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Newsletter

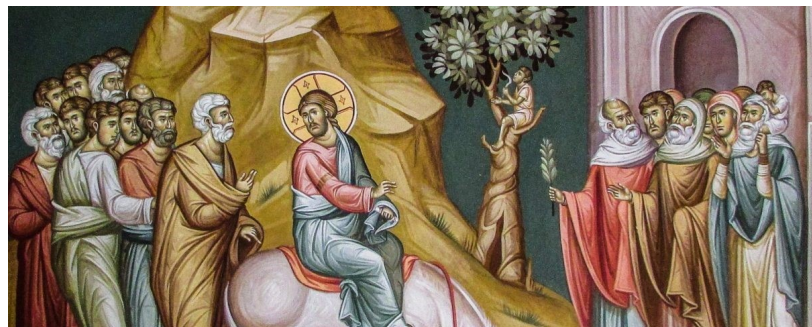
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**Palm Sunday of the Passion
of the Lord (A)**

Holy Week

Vol II, psalter week 2

Palm Sunday Reflection



Next Sunday's Readings

- Acts 10:34.37-43
- Psalm 117:1-2.16-17.22-23
- Colossians 3:1-4
- John 20:1-9

Today we mark Palm Sunday, the beginning of our journey through Holy Week, remembering the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. The crowds of Palm Sunday welcome Jesus with such joy and happiness into Jerusalem, yet these same people just days later be shouting for Jesus' death.

Throughout Holy Week we share in the events that marked Jesus' suffering and we hear this today as the Passion story is read setting the scene for the week to come. Sometimes we may get stuck in the trap of thinking we do nothing but going to church every day this week! It is important we remind ourselves that Maundy Thursday to the Easter Vigil is one great liturgy inviting us into the core of our faith and to deepen our relationship with Jesus.

Eleanor Bowman

Upcoming Events

Monday 3 April

- Penance Service, 7.15pm, Church

Tuesday 4 April

- 7.15pm, Church, Musical Meditation for Holy Week, David Gammie

Wednesday 5 April

- 11.30am, St George's Cathedral, Chrism Mass

Thursday 6 April

- 8pm, Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday 7 April

- 11am, Church, Children's Stations of the Cross
- 3pm, Solemn Liturgy
- 7.30pm, Stations of the Cross

Dear Parishioners,

CANON JOHN'S RETIREMENT

On Friday the 12th of May 2023, we will be having a special celebratory Mass of thanksgiving for **Canon John** at 6.30pm, followed by a Farewell Party in the Upper Hall.

After the Mass, we warmly invite you all to attend this party, and would very much appreciate it, if you would kindly '**bring a plate**' of any **finger food** for the evening. The drinks will be provided.

We will also be having a collection for a farewell gift for Canon John, and would be grateful if any contributions are marked for the attention of Thelma D'Costa and left in the Presbytery office, **from** the 19th of April - 5th of May.

Thank you and God Bless

Thelma D'Costa

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

CONFESSIONS

Confessions during Holy Week:
Monday 3 - Thursday 6 April
10.30-11.30am, 6-6.20pm
Friday 7 April
10.30-11.30am
Saturday 8 April
10.30-11.30am, 3-4pm

PARKING

Additional parking in Wimbledon College Car Park will be available:
between 7 - 10pm on Maundy Thursday;
between 12.30 and 6.30pm on Good Friday;
between 6 and 11 pm on Holy Saturday.

Please do take care when parking in our neighbouring roads, only park in authorised parking places, **do not block driveways of the residents!**

GUILD OF ST STEPHEN ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

Altar Servers 45th Annual Rally at The Friars, Aylesford Priory Kent on Monday 1 May starting with sung Mass at 11.30pm, principal celebrant Bishop Paul Hendricks; all welcome ... to worship... to witness... to play football with other servers...
For further information please email the Southwark Guild chairman at john.bonnici@btopenworld.com

JESUIT MISSIONS STAMP CUTTING

Volunteers welcome to help trim & sort used stamps to raise money for JM: Thursday 6 April, 9.30am-12.30pm - coffee provided, please bring your own scissors. 11 Edge Hill, SW19 4 LR.

Parish News

EASTER BOOKLETS

The Easter 2023 booklets are available at the back of the church. Please refer to the booklets for dates and times for the services during Holy Week and Easter.

PENANCE SERVICE

At 7.15pm there will be a Lenten Penance Service of prayer and scripture readings, during which individuals will have the opportunity for individual sacramental confession.

NEWSLETTER

Please note that this week-end's Newsletter is the last before the Easter break, we will resume the NL distribution on the weekend of 22/23 April.

EASTER OFFERING

The collections at Easter are traditionally for the benefit of the priests as an expression of gratitude for their ministry. Donations can be made in cash at the Easter Vigil Mass and on Easter Day;

gift aid envelopes will be available. Alternative means of giving are using the dedicated button on the digital giving plates at the back of the church or on the parish website or by cheque or bank transfer payable to Sacred Heart Church Wimbledon, using the reference EASTER OFF; Sort Code 60-24-07, Account 33138672.

Announcements

EXPOSITION

Please note that there will be no Exposition in the morning of Wednesday 5 April.

CHILDREN'S GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

A special service of the Stations of the Cross for children will be held at 11am on Good Friday, 7 April. A rehearsal for all actors and readers will take place at 9.30am until 10.30am on Good Friday; please email Rachel Marshall (rachel@marshallemail.net) if your child would like to take part. Adult help welcomed!

SPECIAL BLESSING OF EASTER BASKETS

We invite parishioners to come to the church on Holy Saturday 8 April at 11am for the blessing of the Easter baskets, a long-established European tradition that has been introduced to our parish last year. Please come along with your Easter food basket for this special service.

R.C.I.A

Let us continue to keep Daniel, Ian, Linda, Sarah, Sam and Victor who will be received into the Catholic Church at Easter, also Katie and Sophia, who will be

confirmed at Easter, in our prayers.

We wish them all of God's blessings on this special day and their journey through life with God at their side.

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 April: we are encouraged to pray for a culture of peace and non-violence: *'We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.'*

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.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Friday 14 April, at 2.30pm in the Lounge: your *Desert Island Discs*; do join us for an afternoon of music, tea & cakes. Everyone is welcome!

SCHOOL OF COMMUNITY

This is the catechesis proposed by *Communion and Liberation* local community every Friday at 7.30pm in the

Lounge. The meetings are simple and there is no requirement of formal membership. The usual structure involves reflection on a spiritual text and sharing on how it makes sense in one's own life. For more info, please email soc.wimbledon@gmail.com (new email address!!).

Social & Cultural

LAUDATO SI' MOVEMENT

'Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.' St. Francis of Assisi

Do you want to care for our common home and really make a difference? Join the free online worldwide course from the Vatican on Wednesdays starting at 2pm on Wednesday 19 April (plus a 7pm session). Information & registration available on the Laudato Si' Animators website: <https://laudatosianimators.org/>.

VACANCIES

Jesuit Refugee Service:

Communications & Marketing Officer: a varied and dynamic role developing written and visual content which raises awareness of the situation faced by people seeking asylum and held in immigration detention in the UK; the work JRS does in response; and the difference supporters' donations makes to individuals' lives. For more information and to apply please visit <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/vacancy-jrs-communications-marketing-officer/>

Laleham Lea School, a Catholic, Independent School, has a vacancy for a Site Manager (Permanent Full Time Post). Please contact sbm@lalehamlea.co.uk for more information and an application pack; tel: 020 8660 3351. Closing date Midday 14 April.

OPEN DAY

Marymount Intl. School London, a leading International Baccalaureate girls' school (11-18 yrs), based in Kingston/Thames, is hosting an Open Day on Saturday 22 April. For more info & to register, please visit www.marymountlondon.com.

Exploring our Faith

CHURCHES TOGETHER WEST WIMBLEDON

This annual act of witness starts at 10am on Good Friday, 7 April, at the Lantern Methodist Church, Worple Rd and ends at 11am outside Raynes Park Station; procession, stops at various stages, enacting parts of the passion of our Lord, conclusion with a homily and hymns. It is a wonderful joint act of witness with our brothers and sisters in other Christian Churches. If you wish to participate (guitar players, flautists, ..) or to take part in reading/enacting some of the parts, please email the parish (wimparish@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk for the attention of Cathy Dickenson).

A DAY WITH MARY

You are invited to a *Day with Mary*, a day of instruction, devotion and intercession, on Saturday 22 April at the Shrine of St Augustin and National Pugin Centre, Ramsgate, Kent, CT11 9NY, from 10am - 5.15pm; celebrant & preacher: Fr Christopher Basden; sermon on Our Lady by Fr Simon Heans; Exposition & Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, Meditations on the Passion of Our Lord, Silent Prayers (www.adaywithmary.org).

SOUTHWARK PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

18-25 August. Message from Bishop Paul: 'After the restrictions of the past few years, I'm delighted that we are now once more able to include

support for pilgrims who need assistance for medical or mobility reasons. In Lourdes, those who are often marginalised are placed at the centre, and we who travel with them are blessed by their presence. I warmly invite you to join us.' For details, please see <https://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/southwark-ca>

PASSION OF CHRIST

Wintershall will once again be performing the Passion of Jesus Christ live in Trafalgar Square on Good Friday 7 April at 12noon & 3.15pm. Performances are free, all are welcome, arrival in good time to obtain a seat strongly recommended. No tickets required (<https://www.wintershall.org.uk/passion-jesus-london>).

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



PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Fodo Pilgrims are organising a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, sponsored by the Sons of Divine Providence, 10-18 October, visiting Nazareth, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Jericho, Dead Sea, Mount of Beatitudes, Sea of Galilee etc. For more info & registration please contact Fr John Perrotta (johnperrotta208@gmail.com).

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 1 6.30pm John Gerard Granahan RIP
Mon 3 10.00am Patricia Reynolds RIP
6.30pm Joseph Roland Thanksgiving
7.15pm Holy Week Penance Service
Tue 4 10.00am Frances Barden Ints.
12noon Funeral of John Redwood RIP
6.30pm Gemma Ints.
Wed 5 10.00am Kate Reynolds RIP
6.30pm Personal Intention
Thu 6 10.00am Holy Souls
8.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Fri 7 3.00pm Solemn Liturgy
7.30pm Stations of the Cross
Sat 8 9.00am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer
Mon 10 10.00am Mary O'Connel Birthday Int.

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 Isah Katuka (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: Jacqueline Ellis, John Harnett, Christina Nora Forley, Michael Cunnane, Anna Abasdal, Christopher Webb, Doug Portious and John Redwood

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Gayle Moretti, Cecil James Hawken, Peter Stables, Jeanette Forrester and Joyce Shannon

The sick: Natalie Williams, Peter Thomas, Karolina Masica, 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.



COLLECTIONS

The amount collected for the second collection last weekend for the *Poor Parishes* is ca. **£965**.

Thank you for your donations!

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

From Palm Sunday until Low Sunday inclusive no saints' days are observed. Parish Solemnities, of consecration or title are transferred to the Monday of Low Week.

Easter Triduum: Maundy Thursday; Good Friday (fasting and abstinence; collection for the Holy Places - envelopes will be available at the back of the church);

The Lenten fast continues until the Easter Vigil.

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

Hosanna filio David (Plainchant)

17: *All glory, laud and honour*

Christus factus est, Anton Bruckner

Sanctus, Agnus Dei: Mass XVIII

O domine Jesu Christe, Francisco

Guerrero

503: *My song is love unknown*

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.