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Newsletter

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Seventh Sunday of Easter
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Seventh Week of Easter

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Farewell, Canon John!



Celebratory Mass of Thanksgiving for Canon John on May 12th 2023

Next Sunday's Readings

- Acts 2:1-11
- Psalm 103:1.24.29-31.34
- I Corinthians 12-3-7.12-13
- John 20:19-23

Upcoming Events

Saturday 20 May

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

Sunday 21 May

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

Saturday 27 May

- Bereavement Support, 10.30-11.30am, Parish Lounge

Friday 2 June

- Friendship Group, Celebration Coronation Tea Party, 2.30pm, Lounge

It is impossible to thank everyone personally for their contribution to the celebrations last Friday. My family had made a great effort to drive from the Medway towns to be with us that evening, Fr Ted had spent four hours struggling through heavy traffic from Margate to reach here in time. So many others had made the effort to beat the rail strike or tackle the heavy traffic to be in time to join us that evening.

We were all surprised when the Mass was prefaced by the appearance of the Archbishop who gave a very kind and thoughtful introduction to the celebrations. It set the tone for the Mass which extended to the hall and the more secular element of the evening's celebrations. The Mass was celebrated by 15 priests and 3 Deacons from different parts of the diocese and reflecting areas of parish and pastoral care in which I had been involved over the years. This was also reflected in the number and variety of those attending the social part of the evenings event. Some present came from the youth group in my first parish, others from parishes where I had served over the years culminating in my 9 years here in Wimbledon. I wish to give a real heartfelt thanks to all who attended the celebrations in whatever capacity, from the altar servers, musicians, readers, welcomers, flower ladies, and church cleaners, organising team, those who worked in the background in the offices, and those who co-ordinated the gift presented on the night. A big thank you for your generosity! Thank you all.

To all of you in this exceptional parish I wish you every blessing in the years ahead. It has been a privilege to serve you as your Parish Priest these last 9 years. *Canon John*

For points of contact: my home address will be: Puri Smara, Jl Pantai Karang No 6, Sanur, Denpasar, Bali. 80227, Indonesia (email address: revjohnclark7@gmail.com).

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

Today, 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 today 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 your support.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS 2023

To find out more about the ongoing *Life in the Spirit* seminars organised jointly by the Cathedral parish at St George's and the Southwark Catholic Charismatic Renewal, please visit: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/liss>

CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS

Historian Joanna Bogle is hosting Catholic history walks on Tuesday 23 & Thursday 25 May. To join, meet at 6.15pm on steps of Westminster Cathedral. No need to book. See www.catholichistorywalks.com

Parish News

FIRST COMMUNION MASSES

First Holy Communion Masses will be celebrated again this Saturday 20 May at 10am, 12noon & 2pm.

(Please note that there will be **no** morning confession.)

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

PENTECOST NOVENA

We will continue to pray the 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

This 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!

SOCIETY OF SAINT GREGORY SUMMER SCHOOL

Joyful Proclamation of the Gospel: In his recent Apostolic letter, *Desiderio Desideravi*, Pope Francis calls for the Liturgical Formation of the People of God.

Heeding this call, through talks, workshops and liturgies, the Society of Saint Gregory Summer School

considers the vision of Vatican II, its relevance today, and how we can help to root it more firmly in our communities. There will also be opportunities for informal discussions so that we can learn from each other. The Summer School runs from 3.30pm on Wednesday 26 July, finishing after lunch on Saturday 29 July; the residential cost includes en-suite accommodation & full board (3 nights, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday), plus all talks, liturgies, workshops and the Society's annual dinner on Friday evening. Non-residential and day rates are also available. Further details & online booking for Residential places can be found at <https://www.ssg.org.uk/summer-school-2023/> or by

emailing summerschool@ssg.org.uk; please email for Non-Residential places.

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 Organisations

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 27 May from 10.30-11.30am, in the Parish Lounge. For more

information, please email bereavement@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Friday 2 June at 2.30pm in the Parish Lounge: Celebration Coronation Tea Party with tea, prosecco cakes & live music with Giles at the piano. All welcome!

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.

Social & Cultural

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.

Richard Challoner School, a Catholic School for boys aged 11-16, is currently seeking to appoint Foundation Governors to join the Board of Governors; there are several vacancies from the 16 Aug '23. If interested in this voluntary role, please email Heather Fowler on clerk@challoner.kingston.sch.uk for an application form or call 020 8330 5947 for more detailed information. Deadline Monday 19 June.

Christian Care are looking for a Children's & Families' Activities Coordinator, someone with a real understanding of the needs of children in families struggling with poverty. Timing is very flexible as most of the work is done at home. For detailed information and application please call 020 3302 0181 (office hours and answerphone), 07932 628 840 or email christiancaremerton@gmail.com or visit <https://christiancaremerton.org.uk> or see leaflets at the back of the church.

SACRED HEART CONCERT

Saturday 24 June: Sacred Heart Chorus & Orchestra (conductor Bob Rathbone) perform Anton Bruckner's

dramatic setting of the *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.

WEST BARNES SINGERS SUMMER CONCERT

West Barnes singers invite you to an evening of songs from the operas on Saturday 10 June at St. Saviours, Grand Drive, SW20 9DG. Tickets £15, <12s free. Do come!

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 coordinating 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 info about the pilgrimage/how to get involved please visit www.catholicassociation.co.uk/encourage or email contact@catholicassociation.co.uk.

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 Rd, 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).

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.

FOLLOWING THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE SAINTS

Called to action by our faith: you are invited to CAFOD's Intl. Office (in Lambeth North SE1) on Saturday 10 June from 10.30-1pm for a short time exploring our faith, why we campaign & how you can help; the morning will include guest speakers & a chance for discussion in workshops to explore activities such as *Live Simply*, our unfair food system and liturgy resources. For further info please contact Sarah or Celeste southwark@cafod.org.uk; for booking please see <https://cafod.org.uk/news/events>

A message from CAFOD: "Did you know that Church teaching says that we should not only support those in poverty but also tackle the root causes of poverty? Pope Benedict XVI said that 'Love - caritas - is an extraordinary force which leads people to opt for courageous and generous engagement in the field of justice and peace.' For decades CAFOD has spoken out against injustice. To find out more & to get involved in tackling the root causes of poverty, please go to cafod.org.uk/latestcampaigns."

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 20 6.30pm Sheila & Karimu Smith RIP
Mon 22 10.00am Joanne Thiru RIP
6.30pm Celine McDaid Birthday Ints.
Tue 23 10.00am Kevin Ralley RIP
6.30pm Brian Birch RIP
Wed 24 10.00am Sally Coelho Birthday Ints.
6.30pm Malachy Cavaugh RIP
Thu 25 10.00am Souls in purgatory
6.30pm Arthur Staussi Birthday Ints.
Fri 26 10.00pm Florisa di Valentino RIP
12noon Memorial Mass for Patricia Small RIP
6.30pm Brother Bonaventure Frain Ints.
Sat 27 10.00am Paul O'Mahony

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, Bruno Callies, Catherine McManus, Michael J Lee Kim and Patricia Small

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Helen Weaver, Elizabeth Parsons, Joanne Thiru, Catherine Rowley, Bill Walsh, Carmine Ferullo and Francesca Nunn

The sick: Nicky Steiner, 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 21 May World Communications Sunday
Mon 22 May St Rita of Cascia, Religious
Thu 25 May St Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church, Memorial
Fri 26 May St Philip Neri, Priest, Memorial
Sat 27 May St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop, Apostle of England, Feast

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: 240 *Hail the day that sees him rise*

Offertory motet: *O Rex Gloria*, Luca Marenzio

Communion motet: *Ascendo ad patrem meum*, Jean Maillard

Post-communion hymn: 113 *Christ triumphant*

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.

