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Newsletter

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2024 Year of Prayer

Second Sunday of Lent (B)

Second Week of Lent Vol II, psalter week 2

TODAY'S MASS

First Reading (Gen 22:1-2.9-13.15-18): Abraham is prepared in faith to obey God's apparent command to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. This gives us as Christians an insight into the mind of God, who was prepared to sacrifice his only Son, Jesus Christ. The famous golden dome in Jerusalem, incidentally, marks the place on Mount Moriah where this event by tradition took place.

The **Psalm** (Ps 115:10. 15-19 R. Ps 114:9) speaks of trust in God, even when "sorely afflicted".

Second Reading (Rm 8:31-34): "God did not spare his own Son". The last words in this reading inspired the belief that Jesus sits at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us, as we say in the Creed.

The **Gospel** (Mk 9:2-10) on the Second Sunday of Lent is always the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus in the presence of His closest disciples. This gave them, and today gives us, hope of the glory that awaits faithful followers of Jesus Christ.

Fr David



*Abraham and Isaac, Titian, c.1542
Santa Maria della Salute, Venice*

SECOND COLLECTION

The Second Collection is for CAFOD (the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development).

Go to <https://www.cafod.org.uk> for more information about their Lent Appeal and to donate via their website. This year's theme is *No one should have to risk everything to feed their family.*

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children who have not yet received their first Holy Communion are invited to go out to the Children's Liturgy; there are two age groups providing the children with an adapted Liturgy of the Word during the first part of the 10.00am Mass today.

PARISH CAFÉ

After the 10.00am Mass in the Lounge. All are welcome.

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

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Headteacher: Lorraine Dolan-Walsh

This Week

MONDAY: PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

meets on Monday at 7.00pm.

TUESDAY: LENT TALK

In the Upper Hall on Tuesday, refreshments from 7.00pm, talk at 7.30pm, concluding at 8.30pm. This week Dr Caroline Hull, UK Director of *Aid to the Church in Need*, will be the speaker. ACN is an international Pontifical Foundation of the Catholic Church, supporting the Catholic faithful and other Christians where they are persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need. Each year ACN UK funds over 5,000 projects in 140 countries. Do come along and find out about this most important organisation.

WEDNESDAY: EXPOSITION

Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament as usual from 10.30am-12.00noon and from 5.25-6.25pm on Wednesday.

ANTONIA PANCRATIUS RIP

Funeral Mass on Thursday at 11.00am.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

A service for everyone on Friday at St Mark's Church of England Church,

St Mark's Place, SW19 7ND at 10.30am, prepared by the women of Palestine. Light refreshments after the Service.

FRIDAY: EXPOSITION

Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament as usual from 10.30-11.30am (shortened because of the Funeral) and from 5.25-6.25pm on Friday.

ADRIAN COLLYNS RIP

Funeral Mass on Friday at 12.30pm, followed by Committal at the North East Surrey Crematorium.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Friday at 2.30pm in the Lounge. Bingo, prizes, tea and cake! All welcome!

FRIDAY:

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

7.15pm on Friday after the Mass. Friday is the first Friday, so the Stations will be accompanied by First Friday devotions, in honour of Our Lord's Sacred Heart. This will include Adoration and Benediction.

FRIDAY:

NEW PARKING SCHEME

The new Parking Scheme commences on Friday. Please read the instructions in this Newsletter very carefully: you may

need to note down your car registration number if you can't remember it, but from Friday you must log in if you park in the car park, to avoid a Parking Charge Notice.

SATURDAY: FIRST CONFESSIONS

From 10.30am onwards on Saturday this year's First Holy Communion children - along with their parents - will be making their Confessions. Regular penitents are advised to come at a different time, else you may have a very long wait!

NEXT SUNDAY: FIRST SCRUTINY

At the 5.00pm Mass next Sunday the First Scrutiny for those on this year's RCIA programme will take place. Please pray for Ben, Donovan, Garfield, James and Sarah who will be baptised; for Andrew, Louise and Kirsten who will be received into full communion with the Church and Enya-Niamh, James and Pramela who will be confirmed.

Please note that the readings at that Mass (and for the following two Sundays) will be from Year A, not Year B.

Diocese Notices

BOOK LAUNCH

You are invited to a Book Launch on Wednesday 6th March at 6.00pm for 6.30pm in the Amigo Hall, next to St George's Cathedral. The Archbishop will speak about his new book *Pondering and Praying Vatican II*. Have you heard about Vatican II, and want to know more, but are not sure where or how to begin? Then this little introduction is for you. It will help you start a journey of discovery by pondering and praying some essential themes. Please do not be daunted. This resource requires no previous or specialist knowledge. It has been written for easy access to what the Church said at Vatican II, and what this means for our life of faith in the Body of Christ. Although many people have heard of Vatican II, few have

actually read or considered the documents, not even the four key Constitutions. This resource offers an introduction to these main texts and their themes. Hopefully, *Pondering and Praying Vatican II* will encourage more people to read the full documents for themselves. Significantly, it will help readers ask themselves what the teaching of the Second Vatican Council might mean for them and how they might pray in light of it. Anyone can begin these reflections and see where the journey leads.

There will be refreshments and books for sale on the evening.

NATIONAL NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH

10th-18th March: Novena Masses and Evening Prayer can be viewed on Zoom via the Mill Hill Missionaries website:

www.millhillmissionaries.co.uk/novena. To receive a Novena booklet email novenamhm@gmail.com.

CARITAS SOUTHWARK

1 year anniversary Mass & Celebration, Saturday 16th March, 12.30pm: Mass in St George's Cathedral (main Celebrant the Archbishop) followed by refreshments, speakers, and Q&A. The gathering will include a national update from Caritas Social Action Network.

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

NEWMAN CIRCLE

Wednesday 28 February at 7.30pm in the Parish Lounge: Subject 'The work of the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) in the UK & the World'. What does the JRS actually do in the UK & elsewhere in the world? What does the JRS say re Government plans (eg Rwanda) to reduce refugees' & asylum seekers' rights & safeguards to settle in the UK? Are the Government's plans consistent with the Church's teaching?

Speaker: Liam Allmark, Head of Communications, Fundraising & Advocacy for the Jesuit Refugee Service UK. Do not miss this stimulating talk!

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 ITE. Nearest

tube: London Bridge; walk across Tower Bridge, discover the story of the Tower of London, and finish at the birthplace of St John Henry Newman. No need to book, www.catholichistorywalks.com.

A DAY WITH MARY

Further information on A Day With Mary 2024 Pilgrimages to Fatima (7th-14th June) and Italy (4th-12th September) is available at www.adaywithmary.org or adwmary.uk@gmail.com.

LOVE HEALS BODY MIND AND SPIRIT

You are invited to come to a 1-day retreat of quiet reflection on Saturday 2nd March, 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, talk based on Scripture, Catholic Christian Meditation, Blessed Adoration - Divine Mercy, Individual Healing Prayers. For more information, please visit www.lovehealsbodymindspirit.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.

ACADEMY CHOIR WIMBLEDON

The Academy Choir Wimbledon under the baton of Matthew Best will perform Haydn's *Theresienmesse* and Mozart's *Sinfonia Concertante in Eb* and *Vesperae Solennes de Confessore* on Saturday 23rd March at 7.00pm, St John's Church, Wimbledon SW19 4NZ.

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 commencing on 1st March 2024. 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 David Gibbons
8.00am Fr Jackson Sebastian & Deacon Julian Burling
10.00am Fr Matthew Donnelly
12 noon Fr David Gibbons
5.00pm Fr Jackson Sebastian & Deacon Julian Burling
8.00pm Fr Matthew Donnelly

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

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

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Maria Moniz, William Maher, Alice Kehoe, Louis Clement Salole and John Redwood

The sick: Finley Kennedy, Pauline Grimes, Sherlyn Titton, Geoffrey Norris, Anne Lander, Olivia Chiemieliska, 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 26 February Feria

10.00am Private Intention
6.30pm Barbara Farmer RIP

Tuesday 27 February Feria

10.00am Eileen Helliwell Intention
6.30pm Manuel Goncalves RIP

Wednesday 28 February Feria

10.00am Ben & Martin Lyons Intentions
6.30pm Private Intention

Thursday 29 February Feria

10.00am Maria, John & Carla Denardi RIP
11.00am Funeral Mass for Antonia Pancratius
6.30pm David Desmond RIP

Friday 1 March St David, Bishop, Patron of Wales

10.00am Vincent Kearney RIP
12.30pm Funeral Mass for Adrian Collyns
6.30pm Members of Pereira & Fernandes Families

Saturday 2 March Feria

10.00am Richard Kirkland RIP
6.30pm Neville Newton 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

Entry hymn: 111 *Christ is the world's light*

Offertory motet: *Hic est filius meus dilectus*, D. de las Muelas

Communion motet: *O nata lux*, Thomas Tallis

Communion hymn: 365 *Light of our darkness*

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

Third Sunday of Lent (B)

First Reading Ex 20:1-17
Responsorial Psalm Ps 18:8-11. R. Jn6:68
Second Reading 1 Cor 1:22-25
Gospel Acclamation Jn 3:16
Gospel John 2:13-25

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.

