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Newsletter

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**Fourth Sunday of Easter
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Fourth Week of Easter

Vol II, psalter week 4

Next Sunday's Readings

- Acts 6:1-7
- Psalm 32:1-2,4-5,18-19
- 1 Peter 2:4-9
- John 14:1-12

Upcoming Events

Saturday 29 April

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

Sunday 30 April

- 2nd Collection: Priest Training Fund

Friday 5 May

- Eucharistic Adoration after 6.30pm Mass
- Special Mass for the intentions of King Charles III, 8pm

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)

Good Shepherd Sunday

The next great event we prepare for, following the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead, is Pentecost which this year falls on the 28th May.

The new reality of the Church left by Jesus after His Ascension and Resurrection finds its soul and expression when the apostles exercise their ministry to its fullest extent in fearlessly proclaiming the Resurrection from the dead and bringing those listening to faith by administering the new life of the risen Jesus through the sacraments. Indeed, Peter, the head of the college of the apostles, exhorts the people on the day of Pentecost to repent and receive the sacrament of Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

The Holy Spirit quickens the soul of the Church today and will continue to do so by this continual cycle of proclaiming the Word, exhorting to repentance through sacramental confession, and administering the sacraments - first Baptism, the sacrament, reconciliation, the Eucharist, then Confirmation the seal of a mature disciple - these are the so-called Sacraments of Initiation. As at the very beginning of the life of the Church the work of evangelisation was accompanied by the Eucharist which feeds the soul of the Church: not a ritual gesture of something that happened in the past, but the extraordinary reality of the risen and glorified body of Jesus living for us today to be received in Holy Communion.

Today's second reading encourages us in the way of discipleship. Once having been initiated into the sacramental life of the Church, we are encouraged to take up the way of discipleship in collaborating with Jesus in His mission, which is the mission of the Church, to save souls - there is no other reason for the Church's existence than to bring us to eternal salvation. The sacraments enable us in our turn, to bring the same saving faith to others. This is what Jesus means by the 'sheepfold' in today's the gospel: to find ourselves within the sheepfold established by Christ - the Church, in order to lead others to salvation through Christ. This is our mission, that other people God has put in our way may pass through Him 'The Gate' into the Church, so that they too may enjoy the sacramental life of grace. There is no other reason for the Church than the communication of Christ's life to His faithful - those who having heard the Word, have repented, receive Baptism, and then nourish their faith on the living Jesus in the Eucharist at Mass - the living heart of the Church, so that we all may enjoy supernatural life and have it to the full.

Fr Matthew Donnelly



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

This weekend, 29/30 April, the second collection is in support of the Priest Training Fund: 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. Envelopes available at the back of the church. For online donations please visit www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF.

VOCATION TO PRIESTHOOD & RELIGIOUS LIFE

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 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://us06web.zoom.us/j/8441111111>

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 which is centred on contemplation of the salvific events of Christ's life, and their close association with the Virgin Mother. We encourage you to join the Rosary Group in the Lady Chapel Mon-Sat from 5.50pm (excl. Wednesdays & Fridays from 4.50pm).

JM STAMP CUTTING

Volunteers welcome to help trim & sort used stamps to raise money for Jesuit Missions: Thur 4 May, 9.30am; 11 Edge Hill, SW19 4 LR.

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 (please could this be labelled as to what it is/what the ingredients are and be brought in from 6pm before the Mass, so this can be placed on the tables ahead of the function. The drinks will be provided.

We will be having a collection for a gift for Canon John, and would be grateful if any contributions are marked for the attention of Thelma D'Costa & left in the Parish office until May 5th.

Announcements

BANK HOLIDAY

Monday 1 May is a bank holiday. There will be only one Mass celebrated at 10am. The church will stay open until 5pm.

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 Catholic 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.

DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

There will be First Friday Eucharistic Adoration on Friday 5 May after the 6.30pm Mass.

The Sacred Heart Devotion Group will meet on Saturday 13 May for prayer after the 10am Mass at the Sacred Heart Chapel. All are most welcome to participate.

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.

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

Rehearsals for the June 24 concert - Bruckner *Te Deum* and Poulenc *Gloria* - continue on Monday 8 May at 7.30pm in the church. If you'd like to sing but haven't yet applied just turn up on the door.

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.

VACANCY

Christian CARE Association is urgently looking for a Deputy to assist the CARE

Coordinator with the day to day running of the charity. This role should take the equivalent of 2 days/week so suitable for someone recently retired or working part time. Christian CARE is run by about 60 volunteers seeking to help families in need in Merton and provides essential food and household supplies, as well as befriending and opportunities for occasional outings. Fuller information on the volunteering section of its website <https://christiancaremerton.org.uk>, or by emailing its Chair (jane.savill@christiancaremerton.org.uk) or the CARE Coordinator (gillian.thick@christiancaremerton.org.uk).

Christian CARE Merton are also looking to recruit volunteer drivers to help out with transporting a few families and children during the summer months to a holiday camp.

CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS

Tuesday 23 May: meet at

6.15pm (after 5.30pm Mass) on the steps of Westminster Cathedral. The group will make their way to Westminster Abbey exploring some lesser-known corners of Westminster and learn some Coronation stories on the way. Discover the story of horse-ferry run by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the flower-strewers of St George IV and the site of the Abbey's mill and orchard. All are welcome, a donation of £5 pp is requested, for more information please visit <https://www.catholic-history-walks.com/>

OPEN MORNING

Donhead Preparatory School would like to welcome you to visit on Wednesday 17 May from 9am to witness the boys in action and to experience the spirit, warmth, and ethos in the Donhead community. To register, please visit <https://www.donhead.org.uk/admissions/open-morning-registration>

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). Contact Maria (ksongbirds656@gmail.com).

THE HOLY FATHER'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION

The Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for his intention this May: "We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world."

Exploring our Faith

LOVE HEALS BODY MIND AND SPIRIT

You are welcome to come to a 1-day retreat of quiet reflection this 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.

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 29 6.30pm Mary Feane RIP
Mon 1 10.00am Mary Howlin RIP
Tue 2 10.00am De Leon Family Ints.
6.30pm Yvonne Joseph Thanksgiving
Wed 3 10.00am Jessie D'Souza Jubilee mass
6.30pm Holy Souls
Thu 4 10.00am Sr Ita (Sister of Christ) RIP
6.30pm Howard Paice RIP
Fri 5 10.00pm Angela Boland Anniv. Mass
6.30pm Peter Stephens RIP
8.00pm For the intentions of King Charles III
Sat 6 9.00am Cyril Santhiapllai 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

Entry hymn: 475 *Loving shepherd of thy sheep*

Kyrie/Gloria: 459/460

Offertory motet: *Surrexit pastor bonus*, O. de Lassus

Communion motet: *Tantum ergo*, Anton Bruckner

Post-communion hymn: 699 *The King of love my shepherd is*

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: Peter Thomas, Avandale Durand, Thomas McManus, Georgina Russell and Patricia Small

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: John Henry Hill, Mary Theresa Williams, Patrick Phibbs, Lucy Leslie, Mary Howlin, Michael Courcha, Peter John Tolley, Anne Josephine Mulhern, Eddie Power, Margaret Lyons, Joan Mary Berner and Shaun McCarthy

The sick: Natalie Williams, 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.



SPECIAL MASS

Please note that a special Mass for the intentions of His Majesty King Charles III will be celebrated on Friday 5 May at 8pm in the church. Prayer cards will be available at the back of the church.

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Sun 30 April World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life
Mon 1 May St Joseph the Worker - Day of Prayer for God's blessing on human work
Tue 2 May St Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, Memorial
Wed 3 May Ss Philip and James, Apostles, Feast
Thu 4 May The English Martyrs, Feast
Sat 6 May St John Paine, Priest and Martyr

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.

