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Newsletter

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Third Sunday of Easter

Third Week of Easter

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Next Sunday's Readings

Fourth Sunday of Easter

- Acts 13:14.43-52
- Psalm 99:1-3.5
- Apocalypse 7:9.14-17
- John 10:27-30

Upcoming Events

Sunday 1 May

- Birthday Concert, 3pm, church

Tuesday 3 May

- Mothers' Prayer Group, 11am (see p.2)

Wednesday 4 May

- Newman Circle, 7.30pm, Lounge

Thursday 5 May

- Lectio Divina, 11am (see p.3)

Friday 6 May

- Friendship Group, Outing to Ightham Mote (see p. 2)

Our Easter Faith Cannot But Be Proclaimed

The Resurrection is an event which was obviously not photographed, and there was nobody there to witness this event as it happened; how it happened remains part of the mystery and intimacy that exists between Jesus and God the Father.

The appearance narratives, so called because these stories relate the various circumstances in which Jesus appeared to his disciples after the Resurrection, differ in ways which enrich our understanding of the mystery which lies at the heart of our salvation.

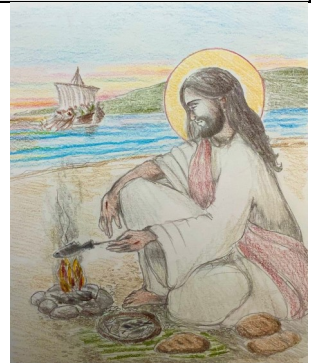
The devotion shown by Mary Magdalene, who goes to the tomb while it is still dark, is rewarded with the first appearance of Jesus. Her devotion turns to zeal once she is affirmed in her faith that He is risen. Jesus then commissions her to proclaim this news to the apostles. Our Easter faith cannot but be proclaimed, "*He is risen!*"

Mary is at once both a contemplative and an evangelist. A great lover of Jesus who simply desires to be with the beloved but compelled by the same love to share her encounter with others. Do we experience the same compulsion?

The appearances narratives of Jesus to the apostles always emphasise their lack of belief. Jesus almost has to cajole them into trusting their senses, that His body is real and that their eyes are not deceiving them. He is not a ghost, and to prove it He asks them for a piece of cooked fish to eat before their eyes.

Their coming to faith in the Resurrection is gradual, and the lack of faith in Thomas demonstrates the necessity of direct bodily contact which moves beyond a merely spiritual understanding of the risen Christ. His proclamation of faith, "*my Lord and my God*", is testament to the compelling reality of a human nature being transformed by union with the divine.

Jesus is risen with his body, the same body that was crucified, and he remains a divine person. The act of touching the physical wounds of Jesus brings home the stark truth that the human body is not destined to corruption but called to divine life in the same way that the human soul is. The resurrection eliminates the fear of death and inspires a supernatural hope in the future. Do we nourish the same hope, and do we live free from fear in the sure and certain hope in Christ's victory over death? Developing a strong bond with Christ through prayer is the way to eliminate fear through a stronger faith in his →



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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

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divinity.

Peter's confession at being asked three times by the risen Jesus, "do you love me" results in his being chosen, not for his strengths but precisely because of his former weakness; to now confirm his brothers and sisters in their faith in Christ's body - the Church: His risen body is now present in the Eucharist and in each one of us who unite with Him by receiving Holy Communion.

The Church, being made up of human beings, struggles with the challenges of the gospel - the challenge to love as Christ loved. The struggle, however, is part of the process in our coming to faith in the power of Risen Christ to transform, strengthen and empower us through His Eucharistic presence and the sacramental life of grace. He is the one who transfigures us, and He awaits our personal resurrection as individual members of his resurrected body through the Church. We have only to believe in Him, desire his Will for us and share in His mission of salvation by proclaiming the gospel, thereby creating a civilisation of love - a prefigurement of life in heaven. In fact, by enacting the works of love demanded by the gospel we are able to experience, even now, at first hand, the power of His resurrection which animates these mortal bodies of ours making them like his own in glory.

Fr Matthew Donnelly

JESUIT MISSIONS STAMP CUTTING

Volunteers needed to help trim & sort used stamps to raise money for JM: Thu 5 May from 9.30am-12.30pm at 11 Edge Hill, SW19 4 LR - coffee provided.

Parish News

BANK HOLIDAY

Monday 2 May is a bank holiday. There will be only one Mass celebrated at 10am. The church will stay open until 5pm.

Please note that there will be **no** morning Exposition on Wednesday 4 May.

UKRAINIAN REFUGEES

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

Announcements

MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

The month of May is especially dedicated to the Blessed Virgin and we are invited to the frequent recitation of the rosary which is centred on contemplation of the salvific events of Christ's life, and their close association with the Virgin Mother. We encourage you to join the Rosary Group in the Lady Chapel Mon-Sat from 5.50pm (exc. Wednesdays & Fridays from 4.50pm)

NEWMAN CIRCLE

The Newman Circle invites you to a meeting on Wed 4 May at 7.30pm in the Lounge, when Eleanor Bowman, our youth minister, and her husband James Roberts, who teaches RE at the Ursuline High School, speak about their experience of being a young couple dedicated to spreading the Gospel and the conclusions they draw from working with young people: *'The Future of the Church -*

Why do young people leave the church? Why do they stay? What keeps them there?' All welcome!

ANNUAL CATHEDRAL MARRIAGE MASS

Are you celebrating your 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or any later wedding anniversary this year/or did last year? If so, Archbishop John Wilson invites you to join him in celebrating a Mass for married couples at 3pm on Sat 9 July at St George's Cathedral. You need to book in advance, will then receive a personal written invitation from Archbishop John. Children, grand-children are welcome too. To book or for more details email mflsw@rcaos.org.uk.

SECOND COLLECTION

The priesthood has always been essential to the life of the Church, from the time of Jesus until today. Good Shepherd Sunday, 8 May, is the day we pray for vocations, for our priests, and take up the *Priest Training*

Fund second collection. This fund pays for the formation of men to become priests in our Archdiocese.

After their ordination, our priests dedicate their lives to serving Christ and His people in our parishes, hospitals, schools, chaplaincies, prisons and in service to the needy, throughout S-London, Kent & Surrey. We are blessed to have six men in formation to the Priesthood for our Archdiocese. However, it costs £30,000/year to sponsor each seminarian. They study for 6 years before being ordained a Catholic priest. We therefore rely on your generous support and prayers. Please support our priests of the future with a gift today. Thank you! You can donate online: www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTE, by phone weekdays 9am-5pm: 020 7960 2504 or cash/cheque - please use the *Priest Training Fund* envelopes at the back of church.

Parish Organisations

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

The Friendship Group outing to Ightham Mote on Friday 6 May 10am - 4pm, transport provided; entry is £15 for non-National Trust members.

Phone Judy on 020 8947 1658 for info & booking.

MOTHERS' PRAYERS GROUP

The group meets every Tuesday, 11am-12noon (currently on Zoom but

hopes to meet in person soon): a simple set of formal prayers is used. This is a great opportunity to pray for your children, children of the parish and all children of the world. All welcome.

Social & Cultural

BIRTHDAY CONCERT

Today, Sunday 1 May, our organist David Gammie celebrates his 70th birthday with a special concert in the church, from 3-4pm. David will play four organ pieces (Fats Waller, Vierne, Dupré, and an exciting organ setting of 'Mission Impossible!'). Katy Lees (soprano) and Maggie Ogonovsky (flute) will contribute beautiful solos, and the programme ends with a jolly piano duet, and a spectacular organ duet with Bob Rathbone. Free entry of course, and all are welcome!

CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS

Monday 9 May: meet at 6.15pm (after 5.30pm Mass) on the steps of Westminster Cathedral SW1P 1QW to explore Royal London, visiting St James Park, Buck-

ingham Palace, the Chapel Royal, and Horseguards. For more info visit www.catholichistorywalks.com/

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 before 12noon, Monday 9 May makes £2 and £2.25 if you are a taxpayer through Gift Aid. Please visit: <https://bit.ly/BigGiveAprilMay22> to support the campaign 'It takes more than a house to make a home' which focuses on the services provided to people who have been homeless in their journey to being happily settled in a new home. *The Passage* would be very grateful for your support.

VACANCY

St Scholastica's Retreat: The Trustees are seeking to appoint a Warden & Clerk to the Trustees for this almshouse charity that provides sheltered housing for Catholics in financial need aged 60 or over. Competitive Salary, pension & accommodation onsite in Princes Risborough, Buckinghamshire. For details of the role and how to apply, see www.stscholasticas.co.uk/warden-clerk-vacancy. Closing date: 9 May.

SACRED HEART FEAST DAY

We are hoping to have a day of celebrations for our Parish Feast Day on Sunday 26 June. If you are able to help with the organising of this event, please contact Eleanor to find out more: eleanor@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk

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.

THE SQUAD

The Squad, based in Wimbledon, runs Thursday night clubs for people with learning disabilities split into two age groups: under 25s/over 25s. They are fun-packed and educational. We are looking for volunteers and trustees. Please contact Peter Frost at amandapeter@btinternet.com for further details.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

A marriage preparation course, a wonderful gift offered to couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage, organised by *Engaged Encounter*, will be held at St Aloysius, 20 Phoenix Rd, London, NW11 1TA on Sat 2 July (9am-6.30pm) and Sun 3 July (9am-4pm); it is a non-residential course. For details: <https://engaged-encounter.org.uk/book-a-weekend/>.

Exploring our Faith

LECTIO DIVINA GROUP

New Members welcome, the group meets by Zoom every Friday, 11am-12noon to read the following Sunday Mass Readings. All welcome. Phone Bridget 07981 94 1516.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

The Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis and the Southwark Archdiocese Catholic Charismatic Team are delighted to offer an opportunity for personal and diocesan renewal. Through

the *Life in the Spirit* seminars you will be invited to grow in your love of the Lord, welcome the Spirit into your life afresh and pray for the renewal of our diocese. Each Tuesday evening seminar will feature a talk from a gifted speaker and small group sharing. Starting Tuesday 10 May, for more information visit <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/liss>.

PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY

The Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific

intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for his intention for faith-filled young people, during this month of May: 'We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.'

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 30 6.30pm Mary Howlin RIP
Mon 2 10.00am Neculai Raus RIP
Tue 3 10.00am Tarsem Randhawa RIP
6.30pm Holy Souls
Wed 4 10.00am Vincent Reilly RIP
6.30pm Mary Theresa Williams RIP
Thu 5 10.00am John Lynch RIP
6.30pm Mary Ann Salvatore RIP
Fri 6 7.30am Holy Souls
10.00am Cyril Santhiapillai RIP
2.30pm Memorial Service for John Davies RIP
6.30pm Thanksgiving for St Jude
Sat 7 10.00am Anne Boland Birthday Ints.

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

Mass of St Ignatius, Fernand Laloux
Ave Maria, Louis Vierne
Tantum Ergo, Fernand Laloux

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: Sarah Boner, Valentina McGough and Margaret Walsh.

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Peter John Tolley, Anne Josephine Mulhern, Margaret Lyons, Joan May Berner, Shaun McCarthy and Julio Roberto Palha.

The sick: Blanche Keaveny, Luca Butacci, Margie Hetherington, 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

Mon 2 May St Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, Memorial
Tue 3 May Ss Philip and James, Apostles, Feast
Wed 4 May The English Martyrs, Feast
Fri 6 May St John Paine, Priest and Martyr
Sat 7 May Sacred Heart, Wimbledon, consecrated 1931

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

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