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Fourth Sunday of Lent - Laetare Sunday (B)

Fourth Week of Lent Vol 11, psalter week 4

TODAY'S MASS

The first word of the Entrance Antiphon gives this Sunday its name: Laetare Sunday. Isaiah rejoiced because the end of the exile was near. We rejoice because the end of Lent is near. Vestments today are traditionally rose rather than purple, and it is a day of respite from the rigours of fasting halfway through Lent.

First Reading (2 Ch 36:14-16.19-13): The wrath of God is seen in the exile of the people - punishment for their infidelity to him - to Babylon, under king Nebuchadnezzar. The mercy of God is seen in the return of the people to Jerusalem, under king Cyrus.

Psalm (Ps 136. R.V6): The psalm famously written during the exile in Babylon. For Christians this present life, this 'vale of tears', is an exile from our true home in heaven.

Second Reading (Eph 2:4-10): Despite our death, caused by our sins, we are saved through Christ, and this salvation is a free gift. Salvation means being recreated as we were meant to be (before our disobedience brought death).

Gospel (Jn 3:14-21): Jesus states that He must be lifted up (i.e. on the cross) in order for those who believe in Him to have eternal life. Some people will react by allowing their wicked lifestyle to turn them away from belief in Christ. Others live by the truth and so follow the light (i.e. Christ). *Fr David*

MOTHERING SUNDAY

In England since the Middle Ages Laetare Sunday has been observed as *Mothering Sunday*, a day for honouring 'Mother Churches' (both in the sense of the Church where one was Baptized and also the Cathedral Church of the diocese), the Blessed Virgin Mary (Mother of Jesus and of the Church), and of course one's own mother.

PARISH CAFÉ

Coffee, tea, hot chocolate and biscuits after the 10.00am Mass, in the Lounge.

5.00PM MASS: THE SECOND SCRUTINY

The Second Scrutiny for those on the RCIA programme takes place at the 5.00pm Mass today. Please note that as this Mass 'outranks' the Fourth Sunday of Lent the Prayers are from the Mass of the Second Scrutiny and the Readings are from Year A (not Year B). The Gospel is the account in *John* of the healing of the man born blind. He is healed of his physical blindness by Jesus but more importantly - unlike the Pharisees - he is healed of his spiritual blindness. His affirmation of belief in Jesus is a model for those to become members of the Church at Easter. There are also special Intercessions for the Elect.

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

FR MATTHEW

Fr Matthew will be away this week from Monday to Friday. This is not a jolly; he will be attending the first of three conferences for priests of the diocese at Merville in France. The topics under discussion are *Reading the Signs of the Times*, *Listen Humbly Speak Courageously*, and *Evangelistic Creativity and Confidence*. Frs David and Jackson will be attending the third and second conferences respectively, later in the year.

TUESDAY: THIRD LENTEN TALK

In the Lower Hall, refreshments from 7.00pm, talk 7.30-8.30pm. Martin Kochanski, who lives locally, is the author of *The Creed in Slow Motion: An exploration of faith, phrase by phrase, word*

by word and is the creator of *Universalis*, an app which you can use for the daily Mass readings and for the Divine Office (the Prayer of the Church). Come and find out how to improve your liturgical life and prayer.

GEORGE FLETCHER RIP

Funeral at the North-East Surrey Crematorium on Thursday afternoon.

FRIDAY: STATIONS OF THE CROSS

At 7.15pm, after the evening Mass.

SATURDAY: CHURCH TALK

David Hurst will give a short talk on the history of the Sacred Heart Church and the important role that the Jesuits have played in our parish, at 11.30am, Forecourt of the Church. Full colour photo-

book available to purchase at £25. Followed by tea and coffee in the Lounge. All are welcome.

NEXT SUNDAY

- The Second Collection will be for Poor Parishes; this fund enables the Archbishop to make grants to some of the poorer parishes in the diocese.
- Pupils from Sacred Heart School will join with the regular choir to sing at the 10.00am Mass.
- There will be a cake sale after the 10.00am and 12.00 noon Masses by students from the Ursuline High School.
- All new parishioners are invited to a welcome event next Sunday at 3.00pm in the Lounge.

Parish Notices

10.00AM MASS OFFERTORY

We have reintroduced the procession of the gifts at the 10.00am Mass on Sundays. If you would like to do this one Sunday please speak to Sister Dorothy.

GOOD FRIDAY YOUTH STATIONS OF THE CROSS

If you are in Years 7 to 13 and would like to participate in Youth Stations of the Cross at 6.15pm on Good Friday (29th March) please contact Wendy at wjatansey@btinternet.com.

SCHOOL FORM SIGNING

A reminder that as school priest reference forms must be countersigned by

the Parish Priest only Fr David can do this, and if you have a school form you should contact Thelma in the Office and make an appointment to see him. You should bring the child concerned as well as the form, and make sure you have completed your part of the form. Don't simply hand the form in, as it won't get processed.

CAR PARK

If you park in the car park you must register your car number plate, or you will receive a Parking Charge Notice. You must do this each time you park, but it does not apply on Sundays. There

are tablets to register in the Church entrance, the Presbytery Reception, the Upper Hall, and between the Lower Hall and Lounge.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

Bereavement Drop-In on the last Saturday of every month (30th March) in the Lounge from 10.30-11.30am. All bereaved are welcome.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Friday 5th April at 2.30pm in the Lounge: Do come for tea and cakes and a fun Quiz. All are welcome!

Diocesan and Other 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.

CALLING ALL SINGERS FOR THE CHRISM MASS

The Chrism Mass will be in St George's Cathedral on Wednesday 27th March, and the Music Committee wish to convene a Diocesan Choir. A special choir

rehearsal will be on Saturday 23rd March 10.30am-1.00pm, in the Amigo Hall. Tea and coffee will be provided during a break. On Wednesday 27th March choir members are asked to arrive at 9.45am for a 10.00am rehearsal; the Mass begins at 11.30am. You can register to sing on the News page of the diocesan website (www.rcsouthwark.co.uk) or email singing@rcaos.org.uk.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

A weekend away for a lifetime of change following separation, divorce or death of a spouse, to help you move from the darkness of grief into the light of a new beginning. The next weekend is 12th-14th April at Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex CM15 9BX. For more information contact Maura (07795 498 445) or Mary (020 8647 4760); email besouthofengland@gmail.com.

Other Notices

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Mary's Meals: Mary's Meals is a simple solution to world hunger and provides 2.4 million children every day with one meal in their place of education in some of the poorest countries of the world. MM are working to reach the next hungry child and to do so need more volunteers in London for administrative tasks or to make phone calls. The work can be done from our office on a Thursday in Notting Hill/Holland Park or from home. If you would like to know more, please contact gerrard.mcmahon@marysmeals.org or 07714 133 383. Thank you.

St Raphael's Hospice: This Catholic charity is looking for volunteers to offer some time each week to work at their charity shop in Wimbledon Village. Please contact Fr Matthew if interested.

THE GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK

The Network gives practical support, incl. financial help, to pregnant mothers to help them to have their babies and thus avoid an abortion. If you wish to support this good cause you can make a donation or make out a Standing Order to The Guild of Our Lady

of Good Counsel, sort code 40-06-30, A/c no 13994678.

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 SW19 1SB; tickets are £15/children free.

ACADEMY CHOIR WIMBLEDON

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

WINTERSHALL PLAYERS: PASSION OF CHRIST

Wintershall, well known for their open-air performances about the life of Jesus, 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 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.

VACANCY

St John Fisher Primary School (RC), SW20 9NA, are seeking to appoint a *Lettings Caretaker* for regular Saturday work (with opportunities for additional work on Sundays/school holidays) to support their lettings activities by opening, attending/supporting events and closing the school during weekends. Work may require late evening work. For job description & application pack please visit <https://www.eteach.com/job/lettings-caretaker-1406870>.

Closing date: 22nd March.

Exploring our Faith

INTERFAITH GROUP

The interfaith group will meet on Wednesday March 20th from 1.30-3.00pm in the Hinsley Room next to Westminster Cathedral, Morpeth Terrace, SW1P 1EP, to discuss the last two chapters of Pope Francis' *Laudate Deum*. Refreshments, all are welcome.

TALK BY LORD McFALL

'*Politics and Religion: on the Same Path?*' - an evening with the Speaker of the House of Lords, Lord McFall of Alcluith, hosted by Jesuit Missions at the London Jesuit Centre (114 Mount Street, London, W1K 3AH) on Wednesday 20th March at 6.30pm, free

entry, light refreshments. To register please visit <https://jesuitmissions.org.uk/>.

A DAY WITH MARY

You are invited to a *Day with Mary*, a day of instruction, devotion and intercession, on Saturday 23rd March, at Our Lady of Fatima, White City, W12 7QR, from 10.00am-5.30pm; celebrant & preacher Fr Richard Nesbitt, sermons on Our Lady: Fr John Williamson OCD and Deacon Robert Smialek; Exposition & Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, Meditations on the Passion of Our Lord, Silent Prayers.

For more info please visit adaywithmary.org.

CATHOLIC HISTORY WALK

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 birthplace of St John Henry Newman. No need to book, www.catholichistorywalks.com.

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 Jackson Sebastian
8.00am Fr Matthew Donnelly
10.00am Fr David Gibbons & Deacon Julian Burling
12 noon Fr Matthew Donnelly
5.00pm Fr Jackson Sebastian & Deacon Julian Burling
8.00pm Fr David Gibbons

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Olindo Giovanni Rosato, Luca Buttaci, Robert Lo, Delia Flaherty, Jenny Josephine McVeigh, Bernadette McHugh and George Fletcher

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Peter Barry, Benjamin Green, Michael John Cunnane, Rose Webber, Clara Randles and Ellen Mayo

The sick: Margaret Duffy, Karolina Masica, Felicitas Nerée, Bob Enever, Finley Kennedy, Pauline Grimes, Sherlyn Tilton, Geoffrey Norris, Anne Lander, Olivia Chiemielska, Frances Barden, Jason & Kevin Moreno, Harriette Cahill, Hui Lee Ng, Audra Wamsteker, Paul Stromborg, 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 11 March Feria

10.00am Ana Azevedo RIP
6.30pm Michael Etienne RIP

Tuesday 12 March Feria

10.00am Shirley Donaghue Birthday
6.30pm Nicholas Ondo RIP

Wednesday 13 March Feria

10.00am Raphael Tappuni Thanksgiving
6.30pm Yasmin Staussi Birthday

Thursday 14 March Feria

10.00am Peter & Martin Stephens RIP
6.30pm Kevin O'Brien RIP

Friday 15 March Feria

10.00am Wassim Tappuni Ints.
6.30pm Maria Tavares RIP

Saturday 16 March Feria

10.00am Vaughan Thursby-Pelham RIP
6.30pm Christopher Cooper 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

Introit: *Laetare, Jerusalem (Rejoice, O Jerusalem)*, Choir

Kyrie: 459

Offertory motet: *By the waters of Babylon*, Colin Mawby

Sanctus: Missal tones

Communion motet: *Nolo mortem peccatoris*, Thomas Morley

Communion hymn: 183 *Forth in the peace of Christ*

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent (B)

First Reading Jer 31:34
Responsorial Psalm Ps 50:3-4.12-15
Second Reading Heb 5:7-9
Gospel Acclamation Jn 12:26
Gospel John 12:20-33

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.

