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Newsletter

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**Third Sunday of Easter
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Third Week of Easter

Vol II, psalter week 3

Next Sunday's Readings

- Acts 2:14.36-41
- Psalm 22:1-6
- I Peter 2:20-25
- John 10:1-10

Upcoming Events

Thursday 27 April

- Wimbledon Catenians Meeting from 7.30pm, Parish Lounge

Saturday 29 April

- Bereavement Support, 10.30-11.30am, Parish Lounge
- Katy's Songbirds, 3-5pm, Upper Hall (see p 3)

Sunday 30 April

- 2nd Collection: Priest Training Fund

Sunday 7 May

- Children's Liturgy during the 10am Mass

Friday 12 May

- Farewell celebration for Canon John, 6.30pm Mass, followed by party, Upper Hall

Tuesday 16 May

- Friendship Group Outing (p 2)

On the Road to Emmaus

Last week, it was peace and Divine Mercy: This week, the road to Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem. The evangelist, Luke, offers us this story to explain the mystery of our being part of Jesus which comes about through growth in new life. The disciples in the story help us to see what life in Jesus Christ really means. They told the others of their encounter with the Risen Jesus on the road to Emmaus. That encounter comes out strongly for all of us, with the other two readings emphasising the faith and moral aspects of life in Christ. Easter is a time to be seeking to share



The Road to Emmaus, Altobello Melone, about 1490

our faith, love, and have a renewed confidence that all will be well. It requires courage and a willingness to allow the Holy Spirit to work in us. The Risen Christ is our companion on this journey of faith. With God on our side in this way, we can and should

Happy Sunday!

Fr Joe 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

SECOND COLLECTION

The second collection this weekend will be for the maintenance of St George's Cathedral, the mother church of the Diocese. This collection helps to meet the cost of the upkeep of the Cathedral.

Next week, 29/30 April, there will be a collection in support of the Priest Training Fund (Ecclesiastical Education): this collection helps to meet the cost of training students for the priesthood and the permanent diaconate. It also supports certain forms of ongoing formation of the clergy.

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 of St Stephen chairman at john.bonnici@btopenworld.com

VOCATION TO PRIEST- HOOD & RELIGIOUS LIFE

Have you ever considered you may be called to the priesthood or the religious life? Southwark Vocations will be hosting a 60-minute webinar on Tuesday 9 May at 7pm entitled *The Good Shepherd Calls* where different presenters will share their experiences about discovering God's plan for each one of us. To join, please register in advance by using following link <https://us.06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUpdOuprDMtH9wKUQ777ddSSjLBucMtsONt>

Parish News

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 before the 5th of May.

Announcements

PRESBYTERY RECEPTION

We would need temporary assistance for the Presbytery Reception in the month of May on Tuesday mornings and Wednesday afternoons. Please contact Thelma d'Costa at the Parish Office if you are in a position to help (020 8946 0305). Thank you!

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS 2023

The Seminars - in person and online - are being run jointly by the Cathedral parish at St George's Cathedral, the Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis & the Southwark Cath. Charismatic Renewal Team. There are five

weekday sessions with a series of talks and discussions, supported by short daily reflections and an all-day retreat at the Cathedral on Pentecost Saturday 27 May. Sessions are on Tuesdays (2, 9, 16 & 30 May and 6 June), starting with a meal at 6.45pm, with those participating on Zoom joining online for 8pm.

The Seminars are designed as an introduction to a life lived in the power of the Holy Spirit. They provide an opportunity for you to find out more about that life, and to be helped in taking the first steps of a new relationship with Our Lord.

<https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/liss> for detailed info & to register.

FR MICHAEL BEATTIE MEMORIAL MASS

A memorial Mass will take place for the late Fr Michael Beattie SJ at Farm Street Church, 114 Mount St, London W1K 3AH, at 6pm on Tuesday 13 June.

Many of you will remember Fr Beattie SJ, between 1969 and 1972 he was a member of the parish staff at Sacred Heart, and then served as Rector and parish priest here in 1975.

The Mass will be followed by refreshments in the Arrupe Hall.

Parish Organisations

THE SACRED HEART LUNCH TEAM

The Sacred Heart lunch team is in urgent need of more volunteers. Volunteers visit housebound parishioners to help keep them part of the parish community, either preparing and bringing a meal from home or helping the parishioner with their own meal. If you are able to help, even just for one Sunday every other month, please contact Ruth Kelly: ruthjkelly@yahoo.co.uk or 07944 388 299.

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.

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 29 April from 10.30-11.30am, in the Parish Lounge. For more information, please email bereavement@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Tuesday 16 May 10.30am-4pm. Outing to Watts Gallery and Chapel near Guildford.

For full details and to sign up please contact Judy on 020 89471 658.

All welcome!

Social & Cultural

SACRED HEART CHORUS

The next rehearsal for the June 24 concert - Bruckner Te Deum and Poulenc Gloria - will be on Monday 24 April at 7.30pm in the church. If you'd like to sing but haven't yet applied just turn up on the door.

WIMBLEDON CATENIANS

invite all men from the parish to an evening of conviviality and refreshment with those from Christ the King, in the Parish Lounge on Thursday 27 April from 7.30pm. Please bring along a dish of food to share, either starter, main course or dessert & the drink of your choice. Email des@boxofcolours.com or alternatively call Des (07736 424 111/+) or Tom (07837 778 247) to accept.

CONCERT IN AID OF CHRISTIAN CARE

Saturday 22 April at 7.30pm; Christ Church, West-Wimbledon, 2 Cottenham

Park Rd, SW20 0RZ, in aid of Christian Care: Director & soloist Leader Johann Stuckenbruck, John Crawford; tickets £15, under 16 free, on the door or at <https://tinyurl.com/ycy43bte>; works by Mozart, Finzi, Schnittke and Haydn.

ACADEMY CHOIR WIMBLEDON

The Academy Choir Wimbledon will be joining in the coronation celebrations by performing Händel's Coronation Anthems on Saturday 13 May at 7pm at St John's Spencer Hill, Wimbledon, SW19 4NZ, accompanied by the Academy Baroque Players and conducted by Matthew Best. The programme also includes a Bach Motet and the famous Air on a G string. Tickets at www.academychoirwimbledon.co.uk or call 0333 6663366.

OPEN EVENT

Ursuline Preparatory School invites you to an Open Event on Wednesday 26

April at 9.30am; please sign up at: www.ursulineprep.org/admissions/open-events.

VACANCIES


Wimbledon College: Teaching Assistant; further information available on the school website (www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk under 'about us'/job opportunities') or apply by online application form via eteach website. Closing date 24 April.

Our Lady of Victories RC Primary School in Putney is recruiting a School Business Manager to join the staff and Senior Leadership Team this term. For more information about the role and how to apply (by Monday 24 April) please go to: <https://jobs.richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk/jobs/job/School-Business-Manager-Our-Lady-of-Victories-RC-Primary-School/5689>.

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).

Exploring our Faith

LOVE HEALS BODY MIND AND SPIRIT

You are welcome to come to a 1-day retreat of quiet reflection on Saturday 29 April from 11am-4.30pm, at the Catholic Church of our Lady of Assumption & St Gregory, Piccadilly, W1F 9JR; Holy Rosary, Latin Mass in the Extraordinary Form (Celebrant Priest: Fr Mark Elliott Smith); lunch break (please bring your own lunch, tea & coffee available);

talk based on Scripture 'The Gift of the Resurrection', Catholic Christian Meditation, Blessed Adoration - Devine Mercy, Individual Healing Prayers. For more info, please visit www.lovehealsbodymindspirit.com.

A DAY WITH MARY

You are invited to a Day with Mary, a day of instruction, devotion and intercession, this 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).

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 22 6.30pm Jerzy Owoc RIP
Mon 24 10.00am Jim Shields
6.30pm Michael Maidment RIP Anniv.
Tue 25 10.00am Teresa Smith & Family Thanksgiving
6.30pm Queen of Peace
Wed 26 10.00am Jennifer Jullien
1.30pm Funeral of Basil Cousins RIP
6.30pm Geoffrey Douglas RIP
Thu 27 10.00am James Timmons & Caroline Gray RIP
6.30pm Dominic Sammons RIP
Fri 28 10.00pm Holy Souls
6.30pm James Westbrook RIP Anniv.
Sat 29 10.00am Pilar Ferrandiz 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 Isah Katuka (020 8725 3069)

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

Introit: *Jubilate Deo*, W.A. Mozart
Kyrie/Gloria: 459/460
Offertory motet: *O sacrum convivium*, Giovanni Croce
Sanctus: 433
Communion motet: *Ego sum panis vivus*, Joaquin Esquivel
Post-communion hymn: 556 *O thou who at thy eucharist didst pray*

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 confidentiality. Leave contact details with the parish office or email presidentA190704@svp.org.uk.

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Florisa Di Valentino, Patricia Small, Michele Valentine, Basil Cousins and Christopher Webb.

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Bryan Snalune, Concetta Terenzio, Giuseppi Rodi, Ettore Nicolosi and Lourenco Fernandes

The sick: Natalie Williams, Peter Thomas, Karolina Masica, Anne McHale, David Fry, Paul Stromborg, Mike Greene, Teresa Escalona, Donal Weir, Giovanni Baldacchino, Kim Carr, 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

Canon John, Fr Joseph and Fr Matthew would like to express their deep gratitude for your kind wishes and your very generous gifts and donations this Easter!

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Mon 24 April St George, Martyr, Patron of England, Solemnity

Tue 25 April St Mark, Evangelist, Feast

Fri 28 April St Peter Chanel, Priest, Martyr

Sat 29 April St Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe, Feast

For donations, please scan the QR Code with your phone; your donation will help fund the wide range of liturgical, spiritual and cultural activities which run in the parish. Thank you.

