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## Newsletter

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**Palm Sunday of the Passion  
of the Lord**

**Holy Week**

**Vol II. Psalter week 2**

### Next Sunday's Readings

**Easter Sunday  
of the Resurrection  
of the Lord**

- Acts 10:34.37-43
- Psalm 117:1-2.16-17.22-23
- Colossians 3:1-4 (5:6-8)
- John 20:1-9

### Upcoming Events

#### Monday 11 April

- Penance Service, 7.30pm, church

#### Wednesday 13 April

- Stations of the Cross after the 6.30pm Mass

#### Maundy Thursday 14 April

- 8pm, The Mass of the Lord's Supper

#### Good Friday 8 April

- 11am Children's Stations of the Cross (rehearsal 9.15-10.30am)
- 3pm, The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord (Collection for the Holy Places)

## Palm Sunday

I began my preparation for this week's introduction to the newsletter by reading again the text written for Palm Sunday 2020. I don't know if you can remember what it was like in that first big lock down. I remember the strange events that week where there was no celebration in any church other than the actions of the priest acting alone in the empty church. The theme of that text was one of expectation, and of hope. There was a sense that despite the worst effects of the virus we would get through it and good things would come out of it.

Two years since things, have changed a lot. We are beginning to feel that we have learnt to live with the virus. Many are still affected by the virus but for most it is not proving so debilitating. While our prayers are still for those affected by the virus, and for those who have lost family and friends to the virus, for the majority there is hope that life is manageable.

Having said that we have moved from one crisis to



another. Sadly, our television screens are filled with the pictures of the destroyed towns and cities of the Ukraine. We witness the pain and suffering of the families left homeless after the bombing and of families torn apart by the conflict. As yet the ears of the aggressor are closed to the pleas for peace. We can only continue to pray for peace and for the hearts of the violent to be opened to the cries of the innocent. This short reflection offers us the context of our coming week when with Christ we walk the path of the passion. From his triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday when Jesus is welcomed as the Messiah to his passion

and death on Calvary, we accompany Jesus on his long and painful journey. We are invited to witness his entry to Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. On Maundy Thursday we share the intimacy of the apostle's celebration of the Passover meal in which we witness the institution of the Eucharist and the gift of ordination to the apostles.. It is then his arrest and imprisonment and torture at the hands of the Romans that we are called on to witness, His ultimate death on the cross on Good Friday afternoon is his great act of sacrifice and of salvation. This is the cost of our redemption. The silence of the grave on Holy Saturday gives way to the joys of the promised Resurrection celebrated on Easter Day. On that day we can with great hope acclaim that we are the Easter People and Alleluia is our song. As we move from death to life on Easter Day so with hope we will move from death to life in the Ukrainian conflict.

*Canon John*

### 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

## 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 this weekend, 9/10 April, will be to support our appeal (Gift Aid envelopes available). Alternatively, you can donate digitally using the card reader collection plates (back of the church) or by bank transfer (sort code 60-60-04, account 46080244 - please give surname as reference). Gift aid declarations from <https://www.sacredheartwimbleton.org.uk/Publisher/File.aspx?ID=274000> and emailed to [treasurera190704@svp.org.uk](mailto:treasurera190704@svp.org.uk). There is also a JustGiving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sacred-heart-svp-conference-a190704-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 [presidentA190704@svp.org.uk](mailto:presidentA190704@svp.org.uk). All requests are dealt with in strict confidence.

### PARKING

Additional parking will be available in Wimbledon College car park between 7pm - 10pm on Maundy Thursday; 12.30pm - 6.30pm on Good Friday and 6pm - 11pm for the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday 16 April.

Please do take care when parking in our neighbouring roads, only park in authorised parking places, do not block drive ways of the residents!

## 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](mailto:vanwest31@gmail.com)) with their contact details.

### EASTER BOOKLET

Easter booklets informing about services during Holy Week are now available at the back of the church

### OFFICE & RECEPTION OPENING HOURS

The Parish Office & Reception will be closed from 14 April until 19 April.

### EASTER OFFERINGS

The collections at the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses are for the benefit of the clergy as a mark of our appreciation of their services.

Parishioners who give regularly through standing orders are advised that these payments do not contribute to the Easter Offering. Offerings can be made by cash or cheques endorsed Easter Offering, through the contactless digital giving plates at the back of the church or through a special 'donate' button on the website. All offerings can be gift aided.

## Announcements

### THE SACRED TRIDUUM

Our Bishops invite every parish to set aside a tie of dedicated prayer during the Sacred Triduum and ask all Catholics in our countries to be in spiritual solidarity with all those who suffer as a result of war or violence. This could take place during the Solemn Watching on Holy Thursday night, or in the evening of Good Friday. If the latter, it would be appropriate to pray the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady during a time of prayer around the Cross.

### PENANCE SERVICE

A Holy Week Penance Service of prayer and scripture readings, during which individuals will have the opportunity for

sacramental confession and absolution, will be celebrated on Mon 11 April at 7.30pm.

### 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](mailto:rachel@marshallemail.net) if your child would like to take part. Adult help welcomed!

### CHURCHES TOGETHER WEST WIMBLETON

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.

### SPECIAL BLESSING OF FOOD BASKETS

On Holy Saturday, 16 April, at 1pm we invite parishioners for the *Święconka*, the Polish tradition of blessing the Easter baskets. Please come along with your Easter basket for this special service which is an important European Easter tradition.

### R.C.I.A.

Members of our parish will be baptized during the Easter Vigil. Please keep John and Georgia in your prayers at this special time.

## Parish Organisations

### FRIENDSHIP GROUP

The Friendship Group is organising an outing to Ightham Mote on Friday 6

May 10am - 4pm. Transport provided; entry is £15 for non-National Trust members. All are welcome but

numbers are limited. Phone Judy on 020 8947 1658 for further information and to book.

## 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](http://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](http://ticketsource) site. 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) this Sat 9 Apr from 11am - 4pm to prepare for Holy Week and Easter. Includes talk, reflection, sharing, adoration and Stations of the Cross. Venue: 41 Murray Rd, Wimbledon, SW19 4PD; to register: [anne.bolanddhm@gmail.com](mailto:anne.bolanddhm@gmail.com) (020 8946 3564).

### LOVE HEALS BODY MIND AND SPIRIT

The LHBMS Ministry welcome you to come to a half-day retreat of quiet

reflection on Saturday 16 April at Sacred Heart Church, Edge Hill, from 10.30am - 1pm with Holy Rosary, recorded talk by Sr Doctor Betty Nina MSJ (Spiritual Director of Love Heals Body Mind & Spirit Ministry), discussion to follow on the talk, Christian meditation, healing prayers. In the Lounge, starting with tea & coffee. For more information: [www.lovehealsbodymindspirit.com](http://www.lovehealsbodymindspirit.com)

### A DAY WITH MARY

You are invited to a *Day with Mary* on Sat 30 April at Westminster Cathedral, SW1P 1LT, from 9.45am-

5.30pm; celebrant and preacher Fr Slawomir Witon; Exposition & Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, Sermons on Our Lady by Fr Pius Collins o.praem, Meditations on the Passion of Our Lord; For more info, please visit [adaywithmary.org](http://adaywithmary.org).

### 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.

### 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

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](mailto: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](http://www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk) or email [hr@wimbledoncollege.org.uk](mailto:hr@wimbledoncollege.org.uk). Closing date is Monday 18 April, 12pm.

### MEADOWS FULL OF BUTTERFLIES - BOOK RELEASE

Violet De Souza has written and published a book of short stories for children of all ages, *Meadows full of Butterflies*; costs £8, to order from [violet.de@blueyonder.co.uk](http://violet.de@blueyonder.co.uk)

The money raised will provide funds to support the Salesians Of Don Bosco in Ukraine.

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

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

We regret to inform parishioners who have Mass Intentions booked for Maundy Thursday (evening), Good Friday and Holy Saturday that they will be changed to a later date. Please get in touch with the Parish Office to make the change.

Sat 9 6.30pm Aidan Hegarty RIP  
Mon 11 7.30am Prayer for Peace  
10.00am James Chipchase RIP  
6.30pm Geoffrey Pearson RIP  
Tue 12 10.00am Geraldine Bennett Birthday Ints.  
6.30pm Joyce Coelho RIP  
Wed 13 10.00am Zolzislaw Novak & Stella Novak Ints.  
6.30pm Howard Paice RIP  
Thu 14 10.00am Niall Murphy (RIP);  
8pm The Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Fri 15 3.00pm Good Friday Solemn Liturgy  
Sat 16 8.00pm Easter Vigil

### 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:** Jack Cassagrande, David Moore, Joyce Shannon and Clara Randles.

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Justin Jessiman, David Foxley and Patricia Mitchell.

**The sick:** David Steele, Catherine Quinn, Sheila Soodin, Jacqui O'Connor, Tony Brook, Masha Shishkina, Carol Pegler, Jane Boyle, Teresa Smith, Beryl Shannon, Matthew Bees, 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, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

**Wednesday 13 April** Chrism Mass at the Cathedral: blessing of the Oil of the Sick and of the Oil of Catechumens, consecration of the Chrism

Easter Triduum: Maundy Thursday; Good Friday (fasting and abstinence; collection for the Holy Places - envelopes will be available at the back of the church);

The Lenten fast continues until the Easter Vigil.

### 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

*Hosanna to the son of David* (Rathbone)  
Proc. Hymn: *17 All glory, laud and honour*  
Psalm Response: *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?* (Milner)  
Off. Motet: *O Domine Jesu Christe* (Guerrero)  
S,A: Mass XVIII  
Comm. Motet: *Pueri Hebraeorum* (Victoria)  
Rec. Hymn: *623 Ride on, ride on in majesty*

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](mailto:newsletter@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk) / [wimparish@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](mailto: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](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)