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Newsletter

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Sixth Sunday of Easter
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Sixth Week of Easter

Vol II, psalter week 2

First Holy Communion

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FIRST RECONCILIATION &
HOLY EUCHARIST PREPARATION



Next Sunday's Readings

- Acts 1:12-14
- Psalm 26:1,4,7-8.R.v.13
- 1 Peter 4:13-16
- John 17:1-11

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 16 May

- Friendship Group Outing (p. 2)

Saturdays 13, 20 May

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

Thursday 18 May

- The Ascension of the Lord, Holyday of Obligation, Masses at 10am, 6.30 & 8pm

Sunday 21 May

- Children's Liturgy during the 10am Mass
- Manna Society Collection (p. 2)

This weekend marks the start of our First Holy Communion Celebration. On the 13th and 20th of May over 140 of our parish children will receive the Holy Eucharist for the first time. This is a very exciting time as the children prepare to take this important step in their faith journey. Over the academic year they, along with their families have been preparing for this in lots of different ways. During Advent, the children made their first reconciliation which is another important landmark in our faith journeys.

We pray for the children and their families as they make the final preparation for their First Holy Communion and for the children to feel the great sense of joy that comes with receiving the Holy Eucharist. At the beginning of the year many of you took a prayer card designed by one of the children and it has been a great source of encouragement to hear that as a parish community we are still praying for all of the children.

Eleanor Bowman

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

Next Sunday 21 May is World Communications Sunday - themed 'Speaking with the heart "The truth in love" (Eph 4: 15)' - inviting us to communicate heart to heart, to speak with the heart; 'Communicating in a cordial manner means that those who read or listen to us are led to welcome our participation in the joys, fears, hopes and suffering of the women and men of our time. Those who speak in this way love the other because they care and protect their freedom without violating it.'

To read Pope Francis' message for the 57th World Communications Day please visit cbcew.org.uk/wcd23-papal-message
The 2nd collection next Sunday is to support the work of the Catholic Communications Network (CCN), the media office of the Bishops' Conference of England & Wales. The CCN seeks to be of service both to the Church and the world in offering professional channels of communication, and provides support in promoting the Gospel through the media on current issues. Thank you for supporting this cause.

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 To book & for more details please email mflsw@rcaos.org.uk.

Parish News

FIRST COMMUNION MASSES

First Holy Communion Masses will be celebrated this Saturday 13 May and next Saturday 20 May at 10am, 12noon & 2pm. (Please note that there will be **no** morning confession on these days.)

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

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

On Thursday 18 May we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, a Holyday of Obligation. Masses will be at 10am, 6.30pm and 8pm.

PENTECOST NOVENA

On Friday 19 May, the day after the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, we start to pray a solemn Novena to the

Holy Spirit for the reunion of Christendom, before each of the 10am & 6.30pm Masses until Pentecost.

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; Rosary Group in the Lady Chapel Mon-Sat from 5.50pm (Wed & Fri from 4.50pm).

Announcements

MANNA SOCIETY COLLECTION

Next weekend 20/21 May the Manna Society will be holding a collection after all Masses. If you wish to support this good cause, please (only) bring dry or canned goods eg pasta, sugar, tinned tomatoes, biscuits etc... Collection boxes will be placed in the church porch. Thank you for your support!

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 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 continue on Tuesdays 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, 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.

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

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

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>

VACANCIES

Laleham Lea School Catholic Independent, co-ed aged 3-11: PT Teacher required for September 2023. Contact:

Mrs Strachan (sbm@lalehamlea.co.uk 020 8660 3351), closing date 19 May at noon.

St Philomena's Catholic High School for girls: Examination Invigilator; for details & application form: recruitment@stphils.org.uk, 020 8642 2025 or visit <https://www.stphils.org.uk/join-us/vacancies>

Wimbledon College: Care-taker required; for details & application please contact: hr@wimbledoncollege.org.uk, 020 8879 9323 or visit www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk. Closing date 30 May.

SACRED HEART CONCERT

Saturday 24 June: Sacred Heart Chorus & Orchestra (conductor Bob Rathbone) perform Anton Bruckner's *Te Deum*, Poulenc's joyous and sometimes hauntingly beautiful setting of the *Gloria* (with Katy Lees as soprano soloist) and the Overture to Wagner's only comic opera, *The Mastersingers of Nuremberg*. Tickets will be available shortly at sacredheartmusic.co.uk.

In aid of Jesuit Missions and MyTime Carers' charity.

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

LOVE HEALS BODY MIND AND SPIRIT

You are welcome to come to a 1-day retreat of quiet reflection on Sat 27 May 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); lunch break (please bring your own lunch, tea & coffee available); talk based on Scripture, Catholic Christian Meditation, Blessed Adoration - Divine Mercy, Individual Healing Prayers. For more info, please visit www.lovehealsbodymindspirit.com.

CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION PILGRIMAGE

Each year, the Catholic Association Pilgrimage (CA) is responsible for coordi-

nating the welcome and care of their 'assisted pilgrims' - those on their annual pilgrimage to Lourdes who have particular care and support needs. For their pilgrimage from 18-15 August the CA is appealing for everyone to invite any friends, family members or fellow parishioners who might want to come to Lourdes as an assisted pilgrim or a volunteer in order to help provide the support that assisted pilgrims need. For more detailed information about the pilgrimage and how to get involved please visit www.catholicassociation.co.uk/encourage or email contact@catholicassociation.co.uk.

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

You are invited to a *Day with Mary*, a day of instruction, devotion and intercession, on Saturday 3 June at St Bede, Thornton Road, Clapham Park, SW12 0LF, from 9.45am-5.30pm; celebrant & preacher: Fr Patrick Pullicino; sermon on Our Lady by Fr Marcus Holden; 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) Canon John Clark & Deacon Julian Burling
8.00am Fr Matthew Donnelly
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12 noon Fr Joseph Donkor
5.00pm Fr Michael Barnes SJ
8.00pm Fr Matthew Donnelly

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 13 10.00am Joy Keens Douglas Thanksgiving
6.30pm Ana Rosa Carneiro & Joaquim Pires RIP
Mon 15 10.00am Dominic Sammons RIP
6.30pm Christopher Mack Birthday Ints.
Tue 16 10.00am Norma Croos RIP
6.30pm Rita Westbrook RIP
Wed 17 10.00am Sup.Gen. Daughters of the Heart of Mary
11.30am Funeral of Avandale Durand RIP
6.30pm Canon John Ints.
Thu 18 10.00am Canon Acton RIP
6.30pm Peter Comiskey & grandson Peter RIP
Fri 19 10.00pm Elizabeth & Patrick Howlin RIP
12noon Funeral of Georgina Russell RIP
6.30pm Margherita Bordini Carta RIP
Sat 20 10.00am Ita Conlan 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)

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Matthew Abbey, Catherine McManus, Michael J Lee Kim, Avandale Durand, Georgina Russell and Patricia Small

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Michael O'Connell, Rita Westbrook and Beryl Shannon

The sick: Marilyn Atchison, 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.



FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Sun 14 May (St Matthias, Apostle)
Mon 15 May St John Stone, Priest and Martyr, Memorial
Tue 16 May St Simon Stock, Priest, Memorial
Thu 18 May The Ascension of the Lord, Solemnity, Holiday of Obligation
Fri 19 May St Dunstan, Bishop;
Novena to the Holy Spirit for the reunion of Christendom begins
Sat 20 May St Bernardine of Sienna, Priest

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: 610 *Praise we our God with joy*
Kyrie/Gloria: 459/460
Offertory motet: *If ye love me*, Thomas Tallis
Communion motet: *May the road rise to meet you*, Bob Chilcott
Post-communion hymn: 730 *This is my body*

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.

