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Newsletter

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2024 Year of Prayer

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

World Day of the Sick; Day for the Unemployed

Fifth Week in Ordinary Time Vol 1, psalter week 2

TODAY'S MASS

First Reading (Lev 13:1-2.44-46): We misunderstand this section of *Leviticus* if we assert that these are rules about hygiene and health. It is about ritual purity (which is why Mark in the *Gospel* emphasises that Jesus touched the leper). The word translated 'leprosy' here means skin diseases generally.

Psalm (Ps 31:1-2.5.11): In Christian tradition this is one of the seven penitential psalms, but today's extract is more about thanksgiving for sin forgiven.

Second Reading (1 Cor 10:31-11:1): Our freedom should not be exercised if it does harm to another. If everyone obeyed St Paul's exhortation "never do anything offensive to anyone" the recent atrocities in the Holy Land and elsewhere would not have taken place.

Gospel (Mark 1:40-45): Jesus heals the leper. He tells him to make the required sacrifice as prescribed in *Leviticus* and tell no one, but the man can't help telling everyone. Would that we were so eager to tell everyone about Jesus!



Christ Healing a Leper, Rembrandt, ca 1650

Fr David

PASTORAL LETTER

There is a Pastoral Letter this weekend from His Grace the Archbishop, to be read in place of the Homily.

SUPPLY PRIEST

We welcome Fr Andrew Coy, Private Secretary to the Papal Nuncio, to celebrate the Saturday 6.30pm Mass.

SUNDAY

Today is *World Day of the Sick*, observed on the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes; it is a day to offer prayers for those suffering from illness. The theme for this 32nd World Day is "It is not good that man should be alone. Healing the Sick by Healing Relationships". Pope Francis' Message for this Day can be found on the Vatican website.

It is also *Day for the Unemployed*, observed on the last Sunday before Lent. Caritas is the Church agency for helping the unemployed (amongst others); you can find out more by attending the talk in Lent on Caritas Southwark (see the Lent 2024 section).

PARISH CAFÉ

With thanks to the Jones' family, the Parish Café will take place after the 10.00am Mass in the Lounge. All are welcome.

THE PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr David Gibbons, KCHS

Parish Clergy: Fr Matthew Donnelly, Fr Jackson Sebastian and Deacon Julian Burling

Team member: Sr Dorothy Perrott OSU

Faith Minister: Rob Hitchcock

This Week

CATHERINE (KAY) MULLEN RIP

Funeral Mass on Tuesday at 11.30am, followed by Cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is when “*the faithful by receiving ashes enter the season appointed for spiritual purification*” (*Ceremoniale Episcoporum* 253). The ash is made from burning last Palm Sunday’s palms. The purpose is to acknowledge our sins and to orient us to the journey ahead: the road to true conversion of heart and mind. Holy Mass with the Imposition of Ashes is at 10.00am, 6.30 and 8.00pm. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the usual times, 10.30am - 12noon and 5.25 - 6.25pm

DONNA LAKEY RIP

Funeral Mass at the 10.00am Mass on Friday, followed by Cremation at the North East Surrey Cremation.

No morning Exposition on Friday, but as usual 5.25 - 6.25pm.

FRIDAY: STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The traditional Lenten devotion every Friday in Lent, at 7.15pm after the 6.30pm Mass.

JOHN EDWARD BYRNE RIP

Funeral Mass at 12.15pm on Saturday, followed by Interment at the Streatham Park Cemetery.

NEXT SUNDAY

The Second Collection will be for the Clergy Support Fund. As well as the cash collection you will be able to make a donation via the card readers or you can always donate directly via <https://www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/CSF>.

This fund enables the Archdiocese to care for priests in retirement, old age, and at times of ill health, after their lifetime of service and devotion to Christ and His Church.

The Archbishop kindly asks you to continue to pray for sick and retired priests and to donate to this worthy fund.

Lent 2024

SEASON OF LENT

The season of Lent begins on Wednesday (Ash Wednesday). It has two purposes.

1) For those to be baptised at the Easter Vigil, it is the time for their final, spiritual preparations. These include the Rite of Election at the Cathedral on Saturday and the ritual Scrutinies on the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent.

2) For the rest of us, Lent is a period of penance and self-denial as we prepare to celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord at Easter. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting (that is, eating only one full meal) as well as abstinence (not eating meat or taking alcohol, etc).

The *Gloria* is not recited except on the Feasts of St Patrick, St Joseph and the Annunciation. The word *Alleluia* is never uttered during Lent. The clergy wear violet vestments, and music and floral decorations are restrained. The key themes of the season are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, as well as reconciliation and acts of charity.

STATIONS of the CROSS

Every Friday in Lent - starting this Friday and including Good Friday - we have the traditional devotion at 7.15pm.

SACRAMENT of PENANCE

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC 1467) states that each of the faithful is bound by an obligation faithfully to confess serious sins at least once a year, and Lent is the best time to do this. Confessions are Monday to Saturday 6.00-6.20pm and Saturdays 10.30-11.30am.

If you haven't been to Confession for a while, now is the time to start.

FRIDAY PENITENCE

The Bishops wish to remind us that every Friday is set aside as a day of penance, and that in England & Wales they have established that this is fulfilled by abstaining from meat (or something else if you don't eat meat) and uniting this to prayer.

Lent is the ideal season to get into the habit of observing this precept.

LENT TALKS

A series of Lent talks on Tuesdays in the Upper Hall, with refreshments at 7.00pm and the talk and questions from 7.30 - 8.30pm. The overall theme is ‘*Let us remember the past with gratitude, live the present with enthusiasm, and look forward to the future with confidence*’ from *Novo Millennio Inveniente* of John Paul II).

The talks are separate, you can attend one or as many as you wish:

Tuesday 27th February

Dr Caroline Hull, Director of *Aid to the Church in Need UK*

Tuesday 5th March

Fr Michael Holman SJ

Tuesday 12th March

Mr Martin Kuchanski, Creator of *Universalis* and author

Tuesday 19th March

Mr John Coleby, Project Manager, Caritas Southwark

Please make an extra effort to attend one or more of these talks!

Dr Hull will speak about ACN's work in supporting the Church, persecuted in some Communist and Muslim countries and what we can do to help.

Fr Holman, SJ will speak about the work of the Society of Jesus.

Martin Kuchanski will speak about using *Universalis* to aid our prayer, and John Coleby will tell us about the practical works in the diocese to aid those in need.

Parish Notices

CONFIRMATION 2024

Registration is now open for this year's Confirmation programme. All those who have made their first Holy Communion and are in Year 8 or above who have not been Confirmed should register for this programme. Register on the Confirmation page of the Parish website. Registration closes on Monday 19th February, and the course starts after the February half term break.

LENT FILM CLUB

Sam Pothier is keen to have a Film Club during Lent, perhaps every fortnight, to screen films with a Catholic angle such as

Angels with Dirty Faces, On the Waterfront and. There would be a discussion after each screening. If you are interested, please let Thelma know, with an indication of the best day of the week for you.

LOOK

This is a weekly sheet of puzzles etc based on the Sunday Gospel, suitable for Primary School age children. They can help to keep the children interested, especially during the Homily, and can also be taken home to complete. Copies are available - free - with the Mass Readings sheet but do bring your own pencils.

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.

Other Notices

NEWMAN CIRCLE

Wednesday 28 February at 7.30pm in the Parish Lounge: Subject 'Love the Stranger - a Catholic response to migrants & refugees' by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales; speaker: Liam Allmark, Head of Communications, Fundraising & Advocacy for the Jesuit Refugee Service UK. The talk will cover, inter alia, topics like the back-

ground of the document 'Love the stranger.', how it relates to questions relevant in the UK; the migration act/Rwanda plan; the situation in the Channel; how Catholics can practically respond. Do not miss this stimulating talk!

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Friday 1st March at 2.30pm in the Lounge. BINGO! Prizes, tea & cakes. All welcome!

LOVE HEALS BODY, MIND AND SPIRIT

Half-day retreat of quiet reflection in the Parish Lounge immediately after the 10.00am Mass on Saturday 17th February 11.00am-1.30pm. For more information and contact please visit www.lovehealsbodymindspirit.com email: lovehealsbodymindspirit@gmail.com or call 020 8542 2476.

CHURCH CAR PARK

Following some serious problems with unauthorised parking in the car park - which have prevented parishioners from attending Mass, which threaten the continuation of groups such as the Wednesday dementia group, and which in one case prevented a priest getting his car out to go to the cemetery for a funeral - it has been decided to implement a parking scheme. This will commence on 1st March 2024 and this is how the scheme will work:

- There will be cameras recording entry to and exit from the car park.
- If you park in order to attend Mass, Adoration etc in Church, to visit the Presbytery, or to attend a function in one of the halls, you **MUST** register your car registration number on one of the tablets. There will be four tablets, in the Church, the Presbytery Reception, the Upper Hall and the Lower Hall.
- If you park and register, and then leave and return later in the day you must register again.
- You do not need to register as soon as you arrive as long as you do it before you leave, but it is good practice to get into the habit of registering on arrival.
- There is a grace period, so if you are dropping someone or something off you don't need to register; deliveries similarly will be unaffected.
- Vehicles which are parked without registration or authorisation will receive a Parking Charge Notice through the post.
- The system will not be operational on Sundays, so you won't need to register your car then.
- Vehicles entering the College vehicular entrance and then exiting through the car park will also be unaffected.

Please ask if you are uncertain but remember from 1st March you must register your car if parked in the car park, to avoid a Parking Charge Notice. There will be very clear signs reminding you of the scheme.

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.

Parish Safeguarding Reps:

Victoria Wheatley (wimbledonsg1@safeguard.rcaos.org.uk)

Kathleen Kirkland (wimbledonsg2@safeguard.rcaos.org.uk)

Siobhán Heffron (wimbledonsg3@safeguard.rcaos.org.uk)

CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

6.30pm (Sat) Fr Andrew Coy
8.00am Fr David Gibbons
10.00am Fr Jackson Sebastian & Deacon Julian Burling
12 noon Fr Matthew Donnelly
5.00pm Fr David Gibbons & Deacon Julian Burling
8.00pm Fr Jackson Sebastian

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Anna Mirkos, Lillian Krajenka, Rose Marie Grall, Fr Anthony Symondson SJ, Marion Rose Blech, Donna Lakey, John Byrne and Catherine Mullen

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Leon Keens Douglas, Patrick Barry, Sr Ita Marie Conlan and Jeanette Braganza

The sick: Sherlyn Titton, Geoffrey Norris, Anne Lander, Olivia Chiemielska, Frances Barden, Jason & Kevin Moreno, Jane McVeigh, Harriette Cahill, Hui Lee Ng, Audra Wamsteker, Paul Stromborg, Luca Buttaci, 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.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 12 February Feria

10.00am Brigid Nugent RIP
6.30pm John Daly RIP

Tuesday 13 February Feria

10.00am Cecilia Rossi RIP
11.30am Funeral Mass for Catherine (Kay) Mullen
6.30pm Penelope Gingell RIP

Wednesday 14 February Ash Wednesday

10.00am Peter Young RIP
6.30pm Eugene Diver RIP

Thursday 15 February Thursday after Ash Wednesday

10.00am Teresa & Vincent Mistretta RIP
6.30pm Tom Kinsella RIP

Friday 16 February Friday after Ash Wednesday

10.00am Funeral Mass for Donna Lakey
6.30pm Molly Lanham RIP

Saturday 17 January Saturday after Ash Wednesday

10.00am Pauline & Alphonse Schembri RIP
12.15pm Funeral Mass for John Edward Byrne
6.30pm Emma & David Lyons Whyte Wedd. Anniv.

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)

MUSIC AT THE 12 NOON MASS

Entry hymn: 40 *Amazing grace*

Kyrie/Gloria: 459/460

Offertory: 602 *Praise my soul the King of heaven*

Communion motet: *God so loved the world*, John Stainer

Communion hymn: 380 *Lord for tomorrow and its needs*

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Sunday of Lent (B)

First Reading Gen 9:8-15
Responsorial Psalm Ps 24:4-9. cf.v10
Second Reading 1 Peter 3:18-22
Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:4
Gospel Mark 1:12-15

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.

