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Newsletter

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**Fifth Sunday of Easter
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Fifth Week of Easter

Vol II, psalter week I

Prayer for the King

V O Lord, save Charles, our King.
R And hear us on the day we call upon you.

V O Lord, hear my prayer.
R And let my cry come before you.

V The Lord be with you.
R And with your spirit.



Almighty God, we pray, that your servant Charles, our King, who, by your providence has received the governance of this realm, may continue to grow in every virtue, that, imbued with your heavenly grace, he may be preserved from all that is harmful and evil and, being blessed with your favour may, with his consort and the royal family, come at last into your presence, through Christ who is the way, the truth and the life and who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Next Sunday's Readings

- Acts 8:5-8.14-17
- Psalm 65:1-7.16-20
- I Peter 3:15-18
- John 14:15-21

Upcoming Events

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)

Saturdays 13, 20 May

- First Holy Communion Masses, see p. 2; no morning confessions

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

To be or become a Christian is not primarily to join a friendly community or to subscribe to a body of historically developed doctrine or to enjoy participating in a liturgy (although it should be all those things). To become a Christian is to become a loyal, loving follower of Jesus. What does that mean? At the Last Supper Jesus told his disciples not to be troubled but to trust in God and trust in Jesus, through whom we can know the Father. He told them *'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No-one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too ... I am in the Father and the Father is in me'*. As Pope Benedict XVI put it, Jesus has brought God to us, the God who formerly unveiled his countenance, first to Abraham, then to Moses and the prophets. It is this God whom Jesus has brought to the nations of the earth. In our doubt, in our perplexity, in the difficulties of our lives, and in our happiness, we can, in St Richard of Chichester's words, pray to Jesus *'O most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother, may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly.'*

Julian Burling

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

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>

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, W1K 3AH, at 6pm on Tue 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.

ANNUAL MARRIAGE MASS AT ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL

Are you celebrating your 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or any later wedding anniversary this year? If so, you are invited to join in celebrating a Mass for married couples at 3pm on Saturday 23 September at St George's Cathedral (chief celebrant Bishop Paul Hendricks). You can apply for a written personal invitation to the Mass from Archbishop John Wilson (invitation also covers a small number of family guests). To book & for more details please email mflsw@rcaos.org.uk.

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

HELP NEEDED

If you are able to help prepare the farewell party for Canon John on Friday 12 May, please kindly put your name and contact details on the list which will be available at the back of the church this weekend. Thank you.

NO MORNING CONFESSION

Please note that there will be **no** morning confession on Saturdays 13 & 20 May.

FIRST COMMUNION MASSES

First Holy Communion Masses will be celebrated on Saturdays 13 May and 20 May at 10am, 12noon & 2pm.

Let us keep the children preparing for their First Holy Communion and their families in our prayers over the coming weeks.

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.

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: ruthjelly@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 Wednesday 10 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 to

take and collect families to Butlins, Bognor Regis and teenagers to and from summer camps. They are specifically looking at 31 July; 3, 4, 6 & 7 August from Merton to Wokingham or Bognor Regis. It should only be one journey. There are also opportunities to help with other transport needs during the year. If you are able to help please email canute.daguiar@christiancaremerton.org.uk or call 07944 692920 for further info.

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.

RETROUVILLE A LIFE LINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? *Retrouville* is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope, and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Thousands of couples have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about '*Retrouville*' or to register for the next programme commencing with a virtual weekend on 6 - 9 July or a Face to Face w/e in Welwyn Garden City on 13-15 Oct, contact 07887 296983 or 07973 380443, retrouvilleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouville.org.uk.

Exploring our Faith

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).

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 (john.perrotta208@gmail.com).

A DAY WITH MARY PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA

A Day with Mary Pilgrimage to Fatima from Thursday 8 - Wednesday 14 June; Package price £750pp (flights from/to LHR to Lisbon, 6 day full board – suppl. for single rooms, transfers, day visits to Aljustrel and Valinhos, daily Masses... for further info and to book contact Tangey Tours (<https://www.tangey-tours.com/>) or *A Day with Mary* at 020 8641 6418.

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 6 6.30pm Anna Rosa Carneiro & Joaquim Pires RIP
Mon 8 10.00am Sarah Lobo RIP
Tue 9 10.00am Diana Guerrini RIP
12noon Funeral of Thomas McManus RIP
6.30pm Gavin Fernandes & Family Special Ints.
Wed 10 10.00am Geoff Chapman RIP
6.30pm Geraldine Bennett Ints.
Thu 11 10.00am Pat Reynolds
6.30pm Dorothy Hazel RIP
Fri 12 10.00pm Sr Ita Conlan RIP
6.30pm Joanne Thiru RIP
Sat 13 9.00am Joy Keens Douglas Thanksgiving

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: Carolyn Kirkpatrick, Avandale Durand, Thomas McManus, Georgina Russell and Patricia Small

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Julio Roberto Palha, Geoff Chapman, Diana Guerrini and Josephine Gatt.

The sick: Alexia Graham, 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.



COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your most generous support towards the collections for
Holy Places (on Good Friday) £3,860
St George's Cathedral (23/04/23) £675
The Priest Training Fund (30/04/23) £1,250

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Sun 7 May Sacred Heart, Wimbledon, consecrated in 1931
Mon 8 May Our Lady of the Sacred Heart
Tue 9 May Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Sexual Abuse
Wed 10 May St John de Ávila, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Fri 12 May Ss Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs
Sat 13 May Our Lady of Fatima

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
Kyrie/Sanctus: Missa Brevis in C, KV 317 'Coronation', W.A. Mozart
Offertory motet: *Exsultate justi*, Ludovico Viadana
Communion motet: *Ave verum*, W.A. Mozart
Final prayer for King Charles III: *Domine Salvum Fac* (Latin Mass booklet p.16)

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.

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.

