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Newsletter

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2024 Year of Prayer

Third Sunday of Lent (B)

Third Week of Lent Vol II, psalter week 3



Benjamin West, c.1780

TODAY'S MASS

First Reading (Ex 20:1-3.7-8.12-17): The God-given Decalogue - or the Ten Commandments as we usually call them. In the context of the Exodus, they “point out the conditions of a life freed from the slavery of sin” (Catechism of the Catholic Church). In our context, as Jesus said on many occasions, this sacred Law is still valid: the Ten Commandments state what is required in the love of God (the first three) and love of neighbour (the other seven).

The **Psalm** (Ps 18:8-11.R,Jn 6:68) is a psalm of praise of God’s law, which alone gives eternal life.

Second Reading (1 Cor 1:22-25): Strange as it may seem, our faith is centred on the crucifixion of Christ.

Gospel (Jn 2:13-25): In His cleansing of the Temple Jesus (rather like an Old Testament prophet) protests against the profanation of God’s house. But only after His resurrection did the disciples come to realise that in speaking of the restoration of the Temple Jesus was making a prophecy of His own Resurrection.

Fr David

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

During the first part of the 10.00am Mass today.

PARISH CAFÉ

After the 10.00am Mass, in the Lounge

5.00pm MASS: THE FIRST SCRUTINY

The First Scrutiny will take place at the 5.00pm Mass today. This rite is part of the Period of Purification and Enlightenment for the catechumens - those adults preparing for Baptism at Easter - and candidates - those preparing for Reception into Full Communion - on the RCIA programme. Please continue to pray for Ben, Donovan, Garfield, James and Sarah who will be Baptized, Andrew, Louise and Kirsten who will be Received, and Enya-Niamh, James and Pramela who will be Confirmed. They will all also be given a copy of the Creed.

THE PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Parish Priest: Canon 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

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Burlington Road, KT3 4ND
school@sacredheart.merton.sch.uk
Headteacher: Lorraine Dolan-Walsh

This Week

MAUREEN LOCKLEY RIP

Funeral at the North East Surrey Crematorium on Tuesday afternoon.

TUESDAY: LENT TALK

In the Lower Hall on Tuesday, 7.00pm refreshments, 7.30-8.30pm talk and questions. Fr Michael Holman SJ - well known to many parishioners - will talk about the Society of Jesus, its past, present, and future.

THURSDAY: MONTHLY DHM MASS

Thursday at 8.00am: monthly Mass at the DHM Convent Chapel (41 Murray Road, SW19). The Order's Superior General will be visiting at this time.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

The PPC meets on Thursday at 8.00pm in the Lounge.

FRIDAY: DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND

Vincent Cardinal Nichols, President of the Bishops' Conference, has asked for prayers on Friday for peace in the Holy Land. YOU are encouraged to come to one of the Masses, or to Stations of the Cross, or to one of the periods of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: these are 10.30am-12.00noon and 5.25-6.25pm. Prayer can move mountains The Cardinal writes: "As we are all aware, the situation in the Holy Land has

not improved, with failed negotiations, increasing humanitarian distress and a rising death toll. As Lent begins, I would like to urge that we continue our efforts, not least in prayer. And so I ask that, on Friday 8 March, there is a special focus of prayer for the Holy Land ... This could take the form of a dedicated time of prayer, perhaps before the Blessed Sacrament, for peace in the Holy Land. It could be as simple as making any Lenten devotions you may be having on that day for this intention..."

**FRIDAY:
STATIONS OF THE CROSS**
At 7.15pm, after the evening Mass.

Parish Notices

RECEPTION & PARISH OFFICE

The Reception and the Parish Office (behind the Halls) are open Mondays to Fridays, 9.00am-4.00pm. Please contact by phone (020 8946 0305), email (wimbledon@rcaos.org.uk) or in person for routine matters such as booking Mass Intentions, Hall bookings, Baptism and Wedding applications, Baptism and other certificate requests, and general enquiries.

FINANCE

The total Offertory for January 2024 was £38,621.90. The Second Collection for the *Clergy Support Fund* raised £1,123.67.

Thank you for your generosity!

The Katy's Songbirds Christmas Celebration raised £2,100. Of this they have kindly donated £700 to the Parish, for

the use of the Hall, and £1,400 to Sacred Heart School, for which we thank them.

NEW PARISHIONERS

The Parish Team and Parish Pastoral Council are holding a St Patrick's Day tea on Sunday 17th March at 3.00pm in the Upper Hall to welcome new parishioners. If you are new to the parish and have not already received an invitation by email and would like to come, please email ppc@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk with numbers and any dietary needs.

LECTIO DIVINA GROUP

The group meets on Fridays for 1 hour, on Zoom, from 11.00am-12.00noon, reading and preparing the following Sunday's readings. Join them, even occasion-

ally. For details please contact Bridget Handley (07981 941 516).

GOOD FRIDAY YOUTH STATIONS OF THE CROSS

If you are between years 7 and 13 and would like to participate in preparing the Youth Stations of the Cross which will be at 6.15pm on Good Friday 29th March, please contact Wendy at wjatansey@btinternet.com.

MEMORY LANE CLUB

This popular club for people with dementia and their carers is open every Wednesday from 10.30am-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.

Diocese Notices

CARITAS SOUTHWARK

1 year anniversary Mass & Celebration, Saturday 16th March, 12.30pm, at St George's Cathedral (main Celebrant the Archbishop) followed by refreshments, speakers, and Q&A.

VACANCY

The Diocesan Education Service is recruiting for a Trust Relationship Officer to support the Catholic Academy Trusts

in the Diocese (<https://www.rcaoseducation.org.uk/recruitment/>).

YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

St George's Cathedral hosts a monthly Young Adult Mass at 6.00pm on the first Sunday (3rd March) of every month, followed by a social gathering (for those aged 18+). Details can be found on the RCAOS website, Facebook, and Instagram @stgeorgesya.

CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Incorporating the Southwark Archdiocese, 23rd-30th August. Register your interest at www.catholicassociation.co.uk or chiefs@catholicassociation.co.uk. Find out more from experienced pilgrims on Zoom (www.catholicassociation.co.uk/askanything) at 11.00am on 16th March. All are welcome.

Other Notices

TUESDAY GROUP - CHANGE OF VENUE

The Tuesday Group, which is a support group for widows, has flourished in this parish, meeting every Tuesday for nearly 43 years in a member's home. They have now decided (due to age and health) that the time has come to move across Durham Road to St Matthews Church Hall. This a small friendly group, for women who have lost their life-time partners, offering friendship and companionship to each other. All widows are very welcome to drop in - no need to book and no commitment to keep turning up. The 200 Spencer Road bus stop is beside the church. The meetings take place every Tuesday from 2.00-3.30pm. Come and join them for a cuppa and chat. More information from Sheila Kelleher (020 8946 1792) or Sadie Smith (020 8946 5198, mrssadiesmith3@outlook.com, 07752 831 304).

JESUIT MISSIONS STAMP CUTTING

There will be NO stamp cutting on Thursday 7th March. The next meeting will be on 14th March at 9.30am at 11 Edge Hill, SW19 4LR. Volunteers always welcome.

CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS

Historian Joanna Bogle is hosting a Catholic history walk on Tuesday 12th March: to join meet at 6.00pm at the Church of the Most Precious Blood, London SE1 1TE. Nearest tube: London Bridge; walk across Tower Bridge, discover the story of the Tower of London, and finish at the birth-place of St John Henry Newman. No need to book, www.catholichistorywalks.com.

WEST BARNES SINGERS SPRING CONCERT

Johannes Brahms' *Requiem* and *Geistliches Lied*, Joseph Rheinberger's *Abendlied* on Saturday 16th March at 7.30pm at the Holy Trinity Church Broadway SW 19 1SB; tickets are £15/children free.

PASSION OF CHRIST

Wintershall, well known for their open-air performances about the life of Jesus, with casts of hundreds, will once again be performing the Passion of Jesus Christ live in Trafalgar Square on Good Friday 29th March at 12noon and 3.15pm. Performances are free, all are welcome, arrival in good time to obtain a seat strongly recommended. No tickets required (<https://www.wintershall.org.uk/passion-jesus>).

New to the Parish?

Please introduce yourself to a member of the Parish Team after Mass and register online at www.sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk

or by filling in a registration form, available at the back of the church.

POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION

Each month, Pope Francis asks Catholics around the world to pray for a specific intention. During the month of March we are encouraged to pray for the martyrs of our day, witnesses to Christ, that 'those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm'.

CHURCH CAR PARK

Following some serious problems with unauthorised parking in the car park a parking scheme has been implemented and is now in effect. This is how the scheme works:

- There are 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 are 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 are unaffected.
- Vehicles which are parked without registration or authorisation will receive a Parking Charge Notice through the post.
- The system is not 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 are also unaffected.

Please ask if you are uncertain but remember you must now register your car if parked in the car park, to avoid a Parking Charge Notice. Clear signs remind 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 Matthew Donnelly
8.00am Fr David Gibbons
10.00am Fr Jackson Sebastian
12 noon Fr Matthew Donnelly
5.00pm Fr David Gibbons
8.00pm Fr Jackson Sebastian

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Dorothy Horrocks, Delia Flaherty, Jenny Josephine McVeigh, Bernadette McHugh, Iris Veronica Smith, George Fletcher and Maureen Lockley

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Archbishop Peter Smith, Tony Atkinson, Layla Banham, Patricia Reynolds, Christopher Webb and Michael Wiggins

The sick: Margaret Duffy, Karolina Masica, Bob Enever, Finley Kennedy, Pauline Grimes, Sherlyn Titton, Geoffrey Norris, Anne Lander, Olivia Chiemieliska, Frances Barden, Jason & Kevin Moreno, 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 4 March Feria

10.00am Barbara McCall RIP
6.30pm Eileen Helliwell Intention

Tuesday 5 March Feria

10.00am Natasha Barry/Daniels RIP
6.30pm Angela de Leon Nieves RIP

Wednesday 6 March Feria

10.00am Thomas Welsh RIP
6.30pm Cartwright Family Ints.

Thursday 7 March Feria

8.00am Mass at DHM Convent (Murray Road)
10.00am Sheena Wilson RIP
6.30pm Clark Harman RIP

Friday 8 March Feria

10.00am Angela McGinley
6.30pm Elizabeth & Patrick Howlin RIP

Saturday 9 March Feria

10.00am Holy Souls
6.30pm Patrick Leahy 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)

MUSIC AT THE 12 NOON MASS

Solemn Latin Mass

Introit: *Oculi mei semper ad Dominum*

Missa sine nomine K/S/B/AI, Giovanni Perluigi da Palestrina

Offertory: *Peccantem me quotidie*, Cristobal de Morales

Communion motet: *Agnus Dei II* (from Mass)

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent - Laetare Sunday (B)

First Reading 2 Ch 36:14-16.19-23
Responsorial Psalm Ps 136:1-6
Second Reading Eph 2:4-10
Gospel Acclamation Jn 3:16
Gospel John 3:14-21

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.

