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Newsletter

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

International Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians

Sixth Week of Easter

Vol II. Psalter week 2

Next Sunday's Readings

Seventh Sunday of Easter

- Acts 7:55-60
- Psalm 96:1-2,6-7.9
- Apocalypse 22:12-14.16-17.20
- John 17:20-26

Upcoming Events

Thursday 25 May

The Ascension of the Lord,
Masses at 10am and 6.30 & 8pm

Saturday 28 May

- Bereavement Support, 10.30am, Lounge

Sunday 5 June

- Jubilee Tea & cake after each Mass

Friday 10 June

- Friendship Group Jubilee Tea, 2.20pm, Lounge

Ascension

Thursday this week is the feast of the Ascension of our Lord. Over the past weeks we have followed Jesus through the great events that lead us to this day. The events of the passion death and resurrection of Jesus culminate in the Ascension of Jesus and the sending of the Holy Spirit to Our Lady and the Apostles. This would be the last time that Jesus would address his apostles personally. His last words to them were words of encouragement and hope. His instruction is to go and baptise all nations, bringing to them the promise of salvation. God through the person of his Son has demonstrated the depths of his love for all who are faithful to his love. In returning to His Father



The Ascension of Christ, Pietro Perugino

Jesus brings the very human nature into the divine life of the Holy Trinity. This incredible mystery of the nature of God's love is open to each and every person reborn through the waters of baptism. The picture we are given on this feast in the readings is one of parting, of separation. "Why are you men from Galilee standing there looking at the sky?" We see them grouped together unsure of why the Lord Jesus has led them to this

place. From the top of the hill they look over the surrounding district. A common view seen by all who pass this way. Now something remarkable is taking place among them. The Jesus they loved and followed for the three years of his ministry watched as he was taken from their sight. The story has still to reach its culmination when the gift of the Holy Spirit will descend on them and give them the power to speak with confidence and hope. That gift shapes the lives of all who like the apostles can claim the powerful love of the Lord, and through whom our humanity is made holy.

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

Sunday, 29 May, is World Communications Sunday - themed 'Listening with the ear of the heart' - inviting us to reflect that listening involves more than simply the sense of hearing: true listening is a foundation of genuine relationships, and is foundational to the relationship between God and humanity.

The 2nd collection next Sunday is to support the work of the Catholic Communications Network (CCN), the media office of the Bishops' Conference of England & Wales. The CCN seeks to be of service both to the Church and the world in offering professional channels of communication, and provides support in promoting the Gospel through the media on current issues.

THANK YOU FROM CAFOD

'Thank you so much for your generosity this Lent Fast Day, and special thanks to those who took part in the *Walk Against Hunger*. All your efforts really make a difference, we were able to raise over £300,000 to support those struggling with hunger. We also deeply appreciate your contribution to our Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal, and your continued support for the people affected by the war. We've raised over £2.7 million for the appeal so far. To read about how the funds are being used by Caritas and other CAFOD Partners please visit (cafod.org.uk). Thank you again!'

FUNERAL MASSES

The following Funeral Masses will be celebrated this week:
Monday 23 May at 12.30pm for Margaret Walsh.
Tuesday 24 May at 11.30am for Valentina McGough; at 1.45pm Mass for Sadie Brown. RIP

Parish News

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

On Thursday 26 May we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, a Holyday of Obligation.

Masses will be said at 10am, 6.30 and 8pm.

EXPOSITION

Please note that there will be no exposition after the 10am Masses on Wednesday 25 and Friday 27 May.

NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

On Friday 27 May we start to pray a solemn novena to the Holy Spirit between the

feasts of Ascension and Pentecost for the reunion of Christianity before each of the 10am & 6.30pm Masses.

FIRST COLLECTION AT WEEKEND MASSES

As from the weekend of 27/28 May, we will be resuming the first collection at the Offertory of the Mass using the wide baskets. Parishioners are however encouraged to continue to use the digital giving terminals or give by banker's order. Forms for making a banker's order are available at the back of the church

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).

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 continue to pray the rosary Monday - Saturday from 6pm in the church (confessions will still take place).

THE PLATINUM JUBILEE

On Sunday 5 June we will be marking the Jubilee with tea, coffee and cake after each of the Sunday Masses. All

contributions of cake are most welcome! Please let Eleanor know if you are bringing cake so we know how much to prepare: eleanor@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk.

SACRED HEART FEAST

Help us celebrate our Parish Feast Day on Sunday 26 June!

There will be Continental Breakfast after the 8am and 10am Mass. We invite you to bring a dish to share with fellow parishioners after the

12noon or 5pm Masses. It would be a particular joy if the snack or dish was a favourite recipe or reflected your family heritage. To volunteer a dish, please fill in the google form here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1y4pPKdUcd_ganRyq48wkUK4SUfivuvPyTVs5_xlmtjs/edit

If you're able to help set up and decorate for the celebrations, please get in touch with Ruth Naylor on ruthnaylor@hotmail.co.uk.

Parish Organisations

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

The Bereavement Team invites everyone experiencing loss in their lives, no matter how long ago, to drop in for a coffee and a chat on Saturday 28 May from 10.30-11.30am, in the Parish Lounge. For more information, please call 07702 339000 or visit the parish website.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Do join us for a Celebration Jubilee Tea on Friday 10 June at 2.30pm in the Lounge. Everyone welcome!

LECTIO DIVINA GROUP

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

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

On Saturday 18 June at 8pm the Sacred Heart Chorus will perform an all-Mendelssohn programme (with full orchestra), including *Lauda Sion*, his setting of

the sequence for Corpus Christi, in the church. Tickets are now available Adults: £15, concessions - £10, Full time students - £5. Please see www.sacredheartmusic.co.uk/concert/tickets for more details.

ZUMBA CLASSES

Zumba classes will soon start every Tuesday evening from 7-8pm in the Lower Hall. Donation of £7 per session by qualified licensed instructor. For further details contact Dominique (07894 872 155).

Exploring our Faith

VOCATIONS PRESENTATION

Have you ever considered you may be called to the priesthood or the religious life? Southwark Vocations will be hosting a 60-mins webinar on Tue 24 May at 7pm entitled 'Here I am, send me' where different presenters will speak about discovering God's plan for each one of us. Please join by registering in advance by following the link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84384912807?pwd=UWJzSzVsY2V1aGl3c09Fa0tNbVVVWZz09>

VOCATIONS W/E FOR YOUNG WOMEN

Theme: Discernment and Vocation; dates: 27-29 May, Liverpool. The weekend is organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ): 'There is nothing quite like religious life - it's an extraordinary adventure into a deep relationship with God. If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on

Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection & input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them.'

Contact Sr Lynne fcj at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit www.fcjsisters.org.

LOVE HEALS BODY MIND AND SPIRIT

The LHBMS Ministry welcome you to a one-day retreat of quiet reflection on Saturday 4 June, 11am-4.30pm at Our Lady of Assumption & St Gregory, Piccadilly, W1F 9JR: Rosary, Holy Mass (celebrant priest: Fr Mark Elliott Smith), lunch (please bring your own - tea & coffee available), scripture based talk - 'How to rest in God', Christian Meditation, Blessed Adoration with Divine Mercy, healing prayers. (<https://www.lovehealsbodymindspirit.com/>)

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

While waiting for Pentecost, Marian Fathers (with main celebrant Rev. Bishop David James Oakley) invite you to participate in the 12th

National Divine Mercy Pilgrimage to Walsingham 'The Merciful Lifestyle' on Saturday 4 June.

Coaches from Slough (call Millie 07957 594 646), Ealing Broadway (dep. at 7.15am, call the Apostolate 020 8998 0925) and Westminster Cathedral (dep. at 7am, call Emmanuel 07721 362 000 or Caroline 07960 466 377). For more info please contact the Divine Mercy Apostolate (020 8998 0925, info@divinemercury.org.uk)

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

'Always wanted to go to Lourdes but never got round to it? .

Disabled or in need of assistance? .

Would like to come as a helper? Raphael Pilgrimage could be just right for you! Travel to Lourdes 22-26 August. Interested? Please visit <http://www.raphaelpilgrimage.org.uk/>, come to our reunion on Sat 11 June in the Lounge (or call Chris Woodward 020 8241 9703, Angela Searle on 020 8337 5016).

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.

YOUR MARRIAGE: TIME FOR A SERVICE?

In the same way your car needs servicing to continue to run efficiently, so your marriage too will benefit from a 'service'. That's what *Building A Better Marriage* is, a half-day online course taking place from 9am-1pm on Saturday 11 June. It is designed for couples married years or decades with average-to-good marriages. Booking is essential. More details: 07983 524 727.

VACANCIES

Secretary to Episcopal Vicar for S-E London and Commissions for Racial Equality & Education: initially a 12-month contract, 3 days/w, based in Blackheath to support the newly created Episcopal Vicar function; Diocesan Central Services Administrator: based in Bowen House, SE1 this is a FT administrative position. Must have previous admin/secretarial experience and be very adaptable to changing priorities.

For full details of both jobs visit the Diocesan website: Vacancies: Archdiocese of Southwark (rcsouthwark.co.uk).

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 21 6.30pm Peter O'Connor RIP
Mon 23 7.30am Private Intentions
10.00am Jack Plunkett RIP
6.30pm John O'Sullivan RIP
Tue 24 10.00am Michael O'Connell RIP
6.30pm Dorothy Grimley RIP
Wed 25 10.00am Our Lady Queen of Peace
6.30pm Arthur Staussi (Birthday Ints.)
Thu 26 10.00am Richard Strachan RIP
6.30pm John Granahan Thanksgiving
8.00pm Private Intentions
Fri 27 7.30am Anne Fry RIP
10.00am Private Intentions
6.30pm Beni Thiru Thanksgiving
Sat 28 10.00am Private Intentions

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: Joyce Johnson, Bridie Reynolds, Beryl Shannon, Julian Clark, Freddie De Silva, Ian Parr, Maria Jozefa Kuczynska, Eddie Power, Sarah Boner, Valentina McGough and Margaret Walsh.

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Stephen Coyle, Elizabeth (Betty) Parsons, Joanne Thiru, Catherine Rowley, Bill Walsh, Francesca Nunn, Zosia and Bolek Pawlik and Helen Kaegler.

The sick: Jack Webb, Beni Thiru, Rosanna Davidson, Blanche Keaveny, Luca Butacci, Margie Hetherington, David Steele, Catherine Quinn, Sheila Soodin, Jacqui O'Connor, Tony Brook, Carol Pegler, Teresa Smith, Matthew Bees, Billy Densham, Emily Grey, Samar Staussi, Naomi Linkson, Alec Smith, 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

Wed 25 May St Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St Gregory VII, Pope;
St Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin
Thu 26 May The Ascension of the Lord, Solemnity,
Holyday of Obligation;
(St Philip Neri, Priest)
Fri 27 May St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop, Apostle of England, 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: 818 Ye choirs of new Jerusalem
Kyrie/Gloria: 459/460
Offertory motet: O sing joyfully *Adrian Batten*
Sanctus/Agnus: *Thomas Tallis*
Communion motet: If ye love me, keep my commandments *Thomas Tallis*
Post-communion hymn: 478 Make me a channel of your peace

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.