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Newsletter

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Second Sunday of Lent (A)

Second week of Lent

Vol II, psalter week 2

Next Sunday's Readings

- Exodus 17:3-7
- Psalm 94:1-2.6-9
- Romans 5:1-2.5-8
- John 4:5-42

Upcoming Events

Wednesdays and Fridays

- Stations of the Cross after the 6.30pm Mass

Thursday 9 March

- Lent talk, 7.30-8.30pm, Upper Hall

Sunday 12 March

- Jesuit Missions Parish Appeal
- Children's Liturgy during the 10am Mass
- Meeting for Week of Guided Prayer, 4pm, Lounge

Saturday 25 March

- Sacred Heart Chorus Workshop, 2pm, Parish Lounge

Wednesday 29 March

- Newnan Circle meeting, 7.30pm, Lounge see p 2

The Transfiguration of the Lord

We are supposed to talk about the Transfiguration

We move forward in the account of the Old Testament this Sunday, to arrive at Abraham, our Father in faith. God promises that Abraham will have great nation and be showered with blessings. This shows how much God loves Abraham, and all his children. This love is proved for us in Jesus. But this is not all. Later on the 6th of August we will hear more. This is revealed in the account of the Transfiguration, where Jesus is seen in the glory that is respectfully his as the only Son of God. Not until after his resurrection from the dead will the disciples see this fully again, and only then will the full implications begin to unfold in their understanding and mission.



Transfiguration 15th Century

As we advance through Lent we, too, are given better a understanding of God's love and are empowered to share that vision and love with others.

Fr Joseph Donkor

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

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>

AMDG

MASS OF THANKSGIVING

You are cordially invited to a Mass of Thanksgiving for the Ministry of the late Archbishop Peter Smith to be followed by the unveiling of his portrait and a Reception in Amigo Hall on Friday 31 March at 12.30pm, St George's Cathedral, SE1 7HY.

MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION

You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for his special intention this month. In his prayer intention for March, Pope Francis prays for victims of abuse, and says the Church must serve as a model of safeguarding and must offer safe spaces for victims.

'Let us pray for those who have suffered because of the wrongs done to them from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.'

Parish News

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.

PARKING

Unfortunately, there have been numerous complaints by residents in our neighbouring roads about parishioners' very inconsiderate, parking habits (blocking driveways!!) during Mass

times in the streets close to the church. Please do take care when parking in our neighbouring roads, only park in authorised parking places, **do not block driveways of the residents!**

Announcements

LENT TALKS

Join us this Lent as we continue to explore the significance and importance of reconciliation in our faith. We will meet again on Thursday 9 March from 7.30-8.30pm in the Upper Hall, and - using the book *The Return of the Prodigal Son* - unpack, reflect & discuss the importance of the story of the Prodigal Son.

R.C.I.A.

There will be a special prayer and blessing for members of our parish R.C.I.A. group, who have begun their final preparation for full reception into the Catholic Church at Easter, on the following 3 Sundays: 12 & 26 March at the 12noon Mass, and 19 March at the 5pm Mass.

Let us continue to keep Daniel, Ian, Kirsten, Linda, Sarah, also Katie, Sophia and Victor, who will be confirmed, in our prayers.

ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK LENT RETREAT 2023

'Renewed in Hope': There is still opportunity to 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.

NEWMAN CIRCLE

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 29 March at 7.30pm in the Parish Lounge: Talk and film on the life and assassination of St Oscar Romero.

Speaker: Julian Filochowski, former chair of CAFOD & the Romero trust.

All welcome.

Parish Organisations

MEMORY LANE CLUB

This popular club for people with dementia and their carers is open every Wednesday from 10.30am to 12.30pm in the Parish Lounge with tea, coffee & cake along with lots of chat, laughter, snooker and different activities. For more

information please ring Jenny on 07906 856 183.

SCHOOL OF COMMUNITY

This is the catechesis proposed by *Communion and Liberation* (CL) local community every Friday at 7.30pm in the Lounge. It is a

moment of education to help develop the experience of the encounter with Christ throughout the charism of CL in the Church. For more info contact school-of-community-wimbledon@google.com

Social & Cultural

WEST BARNES SINGERS

Come and join the West Barnes Singers for their Passiontide Concert on Saturday 18 March, 7.30pm, at St Saviour's Church, Grand Drive, SW20 9D9; tickets £12 (children under 12 free). For more information contact Carmel Swords (020 8542 4595).

SACRED HEART CHORUS

The Sacred Heart Chorus are performing Bruckner's *Te Deum* and Poulenc's *Gloria* on Saturday 24 June. We would welcome any more parishioners, who would like to sing these marvellous works, and are holding a workshop to introduce the music on Saturday 25 March in the Parish Lounge from 2-5pm. £10 (students free) - email [concerts@sacred](mailto:concerts@sacredheartmusic.co.uk)

heartmusic.co.uk to let us know if you'd like to attend.

FREE TRAINING IN COMMUNITY ORGANISING

Along with 13 other local school and faith groups, including Wimbledon College, the parish has been an active member of *Merton Citizens* since April 2018. *Merton Citizens* is part of Citizens UK who use community organising to challenge authority and achieve real change.

Free training in community organising is offered by Citizens UK from 10am-4.30pm on Saturday 25 March at the Salvation Army, 21 Crown Lane, Morden SM4 5BY. The training will explore how, by building relationships with decision makers, those facing injustice can win the change they seek.

Find out more at www.citizensuk.org and register for this training at <https://citizensuk.typeform.com/Merton1-day>


VACANCY

There is a vacancy at the Kairos Retreat and Conference Centre, Roehampton, London SW15, for an Operations Manager to manage and oversee the running of the Retreat Centre. Working Hours: 37.5 Monday - Saturday across a rota; if you are interested please email your CV to hr@psmgs.org.uk or phone HR on 020 8788 4351

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.

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

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. If you have connections to help steer family member towards a job of their choosing please contact Alain van West (vanwest31@gmail.com).

Exploring our Faith

LONDON JESUIT CENTRE

You are invited to a 3-week course on *God in Trinity*, starting on Tuesday 7 March (14 & 21 March) from 6.30-8pm at London Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street: 'While we have witnessed a revival of interest in the doctrine of Trinity in the twentieth century, a lingering scepticism persists with regard to how moving the doctrine back to the centre of theological concern may revive faith in God. Thinking with Theologians does pretty much what

it says on the tin.' The course will focus on some significant texts by notable Christian theologians, past and present, in the hope of expanding, deepening and challenging our understanding of what it might mean to talk about God. Each session will include a short presentation by the tutor, followed by a period of focused group discussion of a particular text or texts. For more information and to register please visit <https://londonjesuitcentre.churchsui.com/events/0lfw7mqw>

A DAY WITH MARY

You are invited to a *Day with Mary*, a day of instruction, devotion and intercession, on Saturday 18 March at St Frances de Sales, Tottenham, N17 8AG, from 10am-5.45pm; celebrant and preacher: Fr David Lucy Claros; sermons on Our Lady by Frs Charles Soyombo and Walter Ezenwosu MSP; Exposition & Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, Meditations on the Passion of Our Lord, Silent Prayers (www adaywithmary.org).

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 Fr Matthew Donnelly & Deacon Julian Burling
5.00pm Fr Matthew Donnelly
8.00pm Canon John Clark & Deacon Julian Burling

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 4 6.30pm Nathim Mahfooth RIP
Mon 6 10.00am Fr James Langan RIP
6.30pm Alfons Kempinski RIP
Tue 7 10.00am Sheena Wilson RIP
6.30pm Gina & Jim Magullion 60th Wedd. Anniv.
Wed 8 10.00am Angela Byrne RIP
12noon Funeral of Mireille Taylor RIP
6.30pm Elizabeth & Patrick Howlin RIP
Thu 9 10.00am Mark Fudakowski Anniv.
6.30pm Neville Newton Thksgiving, Good Health
Fri 10 10.00am Anne McHale Ints.
12.30pm Funeral of Nick Carew Hunt RIP
6.30pm Angela de Leon Nieves
Sat 11 10.00am Angela Byrne 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: 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)

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

Solemn Latin Mass

Introit: *Tibi dixit cor meum*
Mass setting: Plainsong Mass XVII
Gradual antiphon: *Miserere meus, Domine*
Offertory motet: *Peccantem me quotidie*, Cristóbal de Morales
Communion motet: *O nata lux de lumine*, Thomas Tallis

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: John Redwood, Sr Ita Conlan (Sisters of Christ), Sungsook Yoo, Jacinto Cordeiro, Mireille Taylor and Nick Carew Hunt

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Archbishop Peter Smith, Michael Wiggins, Eugene Byrne, Peter Barry, Angela de Leon Nieves

The sick: Karolina Masica, 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.

We would like to bring the list of prayers for the sick of our parish up to date and kindly ask parishioners to notify the Parish Office if they want to have names mentioned in the newsletter & bidding prayers. Thank you.



COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your donations towards the appeal of the Manna Society last weekend. The dried goods are greatly appreciated! In case you missed it, there will be a collection again on the weekend 13/14 May.

Thank you for supporting this good cause!

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Tue 7 Mar Collect of Ss Perpetua and Felicity, martyrs
Wed 8 Mar Collect of St John of God, Religious
Thu 9 Mar Collect of St Frances of Rome, Religious

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.