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Newsletter

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**Fourth Sunday of Easter
(Day of Prayer for Vocations)**

**Fourth Week of Easter
Vol II. Psalter week 4**

**Next Sunday's Readings
Fifth Sunday of Easter**

- Acts 14:21-27
- Psalm 144:8-13
- Apocalypse 21:1-5
- John 13:31-35

Upcoming Events

Sunday 8 May

- Children's Liturgy, 10am Mass

Tuesday 10 May

- Mothers' Prayer Group, 11am -12noon, see p.2

Friday 13 May

- Lectio Divina, 11am-12noon, see p.3

Saturday 14 May

- First Holy Communion Masses

Tuesday 17 May

- Talk by Sr Imelda Poole on *Combatting Human Trafficking*, 7.15pm, Lounge

A Word of Thanks

On behalf of myself, Fr Joe and Fr Matthew may I wish you all a very happy and a Holy Season of Easter. We have had the privilege of sharing the celebrations of the Easter Triduum and the Easter Liturgies recalling the life death and Resurrection of Jesus. Our readings from now until the feast of Pentecost focus on the events in the lives of the apostles and their experience of the Risen Lord.

So many in the parish helped to make the services over Easter so powerful for all of us. I want to thank especially those who helped with the presentation of the liturgies over the Easter period. Thanks to the altar servers, the choirs,



the readers, the decorators, the Readers of the Passion and all who gave time to aid in the preparation and presentation of the Easter events. Our thanks go also to those who serviced the events, our welcomers, our marshals, the back-room helpers, those who worked on the preparation of the events timetable and the order of services. A special thanks to those who took the various collections during the

period and gave up their time afterwards to count and bank the collections.

Finally, may I say a big thank you for your generous contributions to the collections over the Easter period, not least your very generous contributions to the priests of the parish in the Easter Offerings. In addition, your generosity extended to the Collection for the Holy Places of Good Friday, as well as the collection for the Sick and Retired Priests fund, the collection for Poor Parishes, and the support to the Maintenance of the Cathedral. Thank you all for your great generosity.

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

SECOND COLLECTION

The priesthood has always been essential to the life of the Church, from the time of Jesus until today.

Good Shepherd Sunday, today, 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 and 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. You can donate online: www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF, by phone weekdays 9am-5pm: 020 7960 2504 or cash/cheque - please use the *Priest Training Fund* envelopes at the back of church.

Thank you!

MEMORY LANE CLUB

This popular club for people with dementia and their carers is open again on Wednesdays from 10.30am - 12.30pm in the Parish Lounge with tea, coffee and cake along with lots of chat, laughter and other activities. We greatly look forward to meeting up with old friends and new.

Parish News

SVP CONFERENCE

The Sacred Heart SVP Conference wish to thank all those who supported the recent appeal for their generosity. It raised just over £5,500, this magnificent sum will help us to help those in need during the coming year. If you, or someone you know, is in need, please do not hesitate to contact us through the office on 020 8946 0305 or by emailing presidentA190704@svp.org.uk. All requests are dealt with confidentially.

NO EXPOSITION

Please note that there will be no Exposition on Friday 13 May at 5.25pm.

FIRST COMMUNION MASSES

First Holy Communion Masses will be celebrated on Saturdays 14 May (10am, 12noon & 2pm and 21 May at 12noon & 2pm. (Please note that there will be no morning confessions on Sat 14; from 10.30-11.15am on the 21st).

Let us keep the children preparing for their First Holy Communion and their families in our prayers over the coming weeks.

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.

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

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. We encourage you to join the Rosary Group Monday-Saturday from 6pm in the church (confessions will still take place).

COMBATting HUMAN TRAFFICKING

On Tuesday 17 May, 7.15pm for 7.30pm in the Lounge: Sr Imelda Poole, a leading spokesperson for anti-trafficking initiatives, and President of the Religious in

Europe Networking Against Trafficking and Exploitation (RENATE), will talk about the work of RENATE and her Community's work to rescue, reintegrate, and rehabilitate trafficked and exploited Albanian women, which includes setting up 16 businesses throughout Albania, to decrease women's risk of exploitation. People traffickers are now preying on Ukrainian refugees, making this subject particularly topical.

Sr Imelda's talks usually attract large audiences. To reserve a place please email belindaleathes@gmail.com.

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.

Parish Organisations

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. Phone Marcia on 07950 919 369.

Social & Cultural

SACRED HEART CHORUS

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. If you wish to join the choir and for more information please visit sacredheart-music.co.uk/concerts or call Sheena Macdonald on 07879 653590.

RUN FOR JESUIT MISSIONS

For many years the London Marathon has been a key fundraising event for Jesuit Missions. They invite you to join their marathon team! To find out more please see their website <https://jesuit-missions.org.uk/take-action/london-marathon/>, or contact Joelene Wilke at info@jesuitmissions.org.uk who will be happy to provide more details.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Covid has caused many issues within our society, isolation, loneliness, and conflict between couples. ME program provides the opportunity for couples to bring joy and romance back into their relationships; the next experience is held on Sat 16 & Sun 17 July at St. Joseph's Pastoral Centre, Hendon, London NW4 4TY. (Further info at <https://wwme.org.uk/weekend/me-weekend-hendon-16th-to-17th-july-2022/>)

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.

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 941 516.

EXPLORING THE GOSPEL GROUP

The group welcomes new members. They meet (at present by Zoom) on alternate Monday mornings (11am-12noon) to share reflective reading of books of the New Testament, in turn leading the discussion, helping each other to grow in faith and understanding. Come & join them, contact mrssadiesmith3@outlook.com; 07752 831 304; 020 8946 5198.

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>.

A DAY WITH MARY

You are invited to a *Day with Mary* on Saturday 21 May at St Joseph, Roehampton

Lane, SW15, from 9.45am-5pm; celebrant and preacher Fr Linus Clovis; Exposition & Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, Meditations on the Passion of Our Lord; For more info, please visit adaywithmary.org.

THEOLOGY AND THE REALITY OF CLIMATE CHANGE

The London Jesuit Centre invites you to an online (Zoom) course led by Dr Bethany Sollereder (Laudato Si' Research Institute, Oxford); starting on Wed 11 May (and then 18, 25 May & 1 June) from 7-8pm on *Theology and the Reality of Climate Change*. Please visit <https://londonjesuitcentre.org/theology-1> for more information and to register; invited contribution (£65).

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.

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 Joseph Donkor
10.00am Fr Michael Barnes SJ
12 noon Canon John Clark
5.00pm Fr Matthew Donnelly
8.00pm Fr Matthew Donnelly

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 7 6.30pm Kenneth (Ken) Jores RIP
Sun 8 12noon Thanksgiving for Sarah Lobo
Mon 9 7.30am Sr Mary McHugh Birthday Ints.
10.00am Diana Guerrini RIP
6.30pm Anton Benedict RIP
Tue 10 10.00am Geoff Chapman RIP
6.30pm Chris Mccann RIP
Wed 11 10.00am Margaret James & Percy James RIP
6.30pm Julio Roberto Palha RIP
Thu 12 10.00am Billy Boland Birthday Ints.
6.30pm Shervin Bhadresa Ints.
Fri 13 7.30am Derek Hunter RIP
10.00am Marie -Louise Ngatehe (Healing Ints.)
6.30pm Christopher Aitchison RIP
Sat 14 10.00am Michael & Cecilia Wiggins 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: Maria Jozefa Kuczynska, Eddie Power, Sarah Boner, Valentina McGough and Margaret Walsh.

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Patrick Pibbs, Diana Guerrini and Josephine Gatt.

The sick: Beni Thiru, Rosanna Davidson, Blanche Keaveny, Luca Butacci, Margie Hetherington, David Steele, Catherine Quinn, Sheila Soodin, Jacqui O'Connor, Tony Brook, Masha Shishkina, Carol Pegler, 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

Sun 8 May World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life
Tue 10 May St John de Ávila, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Thu 12 May Ss Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs
Fri 13 May Our Lady of Fatima
Sat 14 May St Matthias, Apostle, Feast

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: 239 *Hail, redeemer, King divine*
Kyrie/Gloria: 459,460 (Murray)
Offertory motet: *Surrexit, pastor bonus*, Orlando Lassus
Sanctus: 433
Communion motet: *Ave verum corpus*, Camille Saint-Saëns
Post-communion: 699 *The King of love my shepherd is*

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), 020 8946 0305

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 office.

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

Sacred Heart SVP Conference meets to help those living locally in need. All enquiries are dealt with confidentially. Leave contact details with the parish office or email presidentA190704@svp.org.uk.