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Newsletter

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First Sunday of Lent (A)

First week of Lent

Vol II, psalter week 4

Next Sunday's Readings

- Genesis 12:1-4
- Psalm 32:4-5, 18-20, 22
- 2 Timothy 1:8-10
- Matthew 17:1-9

Upcoming Events

Sunday 26 February

- Children's Liturgy during 10am Mass
- Clergy Support Fund, Second Collection

Thursday 2 March

- Music for Lent, 7.15pm, Church (see p. 3)
- Lent talk, 7.30-8.30pm, Upper Hall

Friday 3 March

- World Day of Prayer, Service 10.30am, Martin Way Methodist Church (see p 2)
- Friendship Group, Film Afternoon, 2.30pm, Lounge,

Journey through Lent

On Wednesday many of us attended Mass and received ashes traced in the Sign of the Cross onto our foreheads. The words used, "*Repent and believe the Good News*" are taken from the words Jesus spoke at the start of his ministry. Lent calls us to repent and live our lives more in line with the example Jesus gives us and to have hope in the gifts that He brings to us.

Lent reflects the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert avoiding temptations. We will not find ourselves tempted in the same way as Jesus this Lent but there will be times when we have to decide between doing what is selfless and what is not! Jesus encourages us to make loving choices that bring us closer to each other and closer to God.

There are three pillars to help our Lenten journey: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. During Lent we are called to grow closer to God in our prayer life by remembering to spend part of everyday with Him. By fasting (giving something up) during Lent we also draw closer to God by focussing on the things that are truly important in our Life. We are also called to serve others, particularly the poor and those in need of our support. This is the time to truly welcome others into our community and show genuine kindness and hospitality to those around us.

In the parish this Lent, we will be hosting a Week of Guided Prayer to help us draw closer to God. This will take place from 12-18 March. The week offers the great opportunity to meet a personal guide each day and to share thoughts that have arisen in prayer. Further details can be found in the newsletter.

Eleanor Bowman

THE PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Parish Priest: Canon John Clark

Parish Clergy: Fr Joseph Donkor, Fr Matthew Donnelly, Deacon Julian Burling and Deacon Shaun Crocker

Team members: Sr Dorothy Perrott OSU, Sr Francis SSA

Faith Minister (Children, Young People & Families): Eleanor Bowman

SECOND COLLECTION

Today, 26 February, the 2nd collection will be in support of the Clergy Support Fund which provides care for priests in their old age and retirement, and their time of ill health. A gift to this worthy fund will ensure a dignified retirement for our priests, after they have dedicated a lifetime of service to Christ, His Church and His people.

In 2022 the CSF provided care to 73 retired priests, at a cost of 1.33 million. With the number of priests over the age of 65 steadily increasing, so too will the financial obligation to the Archdiocese. Thank you for supporting this cause and let us continue to keep our priests in our prayers.

Your donations can be made online (<https://rcaos.org.uk/donate/csf>), by phone (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm: 020 7960 2504) or cash/cheque (please use the CSF envelopes at the back of the church)

JESUIT MISSIONS PARISH APPEAL

On the 11/12 March Paul Coia will be visiting our parish to speak on behalf of Jesuit Missions for their annual appeal. Jesuit Missions is the intl. mission and development office for the Jesuits in Britain. They support Jesuits and their partners who work with poor and marginalised people in Africa, Asia and Latin America. A diverse range of projects, including environmental sustainability, skills, training, women's empowerment, education and anti human-trafficking help to create a more just world. Learn more about their programmes & campaigns, and ways that you can get involved. For more info see <https://jesuitmissions.org.uk>

Parish News

LENT CALENDARS

Our Lenten calendars for families are available at the back of the church this weekend! Please take one for your home to help support your Lenten journey.

MY DAY BY DAY

The Lenten edition 2023 of *My Day by Day* booklets are

now available at the back of the church.

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.

SACRED HEART DEVOTION

There will be First Friday Eucharistic Adoration on 3rd March after the 6.30 pm Mass. The Sacred Heart Devotion Group will meet on Saturday, the 11th March for prayer after the 10 am Mass at the Sacred Heart Chapel.

Announcements

LENT ART TALK

As part of our series of Lent talks, we invite everyone to join us on Thursday 9 March, 7.30-8.30pm in the Upper Hall, to learn more about Rembrandt's masterpiece *The Return of the Prodigal Son*. The talk will be given by Mónica Gutiérrez Del Palacio, an art historian who has studied with the Open University, Christie's and the Courtauld Institute. Her current academic research is focused on Christian art & iconography.

R.C.I.A.

Members of our parish R.C.I.A. group will begin their final preparation for full reception into the Catholic Church at Easter with the Rite of Election on Saturday 25 February in Southwark Cathedral.

On three Sundays during Lent they will have a shorter rite consisting of a prayer and blessing: 12 & 26 March at the 12noon Mass, and 19

March at the 5pm Mass.

Please pray for Daniel, Ian, Kirsten, Linda, Sarah and Sam; also Katie, Sophia and Victor who will be confirmed.

ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK LENT RETREAT 2023

'Renewed in Hope': Make some space to develop your relationship with God this Lent. Sign up for the Diocesan Lent Retreat 'Renewed in Hope'. Every week you will receive an email with links to a 20-minute video in which Archbishop John will introduce the theme and the reading, Chris Chapman will deliver the retreat programme and a witness will speak of the relevance in their daily life. You will also receive materials to use in your own prayer and reflection. All you have to do is sign up at <http://eepurl.com/hVT7Dv> and set aside what space you can for

reflection and join us in being Renewed in Hope!

WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER

The parish is offering a week of guided prayer, also known as a *Retreat in Daily Life*, this Lent from 12-18 March. The week offers the great opportunity to meet a personal guide each day and to share one's prayer. There is commitment to spend some time in prayer each day. A gathering of guides and participants (room for 50 participants because of the limited number of guides) is on Sunday 12 March at 4pm in the Lounge.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FRIDAY

Praying with Taiwan: '*I have heard about your faith*'. A service will be held on Friday 3 March at 10.30am at Martin Way Methodist Church, for further information please contact alisonwilliams36@btinternet.com.

Parish Organisations

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Friday 3 March at 2.30 pm in the Lounge, Film: *A Room*

With a View, (1985) starring Helena Bonham Carter and Daniel Day Lewis. Tea and biscuits, ice creams. All welcome

Social & Cultural

MUSIC FOR LENT 'JOB' BY PETR EBEN

On Thursday 2 March at 7.15pm in the church: A powerful and deeply moving masterpiece by the Czech Catholic composer Petr Eben (1929-2007), inspired by passages from the Book of Job on themes of Faith, Suffering, Penitence and Redemption, played by our organist David Gammie with narration by Dr William Griffiths. Admission free.

ACADEMY CHOIR WIMBLEDON

The Academy Choir Wimbledon will be performing Beethoven's Mass in C on Saturday 25 March at 7pm at St John's Spencer Hill, Wimbledon, SW19 4NZ along-

side two masterpieces by Brahms - the *Alto Rhapsody* and *Song of Destiny*. Accompanied by the London Mozart Players and a starry line up of soloists, the concert is conducted by Matthew Best. For tickets visit www.academymychoirwimbledon.co.uk

RICHARD CHALLONER SCHOOL DRAMA PRODUCTION

Richard Challoner School will present their drama production

'Constellations' written by Nick Payne and directed by Tommy Rodger, at the Drama Studio, Richard Challoner School, Manor Drive North, New Malden, KT3 5PE on Wed 1, Thu 2 and

Fri 3 March at 7.30pm.

Ticket Prices: Adult - £6 / Student or child - £3 (buy on the door).

HOMES FOR UKRAINE

The young mother and her father of the Ukrainian family for whom the parish is providing accommodation this year are looking for employment. Olga is qualified in logistics (inventory management). Vitali is a qualified electrician in Ukraine and is very handy in a range of maintenance skills. Do you have connections to help steer family member towards a job of their choosing? Please contact Alain van West vanwest31@gmail.com if you can help.

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.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY 3 MARCH

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis & ensure that the Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Please use the envelopes available at the back of the church or visit cafod.org.uk/give. Please join us in praying for CAFOD's development & emergency response work all over the world.

KATY'S SONGBIRDS: LONG COVID - HELP RAISE AWARENESS

Katy's Songbirds & Friends invite you to a Prosecco Afternoon Tea in support of Kim Elston and her family and to help raise awareness of the effects of Long Covid on Saturday 29 April 3-5pm Upper Hall, Sacred Heart Church; £25 p/p (adults only and children Year 6+) Includes performances by Katy's Songbirds and Edge Hill Players, bar and raffle (cash & credit card). For individual and group tickets please scan the QR code or email Maria at ksongbirds656@gmail.com



Exploring our Faith

SOLID FOUNDATIONS COURSE

A 7-lesson course, Part I/III of the *Solid Foundations Course*, an introduction into spiritual life, will be offered by the School of Mary during Lent at St. Mary of the Angels in Bayswater on Tuesday evenings 6-8pm, starting on 21 February. The suggested contribution is £12 per lesson. Contact: hildateng@yahoo.co.uk or visit www.schoolofmary.org.

LOVE HEALS BODY MIND AND SPIRIT

You are welcome to a one-day retreat of quiet reflection on Saturday 25 February, 11am-4.30pm at Our Lady of Assumption & St Gregory, W1F 9JR: Rosary, Holy Mass (cele-

brant priest: Fr Mark Elliott Smith), lunch (please bring your own - tea & coffee available), scripture based talk, Christian Meditation, Blessed Adoration with Divine Mercy, healing prayers (<https://www.lovehealsbodymindspirit.com/>)

PRAYER AND LIFE WORKSHOP

Do you know how to read and meditate the Bible? Would you like to know God in an intimate way? Have you ever wondered about the plans that God has for your life? Come and experience *Prayer and Life Workshops*, a new evangelisation based on the Bible and the practice of 15 methods of prayer, from the simplest, to the depths of contem-

plation. Opening/introductory session: Tue 28 Feb, 7.15pm, St Boniface Church Parish Cafe. Contacts: Roxanne 07969 097496, Mary 07958 107758.

CHURCHES TOGETHER GOOD FRIDAY WALK 10am

This annual walk of witness starts at 10 am on Good Friday at the Lantern Methodist Church, Worple Road and ends at 11 am outside Raynes Park Station. We process, stopping at various stages, enacting parts of the passion of our Lord. We conclude with a homily and sing hymns. It is a moving event and a wonderful joint act of witness with our brothers and sisters in other Christian churches.

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 Fr Joseph Donkor & Deacon Julian Burling
5.00pm Fr Matthew Donnelly & Deacon Julian Burling
8.00pm Fr Joseph Donkor

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 25 6.30pm Queen of Peace
Mon 27 10.00am Superior General of Daughters of the
6.30pm Kumar Family Ints.
Tue 28 10.00am Pat Reynolds RIP
6.30pm Canon John
Wed 1 10.00am Emily and family
6.30pm Pat Reynolds
Thu 2 10.00am Michael Swanson RIP
6.30pm Helen Wiseman RIP
Fri 3 10.00am Brian Partington RIP
6.30pm Holy Souls
Sat 4 10.00am Sr Pauline McGrotty RIP

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Sungsook Yoo, Bridget Sydenham, Peter Stephens, Sr Ita Conlan (Sisters of Christ), Jacinto Cordeiro, Nancy Drapper, Mireille Taylor and Nick Carew Hunt

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Maria Moniz, Alice Kehoe, Louis Clement Salole, Pauline Spooner, Tony Atkinson, Layla Banham, Patricia Reynolds and Eilish Healy.

The sick: Peter Boyle, Anne McHale, David Fry, Paul Stromborg, Mike Greene, Teresa Escalona, Donal Weir, Giovanni Baldacchino, Kim Carr, Patricia Small, Luca Buttaci, David Steele, Shanu Mathew, Maureen May, Ryan Lyndsey, Samar Staussi, Emily Grey and Andrew Tan

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.



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: ask for Cath. Chaplain at reception

St Heliers and Epsom Hospital: Fr Philip Pak (020 8296 2000)

Kingston Hospital: Fr Tony Oleh (020 8546 7711)

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Sun 26 Feb Day for the Unemployed
Mon 27 Feb Collect of St Gregory of Narek
Wed 1 Mar St David, Bishop, Patron of Wales
Thu 2 Mar Collect of St Nicholas Owen
Fri 3 Mar Women's World Day of Prayer
Sat 4 Mar Collect of St Casimir

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: Lord Jesus, think on me
Kyrie XI Orbis Factor *Plainchant*
Sanctus/Agnus: *Tallis*
Offertory motet: Veritas mea
(George Malcolm)
Almighty God, who hast me brought (Ford)
Post communion hymn:
Forty days and forty nights

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 9am - 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, for 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.