



THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

Tel: 020 8946 0305
Email: wimparish@gmail.com
Web: www.sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk

Sacred Heart Presbytery
Edge Hill, Wimbledon
London, SW19 4LU

3rd April 2022

Newsletter

Vol 8, Issue 13

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Fifth Week
of Lent

Vol II. Psalter week I

Next Sunday's Readings

Palm Sunday of the Passion
of the Lord

- Luke 19:28-40
- Isaiah 50:4-7
- Psalm 21:5-9.17-20.23-24
- Philippians 2:6-11
- Luke 22:14-23:56

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 6 April

- Stations of the Cross after the 6.30pm Mass

Thursday 7 April

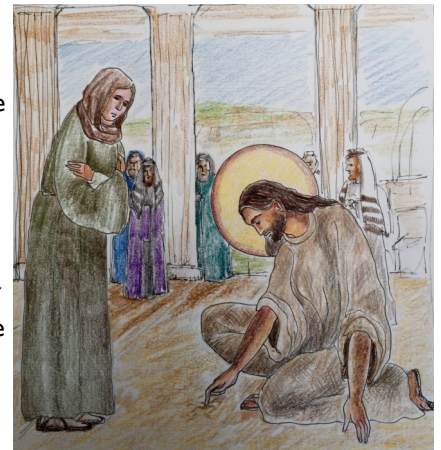
- Footsteps Group, 4.30pm, Lower Hall
- Lent Talk 'The Eucharist', 7pm for 7.30pm, Upper Hall

Friday 8 April

- Stations of the Cross, after the 6.30pm Mass

Throwing down more than just rocks...

In today's Gospel we experience the famous account of the woman caught in adultery. Jesus, both protects her from the stones collected by the scribes and Pharisees and frees her from condemnation, sending her aggressors away with the exposition of their own sinfulness. It is a sober reminder for us neither to judge nor condemn, but to realise that we too can be hypocrites in our own right. It is Jesus who is the Supreme Judge; He acquits, and He saves where there is repentance. But perhaps today Jesus is inviting us to lay down more than just rocks and stones. There are many things we can cling to; that we can invest in and



Artwork by Moya Hogarth

put our hope in, that God asks us to surrender. Indeed, God is "doing a new deed" as He explains through Isaiah in our 1st reading. The Lord seeks to reform us as a people who are formed for Himself and who sing His praises. Yet, in order to receive and experience these graces, He asks us not to "recall the past" or "think about what was done before". There are so many things we can carry in our own lives that ultimately become, not a joy, but a burden to us and weigh us down. They can take the form of resentment and unforgiveness; of prejudice; of selfishness and covetousness; a love for sin; a habit of self-righteousness and ignorance of truth in favour of our own plans and ideas. We might have a plan for our lives or had a plan for our lives. Whether these plans of ours have not worked out or remain to be ahead of us, it is right to lay them down. For God is calling us to a new way, to a better way. He gives us many gifts and many desires, dreams and ambitions, but He asks us to give them to Him. For in Him do we find true expression of our gifts, true fulfilment of our desires and true hope, peace and love whatever the struggle.

It can become a habit for us to continue to live our lives in the way that we are used to, often falling into the same traps again and again. But God does not condemn us, nor does He forget us. He raises us up, like the woman in today's Gospel, and frees us from the burden of guilt, saying to us "go away, and don't sin anymore". In other words, 'do not live as you have been living or in the way that you have become used to', but

Continued on page 2

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

Continued from page 1

rather 'live with Me and I shall show You a better way'. Thus, let us no longer allow anything to "outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus", as St Paul proclaims in our 2nd reading, but rather let us seek after only "the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith". Praised be Jesus Christ, now and forever! *Deacon Joseph*

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL - APPEAL

Our Sacred Heart Conference helps local people in need, irrespective of their beliefs. Funds are now depleted as we have had exceptional calls for help in the last year. We are appealing to the generosity of parishioners, we would like to raise £3,000 to cover anticipated demands over the next 12 months. The 2nd collection on 9/10 April will be to support our appeal with Gift Aid envelopes available. Alternatively, you can donate digitally using the card reader collection plates at the back of the church or by bank transfer (sort code 60-60-04, account 46080244 - please give surname as reference). Gift aid declarations can be downloaded from <https://www.sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/Publisher/File.aspx?ID=274000> and emailed to treasurer190704@svp.org.uk. There is also a JustGiving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sacred-heart-svp-conference-190704-wimbledon2>

Thank you for your support! Please let us know of anyone who may need our help by contacting the parish office 020 8946 0305 or by email president190704@svp.org.uk. All requests are dealt with in strict confidence.

Parish News

UKRAINIAN REFUGEES

The Archdiocese of Southwark is actively encouraging parishes to welcome Ukrainian refugees under the Government Sponsorship Scheme.

Sacred Heart Parish, therefore, would like to extend its welcome to Ukrainian refugees by offering accommodation. If you have family in the

Ukraine or know of individuals seeking refuge from the conflict, please contact Alain van West (vanwest31@gmail.com) with their contact details.

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.

This will Sunday, 3 April, John and Georgia who are being baptised at Easter will receive an anointing and special blessing, the *Sructinies*, at 5pm Mass (the gospel will be from Cycle A).

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

The last talk, of our series of Lent talks, on 'The Eucharist' will be on Thursday 7 April 7.30-8.30pm in the Upper Hall, (hall opens from 7pm for refreshments). 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 7 April from 4.30-5.30pm in the Lower Hall ([eleonor@sa](mailto:eleonor@sacredheartwimbledon.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.

FIRE SAFETY IN THE CHURCH

If the fire alarm sounds, the building must be evacuated, even if there is no sign of fire.

Provided no exits are blocked by fire, the exits should be used as follows:

- those seated in the N-aisle should leave through the sacristy
- those in the S-aisle should leave through the door on the S-side of the church (Darlston Rd side)
- people in the 2 centre aisles should leave through the main entrance at the rear of the church
- and wheel-chair & mobility impaired members of the congregation should exit through the sliding door that leads onto the ramp. All other exits have steps, so if the ramp exit is blocked by fire, they may need assistance to exit the church.

To meet up with family members or friends, you should move to the Fire Assembly Point situated on the lawn outside the church. Do not return to the building unless you are authorised to do so. Comply with any instructions given by Fire Wardens. Fire extinguishers can be found at various points around the building but do not use them unless you have been trained to do so. In the event of a fire being discovered you can activate the fire alarm by striking/pushing the glass on one of the fire call points/break glass call points which can be found at all the last exit doors. It is important to keep calm, and not to panic or run.

Social & Cultural

SACRED HEART CHORUS

Calling all singers - the Sacred Heart Chorus will perform an all-Mendelssohn programme (with full orchestra) on Sat 18 June, including *Lauda Sion*, his setting of the sequence for Corpus Christi.

The next rehearsal is on Monday 25 April, 7.30-9.30pm in the church; please see sacredheartmusic.co.uk/concerts for further details, or call Sheena Macdonald on 07879 653590.

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 & 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 this weekend. Enquiries please to 020 8946 5198.

Exploring our Faith

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.bolanddhm@gmail.com (020 8946 3564).

LOVE HEALS BODY MIND AND SPIRIT

You are invited to a one-day retreat of quiet reflection this Sat 2 April, 11am-4.30pm at Our Lady of Assumption & St Gregory, Warwick Street, W1F 9JR, with Holy Rosary, Latin Mass in the extra-ordinary form (celebrant priest: Fr Mark Elliott Smith); lunch break (please bring your own lunch, tea & coffee available), talk based on Scripture 'Free-Will and God's Will', Catholic Christian meditation, blessed adoration, individual healing prayers (www.lovehealsbodymindspirit.com).

POPE'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION

In his prayer intention for the month of April, Pope Francis said we should raise our voices together, asking that those who have responsibility in economic matters may have the courage to reject an economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

For the full text of the message please see <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2018-04/pope-francis-prayer-intention-april-economic-responsibility.html>.

New to the Parish?

Please introduce yourself to a member of the

Parish Team after Mass

and register online at

<https://sacredheart>

wimbledon.org.uk/

or by filling in

a registration form,

available at the back of

the church.

VACANCIES

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.

Wimbledon College are looking to employ a PT Careers Leader. Further information is available on their website: www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk or email hr@wimbledoncollege.org.uk. Closing date is Monday 18 April, 12pm.

JESUIT MISSIONS STAMP CUTTING

Volunteers needed to help trim & sort used stamps to raise money for JM: Thursday 7 April from 9.30am-12.30pm - coffee provided. Please bring your own scissors, enquiries to Tim Everson (tim.everson@btinternet.com) or just turn up at: 11 Edge Hill, SW19 4 LR.

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 2 6.30pm Kenneth (Ken) Jores RIP
Mon 4 7.30am Holy Souls
10.00am Funeral of Patricia Mary Reynolds
6.30pm Rozenn Keane RIP
Tue 5 10.00am Rose Heffernan RIP
6.30pm John Downing Ints.
Wed 6 10.00am Prayer for Peace
6.30pm Joseph Roland (Thksg.,good health) Ints.
Thu 7 10.00am Catherine McCall RIP
6.30pm Hector Federico Borges Monteiro RIP
Fri 8 7.30am Ilma Tong RIP
10.00am Nora Warde RIP
6.30pm Maria Innes Gomez de Muller RIP
Sat 9 10.00am Holy Souls
12noon Memorial Mass for Bryan Snalune 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

Mass XVII, *plainchant*

Miserere mei, Deus, William Byrd

O bone Jesu, Marc' Antonio Ingegneri

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: David Moore, Joyce Shannon, Jeanette Braganza, Clara Randles and Patricia Reynolds.

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Jasmine Elliott, Mary Joan James, Patrick Quigley, Jeannette Forrester and Peter Stables.

The sick: Catherine Quinn, Sheila Soodin, Jacqui O'Connor, 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.



FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Mon 4 April St Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Tue 5 April St Vincent Ferrer, Priest

Thu 7 April St John Baptiste de la Salle, Priest

Fri 8 April St Julie Billiart, Religious

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