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Newsletter

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Fourth Sunday of Lent
Laetare Sunday
Fourth Week
of Lent
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Next Sunday's Readings

Fifth Sunday of Lent

- Isaiah 43:16-21
- Psalm 125
- Philippians 3:8-14
- John 8:1-11

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 29 March

- 7.15pm, church, Taizé prayer and adoration

Wednesday 30 March

- Stations of the Cross after the 6.30pm Mass

Thursday 31 March

- Footsteps Group, 4.30pm, Lower Hall
- Lent Talk 'Care for Our Common Home', 7pm for 7.30pm, Upper Hall

Friday 1 April

- Friendship Group, 2.30pm, Lounge
- Stations of the Cross, after the 6.30pm Mass

..your brother here was dead and has come to life

Following a transition in the lifestyle of the people of God, the parable of Jesus in the Gospel uses food as the vehicle of narration. The time the younger son lived with his father, he lived in comfortable circumstances. He became selfish and did not see the good the father was doing to him by providing him all his needs. The decision to request his part of his inheritance even before the death of his father was a wicked one. His resolution to separate himself from his father and the rest of his family shows that he had no consideration for his personal responsibility toward the family. He thought his inheritance would provide him food for all his life. He did not realise that he was not experienced in managing wealth properly. The parable makes clear that the young man came to his senses only because he lacked food. We would have thought that



the period of hunger would have been the occasion for him to reflect on his life and repent the wrong he did by asking for his inheritance when his father was still alive. On the contrary, his reflection was limited to the contrast between the life his father's servants and what he was experiencing in the distant land. It would seem that he was not conscious of the gravity of his own action. This observation is however tone down by his demand for pardon when he acknowledged that he had sinned against his father and against God. The reaction of the father

at the return of the younger son surprises many people. He did not show any sign of anger despite the son's action that halved his property. He was more concerned about the safe return of the son. The reaction of the father may be seen by some people as tacitly lauding the action of his son. Far from that, we need to look at the merciful attitude of the father. The question that the action of Jesus raises is a pertinent and complicated one. How can we bring sinners to God if we do not seek their company? How do we let sinners know that God is a loving and merciful father who awaits our return? How do we let sinners know that though their sins are many, the Lord would cleanse them and make them a new creation? May we use this Lenten season for our own repentance and engage ourselves in bringing back sinners to their Father's house.

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

UKRAINE CRISIS S-LONDON EMERGENCY MEETING

The tragedy of Ukraine has seen outpourings of support in many ways. To hear more about the current situation and what we can all do, the CCJ (Council of Christians and Jews) invites you to join a S-London Emergency Meeting on Sun 3 April, at Wimbledon Synagogue, 1 Queensmere Rd, Parkside, SW19 5QD (Limited live synagogue audience capacity so please register in advance to office@wimshul.org), the event will also be live and recorded for the Wimbledon Synagogue YouTube channel: <https://tiny.cc/WS-YT>. Members of the panel are Fleur Anderson (MP for Putney & Southfields Shadow Paymaster General), Robert Bieber MBE (Member of Richmond Synagogue, former chairman of ORT which is pooling its donations during the Ukraine war to World Jewish Relief), Professor Sir Lawrence Freedman KCMG CBE PC FBA (Member of Wimbledon Synagogue, eminent historian writer, broadcaster), Henry Grunwald OBE QC (President of World Jewish Relief), Iryna Mushkina (Ukrainian member of Richmond Synagogue), Sara Nathan OBE (Co-founder & trustee of Southfields based charity Refugees At Home).

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

COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE

This 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

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

Thank you for your generosity!

MOTHER'S DAY

The Parish Priest and the Clergy would like to wish all mothers a Happy Mother's Day today!

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.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

The Parish Gift Aid Team has recently sent out, by post, the coming year's packs 2022/2023 to those using them. Please inform the Parish Office, if you have not received yours or if you would like to start using Gift Aid envelopes.

Announcements

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 again on Sundays 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 'Care For Our Common Home'. Everyone is welcome.

FOOTSTEPS

Footsteps, our family-based group exploring scripture, playing games and creatively reflecting on topics related to our faith for those with primary age children will continue to meet on Thu 31 March from 4.30-5.30pm in the Lower Hall (eleanor@credheartwimbledon.org.uk)

CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS

A special service of the Stations of the Cross for children will be held at 11am

on Good Friday. A rehearsal for all actors and readers will take place in the church at 9.15 -10.30am that day. Please email Rachel Marshall on rachel@marshallemail.net if your child would like to take part. Adult help welcomed!

CHURCHES TOGETHER WEST WIMBLEDON

Good Friday at 10am assemble for a 10.15am start inside the Lantern Methodist Church, Worple Rd, for start of promenade performance through Raynes Park of the passion narrative, culminating outside the station with prayers before the cross and sharing of hot cross buns.

Parish Organisations

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. Rehearsals continue on Mondays, 7.30-9.30pm in the church; please see sacredheartmusic.co.uk/concerts for further details, or call Sheena Macdonald on 07879 653590.

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, the official aid agency of the Catholic Church in England & 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>

WEST BARNES SINGERS SPRING CONCERT

The West Barnes Singers will be singing Fauré's *Requiem* on Saturday 9 April at 7.30am in St Saviours Church, Grand Drive, SW20 9DL. Tickets £13, children free.

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.

Exploring our Faith

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.

LENT RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Young people are invited for a day retreat with the Daughters of the Heart of Mary (Sisters) on Saturday 9 April from 11am - 4pm to prepare for Holy Week and Easter. Includes talk,

reflection, sharing, adoration and Stations of the Cross.

Venue: 41 Murray Road, Wimbledon SW19 4PD

Register by email anne.boland.dhm@gmail.com (020 8946 3564).

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

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.

St. Teresa's Home C.I.O: FT Care Assistant role, 5 days/week; experience & qualifications preferable; for full details please contact the office on 020 8879 7366 option 3, or info@stteresashome.co.uk.

SAFEGUARDING

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.

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 in any role within the Catholic Church in England and Wales, you must refer allegations directly to the safeguarding office for your diocese or religious congregation, or directly to the Police.

If you are a member of the public, please refer allegations directly to the police and also to the safeguarding office in your diocese. You can contact the Archdiocese of Southwark Safeguarding Office by telephoning 020 7261 1606 or via email at safeguardingoffice@rcaos.org.uk.

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 John Leneghan RIP
Mon 28 7.30am Joe D'Costa RIP
10.00am Pat Lynch RIP
6.30pm Paul Savio Thanksgiving & Good Health
Tue 29 10.00am Brian Cronin RIP
6.30pm Barbara McCall Ints.
Wed 30 10.00am Mary Keane RIP
6.30pm Paddy Barry RIP
Thu 31 10.00am Maria Rados RIP
6.30pm Philip Chappell RIP
Fri 1 7.30am For Peace in the World
10.00am Gayle Moretti RIP
6.30pm Gillian Staussi Birthday Ints
Sat 2 10.00am Thanksg. for Memory Lane Volunteers

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

Introit: *Laetare, Jerusalem*
Kyrie: 459
Offertory motet: *Confitebor tibi, Domine*, Orlando Lassus
Sanctus: 461
Communion motet: *Nolo mortem peccatoris*, Thomas Morley
Post-comm.: *183 Forth in the peace of Christ*

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: Silvana Cabello, Joyce Shannon, Jeanette Braganza, Clara Randles, Edward Walsh and Patricia Reynolds.

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Philip Chappell, Ruth Wauters, Demaris Potter, Carmel Simmons, Sheila Gallagher, Gail Bhagwatsingh, Margaret O'Reily, Evelyn Raimondi, James Devine and Ragna Ekeroth.

The sick: Tony Brook, Masha Shishkina, Carol Pegler, Jane Boyle, Teresa Smith, Beryl Shannon, Matthew Bees, Jack Cassagrande, 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.



COLLECTIONS

The CAFOD Ukraine Appeal on the weekend of 5/6 March raised **£4,056**.

Thank you for your generous and continued support.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Sat 2 Apr St Francis of Paola, hermit

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