singing and Praying for Ukraine, 7.15pm, church

Friday 25 March

- Stations of the Cross, after the 6.30pm Mass

Saturday 26 March

- Bereavement Support, 10.30am, Parish Lounge

'Leave The Fig Tree One More Year'

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus did not dispute what could have led Pilate to massacre a number of Galileans and mingle their blood with their sacrifices. Jesus did not argue about the reasons why the tower of Siloam fell on eighteen people and killed them. These were all concrete historical events that were not into doubt. But a careful reading of the intervention of Jesus shows that he moved decisively away from the judgment of other people. This reasoning is potentially behind the question of the disciples of Jesus in John 9:2 when they saw a man born blind – 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind? It is for this reason that he asked his audience if they think those who suffered



calamities were worse sinners than others.

To help us understand the shift from judgment of others to putting one's own house in order, Jesus used the comparison with a fig tree that was not bearing fruit. This fig tree in a vineyard seems as good as dead. It has grown no fruit for three successive years. The reaction of the owner of the vineyard seems quite reasonable; have the tree cut down because it is only taking up space that could more profitably be used for vines. But the gardener had a different perspective. He looked at the apparently

useless fig tree and he saw that it could still bear fruit. He had a more positive vision of the fig tree, a more hopeful vision. He felt all was not lost; there was still time for the fig tree to come good.

Surely this is how the Lord looks on us during this Lent. God does not just see what we have failed to do in the past, but what we are capable of doing in the future. He looks on us in a merciful, hopeful spirit. And that is how we are to look at each other and, indeed, at every situation in life. Like the gardener, we need to be patient, be prepared to wait, and be able to look under the uncompromising surface to the faint signs of new life that are stirring there.

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

SINGING AND PRAYING FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE

St Augustine said to sing is to pray twice, so Giles Kennedy and Katy's Songbirds invite you to join them to pray for peace in Ukraine and the world through a singing meditation:

'We will be singing simple, well-known Taizé chants as our mantras, as well as peace songs and the Ukraine National Anthem. It will take place at Sacred Heart Church on Thursday 24 March, following on from 6.30pm Mass. We'll be finished by 8pm.

If, like us, you've made donations but want to do something more, then we would love you to join us. We believe very strongly that great things happen when people come together to pray, and so we're offering our prayers through song. You don't need to know the chants, or to be in great voice, your presence is more than enough.'

If you would like to take part, but can't be there in person, the singing meditation will be streamed via the Sacred Heart Church website.

The words will be on the Songbirds' facebook page: @Katyssongbirds. For more info please contact them on facebook, or email ksongbirds656@gmail.com.

For ways to support and make donations towards Ukraine emergency appeals please visit the following websites:

CAFOD (member of the Disasters Emergency Committee), <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Ukraine-crisis>

or Jesuit Missions

<https://jesuitmissions.org.uk/work/emergencies/crisis-in-ukraine-2/>

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

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 pain-killers (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

Please only donate items listed (**no** CLOTHES and TOYS, as they will have to be returned).

Thank you for your generosity!

PARKING SUN 20 MAR

Please note that there will be a Pop Up Vaccination Clinic at Wimbledon College this Sunday 20 March between 9am-5.30pm. Marshalls will be overseeing the car park to facilitate parking for parishioners attending Mass.

Announcements

SECOND COLLECTION

The 2nd collection this weekend will be in support for Poor Parishes, enabling the Archbishop to make grants to smaller parishes of the diocese.

CONTL. BREAKFAST

We will meet again for a continental breakfast this 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.

R.C.I.A.

The next step for John and Georgia, who are being

baptised at Easter, are the 'Scrutinies', i.e. an anointing and special blessing. These will take place at the following times on Sundays 20 March at 10am Mass, 27 March at 12noon Mass and 3 April at 5pm Mass.

At these Masses the gospel will be from Cycle A of the liturgy.

Let us continue to keep our R.C.I.A. members in our prayers and so prepare to welcome them into our parish community

LENT TALKS

We continue our series of Lent talks on Thursday 24

March 7.30-8.30pm in the Upper Hall, (hall opens from 7pm for refreshments). The fourth talk will be on 'Catholic Social Teaching'. Everyone is welcome.

FOOTSTEPS

Footsteps, a family-based group for those with primary age children will continue to meet on Thursday 24 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).

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

SACRED HEART CHORUS

Calling all singers - the Sacred Heart Chorus is back: we are performing an all-Mendelssohn programme (with full orchestra) on Sat 18 June, including *Lauda Sion*, his setting of the sequence for Corpus Christi. First rehearsal is Monday 21 March, 7.30-9.30pm in the church; please see sacredheartmusic.co.uk/concerts for further details, or call Sheena Macdonald on 07879 653590.

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!

STELLA MARIS

Stella Maris, an intl. Maritime charity supporting seafarers, fishers, and their families in the UK and around the

world, invites you to an online discussion (Zoom) to explore 'Modernisation in the Shipping Industry' and what it means for seafarers around the world and the important role *Stella Maris* has in supporting them: Wed 23 March 7.30pm. For more information and booking please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/modernisation

GLOBAL & LOCAL CLIMATE ACTION

Wimbledon Green Churches Group cordially invites you to a talk by Prof. John Remedios, Director National Centre for Earth Observation, on *Making a Difference to Global & Local Climate Action*; Saturday 26 March at 7.30pm, Trinity United Reformed Church, Mansel Road SW19 4AA.

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.

CHURCH FUND-RAISING CONCERT

On Easter Monday 18 April at 5pm the London Accordion Orchestra and guests are once again coming to the Sacred Heart Church to play another epic concert - from Bach to Benny Goodman.

Tickets (£15/£12 concess.) are available online on the ticketsource site, and will be on sale after all Masses on 2/3 April. Enquiries please to 020 8946 5198.

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

Lay Chaplain: An exciting new opportunity has become available to work with Ursuline Preparatory School, Wimbledon, as a Lay Chaplain for 2 days (or equiv.)/week, term time only. This is a permanent post, starting in Sept 2022. The salary is in the region of £10,900. For further info please contact Helen Robinson, Bursar, at bursar@ursulineprep.org. Closing date: 1 April.

HALF MARATHON

Our youth minister Eleanor will be taking part in this year's *London Landmarks Half Marathon* on Sun 3 April to raise money for CAFOD, an intl. development charity and the official aid agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales. They reach out to people living in poverty with practical help, whatever their religion or culture. They campaign for global justice, so that every woman, man, and child can live a full and dignified life. If you're able to support Eleanor & CAFOD in sponsorship, please use this web link <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/eleanor-roberts13>

Exploring our Faith

A DAY WITH MARY

You are invited to a *Day with Mary* on Sat 26 Mar at Our Lady of Fatima, Westway, W12 7QR, 10am-5.30pm; celebrant and preacher Fr Richard Nesbitt; Exposition & Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, Sermons on Our

Lady by Fr Serafino Lanzetta, Meditations on the Passion of Our Lord; please bring your own packed lunch. For more information, please visit adaywithmary.org.

TAIZÉ PRAYER NIGHT

Join the Young Adults Group from 7.15pm on Tuesday 29 March in the church for an hour of Taizé prayer and adoration. Parishioners of all ages welcome and refreshments will be served afterwards.

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 19 6.30pm Jean Shiner RIP
Sun 20 5.00pm Jenina Micholowska RIP
Mon 21 7.30am Holy Souls
10.00am Philomena Forrester RIP
6.30pm Maria Funaioli RIP
Tue 22 10.00am Len Hay RIP
12noon Funeral of Patrick Barry
6.30pm Maria Ines Gomez de Muller
Wed 23 10.00am Personal Intentions
11.30am Funeral of Leon Keens-Douglas
6.30pm Anne Fry RIP
Thu 24 10.00am Chloe Sheead Ints.
6.30pm Len Hay RIP
Fri 25 7.30am Our Lady Queen of Peace
10.00am Funeral of Maria Moniz
12noon Funeral of Benjamin Green
6.30pm Gerard Kilkelly RIP
Sat 26 10.00am Martin Paul Foley 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: Benjamin Green, Jeanette Braganza, Clara Randles, Elsie Manning, Patricia Reynolds, Maria Moniz, Leon Keens-Douglas and Patrick Barry.

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Hettie Macdonald, Elizabeth Drury, Margaret O'Donnell and Pat Burling.

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

Wed 23 Mar Collect of St Turibius of Mogrovejo
Thu 24 Mar optl. Collect of St Oscar Romero
Fri 25 Mar The Annunciation of the Lord, Solemnity

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: 529 *O God, thy people gather*
K/S: Missa Brevis, GP da Palestrina
Offertory motet: *Peccantem me quotidie*, Cristobal de Morales
Communion motet: *Agnus Dei II* (from Mass)
Post communion hymn: 219 *God of mercy and compassion*

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

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