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Newsletter

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**The Most Holy Body and
Blood of Christ
(Corpus Christi)
(A)**

**Tenth Week in Ordinary
Time**

Vol III, psalter week 2

Next Sunday's Readings

- Exodus 19:2-6
- Psalm 99:1-3,5. R. v.3
- Romans 5:6-11
- Matthew 9:36-10:8

Upcoming Events

Saturday 10 June

- LHBMS half-day retreat,
10.30am-1pm, Parish Lounge

Sunday 11 June

- Children's Liturgy during the
10am Mass

Friday 16 June

- Solemnity of The Most Sacred
Heart of Jesus, Masses at 10am,
6.30 and 8pm

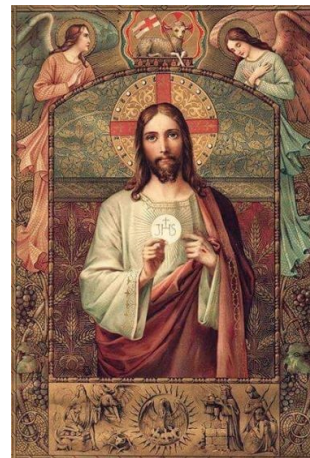
Saturday 24 June

- Sacred Heart Chorus &
Orchestra Concert, 8pm,
Church; see p. 3

Corpus Christi

The inauguration of the Holy Eucharist is celebrated first and foremost on Maundy Thursday in its natural place the night before Jesus died on the Cross. But because that celebration takes place very much in the context of the sadness of the events of Christ's passion and death, the Church gives us this second feast in the course of the year to help us to get to explore more fully the Eucharist, the commemoration of the Last Supper.

Two Sundays ago, we celebrated Pentecost and last Sunday we celebrated the feast of the Blessed Trinity and now we commemorate the Blessed Eucharist. There is a certain logic to this



sequence of celebrations. Pentecost is the Birthday of the Church and on the Feast of Blessed Trinity we look at the very nature of God himself. Today, in the Feast of 'Corpus Christi', we examine how God continues to make himself present to his Church, how he sustains and nourishes us. And he achieves all this principally through the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

As we continue to hear about Jesus' teaching on the Eucharist, our children who recently made their First Holy Communion (FHC) would like to thank all those who helped to make the celebration so memorable. On that day many of our visitors remarked on what a joyful parish we are, and they enjoyed meeting so many of you. This Sunday, the 10am Mass is a special thanksgiving Mass for our FHC children and their parents, friends and catechists. You are welcome to join.

Happy Feast of
Corpus Christi!

Fr Joseph Donkor

THE PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Acting Parish Priest: Fr Joseph Donkor

Parish Clergy: 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, 18 June, the second collection will be a *Day for Life* collection; *Day for Life* is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition, to celebrating the sacredness of life. The proceeds from the *Day for Life* collection provide core funding for the Ascombe Bioethics Centre and assist other life related activities supported by the Church, usually by means of grants made to support Catholic charities working in the particular field. Their activities are determined by the theme of the year 'Listen to Her', focusing on post-abortion trauma and the impact of abortion primarily on women, but also men and others.

Thank you for your support! Please visit <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/df123-prayers/> for prayers for the intercession of St Joseph, patron of the unborn and defender of life.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND

Friends of the Holy Land's mission is to secure a resilient and enduring community for Christians in the birthplace of Christianity. By providing practical help to our most vulnerable Christians brothers and sisters in the West Bank, Gaza, Israel and Jordan. The funds we raise are used to relieve emergency needs and support practical long-term projects. This helps the Christian community in the Holy Land, to not only survive but thrive. To find out more about Friends of the Holy Land, please visit our web site www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk

Parish News

FR JOSEPH DONKOR

Once Fr David Gibbons, our new Parish Priest, has arrived and settled in, Fr Joseph, who has been at Sacred Heart since 2018, will move to our Diocesan Cathedral - St George's at Southwark. He was asked to join the clergy team as sub-dean. This move will take place in the autumn. Here, at Sacred Heart, Fr Jackson Sebastian will succeed Fr Joseph. Fr Jackson Sebastian is currently the Assistant Priest at Our Lady of the Annunciation Parish, Addiscombe.

Much gratitude is owed to Fr Joe for all he has done at Sacred Heart, and he will be greatly missed. There will definitely be an opportunity for a proper farewell for Fr Joseph in the autumn - but in the meantime, it's business as usual!

NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART

We continue to pray the *Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus*, a powerful and important prayer to come closer to God, until the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The prayer card is available at the back of the church.

NO EXPOSITION

Please note that there will be **no** exposition in the morning on Friday 16 June.

ST MARTHA'S GUILD

The Sacred Heart Church cleaners would like a couple of more cleaners of all ages to join their friendly and welcoming group of men and women. They meet after the 10am Mass on Mondays in the Sacristy and then clean designated areas of the church. Anne Remedios (020 8946 3653).

Announcements

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 details please email mflsw@rcaos.org.uk by 31 July.

HOMELESS YOUNG PEOPLE

Do you have a spare room which you could make available for a homeless young person on a single

night basis? *Nightstop* operates under the Depaul umbrella to support young people into permanent accommodation. Interested?, then look up nightstop.london@depaulcharity.org.uk or feel free to have a chat with Chris Woodward (020 8241 9703), or pick up a leaflet at the back of the church.

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.

SCHOOL OF COMMUNITY

This is the catechesis proposed by *Communion and Liberation* local community every Friday at 7.30pm in the Lounge. The meetings are simple and there is no requirement of formal membership. The usual structure involves reflection on a spiritual text and sharing on how it makes sense in one's own life. For more info, please

email soc.wimbledon@gmail.com.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Friday 7 July at 2.30pm Do join us in the Lounge to watch some tennis from Wimbledon with Pimms and strawberries and cream. All are welcome!

Social & Cultural

W-BARNES SINGERS SUMMER CONCERT

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

SACRED HEART CONCERT

Saturday 24 June 8pm: 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, *Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg*. Tickets are now available at sacredheartmusic.co.uk and after all Masses this Sunday 11 June.

In aid of Jesuit Missions and MyTime Carers' charity.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL FRIENDS

On Wednesday 14 June at 6.30pm Westminster Cathedral Friends host a quiz with Fish and Chip supper. Enjoy a good night out whilst supporting Westminster Cathedral. Advanced booking by 10am on Wednesday 14 June for catering to be finalised.

On Tuesday 20 June at 7.15pm Cardinal Vincent Nichols will speak and host a number of speakers on the theme Coronation Reflections. For full details & online booking: <https://tinyurl.com/CathedralFriends> or friends@rcdow.org.uk.

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Our church sits within the Edge Hill Area Residents' Association who invite local parishioners to the next EHARA meeting to discuss

issues of importance in the Parish Lounge on Tuesday 13 June, 8pm. At the start of this meeting, David Hurst will briefly present parish community work, including significant achievements by Merton Citizens. Please rsvp to dthurst52@gmail.com ... or just turn up!

REFUGEE WEEK EVENT

Refugee Week runs from 19-25 June and parishioners are invited to a Merton Citizens' celebration of the positive contribution of refugees to our community, with music & stories on the theme of compassion; Chaucer Centre, Canterbury Rd SM4 5PX on Tuesday 20 June, 2pm. Merton Council committed to becoming a 'Borough of Sanctuary' enabling refugees to feel safe and welcome in our borough. For more info, please contact David at dthurst52@gmail.com.

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.

LIFE OF CHRIST

The Life of Christ is a passion play and affords spectators the opportunity to watch as hundreds of actors bring the story of Jesus to life in an open-air epic production set in stunning Surrey countryside; 27 June - 1 July. For more details please visit: www.wintershall.org.uk.

RETRouvaille 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? *Retrouvaille* 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. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' 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, retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk.

Exploring our Faith

LOVE HEALS BODY MIND AND SPIRIT MINISTRY

.. welcome you to come to a half-day retreat of quiet reflection, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Edge Hill, on Saturday 10 June 10.30am -1pm; Holy Rosary, Talk based on Scripture, Christian Meditation, Healing Prayers. In the Lounge, starting with tea and coffee. (www.lovehealsbodymindspirit.com, lovehealsbodymindspirit@gmail.com, 020 8542 2476).

COME & SEE WEEKENDS

Friday 11 - Monday 14 August (and then 20 - 23 October): the Cistercian Nuns at Holy Cross Abbey are inviting single Catholic women, ages 25-45, who are discerning a vocation to experience monastic life during one of the above weekends. Please visit www.hcawithland.co.uk or email comeandsee@hca@gmail.com for any enquiry or registration.

A DAY WITH MARY

You are invited to a *Day with Mary*, a day of instruction, devotion and intercession, on Saturday 17 June, the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, at St Joseph, Roehampton, SW15 4LE, from 9.30am-5pm; celebrant & preacher: Fr Louis Kouevi MCCJ; sermons on Our Lady by Fr Serafino Lanzetta; 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 Joseph Donkor
8.00am Fr Matthew Donnelly
10.00am Fr Joseph Donkor & Deacon Julian Burling
12 noon Fr Michael Barnes SJ
5.00pm Fr Joseph Donkor & Deacon Julian Burling
8.00pm Fr Matthew Donnelly

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 10 6.30pm Bryan de Lima RIP, Doris de Lima RIP,
Robert Barnes & Eric Grant RIP
Mon 12 10.00am George Mullins RIP
6.30pm Marie McNeill RIP
Tue 13 10.00am Christy Joseph RIP
6.30pm John Hartnett RIP
Wed 14 10.00am Mr & Mrs K M Joseph RIP
6.30pm Julio Palha RIP
Thu 15 10.00am Sister Ita Conlan RIP
6.30pm Popsie D'Souza RIP
Fri 16 10.00pm Holy Souls
6.30pm Paul Davis Birthday Ints.
8.00pm The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Sat 17 10.00am Malachy Cavangh 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 Peter Littleton (020 8725 3069 or 020 8672 1255)

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: 1008 *Sion*, lift your voice vv. 1-3
Kyrie/Gloria: 459/460 Sanctus: 433
Offertory: *Docti sacris institutis* (from
Lauda Sion, Mendelssohn)

Communion: *Ave verum corpus*, William Byrd

Post communion: 1008 vv. 10-12

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.

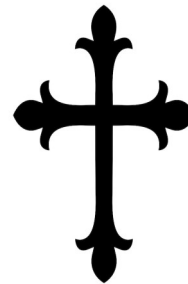
WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Patricia Kathleen O'Donnell, Matthew Abbey and Neville DeSouza

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Yvonne Patton, Elisabeth Carbery, Lyndell George Davis, Louise Dray and Michael Devereaux

The sick: Nicky Steiner, Alexia Graham, Natalie Williams, Karolina Masica, 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 11 June The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Solemnity, Holyday of Obligation

Tue 13 June St Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church, Memorial

Fri 16 June The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Solemnity; (St Richard of Chichester, Bishop)

Sat 17 June The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Memorial

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.

