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## Newsletter

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**Fifth Sunday of Lent (B)**

Fifth Week of Lent Vol II, psalter week I

### TODAY'S MASS

**First Reading** (Jer 31:31-34): The prophet Jeremiah speaks of a new covenant which God will make with his people. Christ is of course the new covenant or new testament.

**Psalm** (Ps 50:3-4.12-15): A psalm with a profound insight into sin and forgiveness.

**Second Reading** (Heb 5:7-9): Christ's humble suffering and obedience to the Father's will are what will bring about the believer's salvation.

**Gospel** (Jn 12:20-30): In this dramatic Gospel we hear Jesus' parable of the seed that dies, his words on loving and hating life and on following Him, as well as a clap of thunder and the Father's voice. Above all, Jesus tells us that His hour has now come, and that laying down His life is actually the hour of His glorification.

*Fr David*

### SECOND COLLECTION

Today's Second Collection is for *Poor Parishes*; this fund enables the Archbishop to make grants to some of the smaller or poorer parishes in the diocese. Thank you for your continued generosity.

### CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

After the 8.00 & 10.00am Masses in the Lower Hall. All are welcome: come and have a cup of coffee or tea, a bacon roll, and a chat.

### 10.00 AM MASS

- We welcome pupils and staff from Sacred Heart School, who will join in the choir today.
- There will be a special children's liturgy of the word during the first part of the Mass.

### 5.00PM MASS: THE THIRD SCRUTINY AND PRESENTATION OF THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Third 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 raising of Lazarus. In this Gospel Jesus makes the significant statement: "*I am the resurrection and the life ... whoever lives and believes in me will never die*".

### NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME

All newly registered parishioners should have received an invitation to tea and cakes this afternoon at 3.00pm in the Lounge. If you are a new parishioner but haven't registered, please go to the Parish website, and register, and come along this afternoon. You will get to meet members of the Parish Pastoral Council and others.

### CAKE SALE

A group of Ursuline High school students will be running a bake sale after the 10.00am Mass; the funds raised will go to *Hestia*, a charity which helps families in crisis providing domestic abuse support and advocating for end of modern slavery. Please stop by to contribute to this great charity and enjoy some cookies and cakes!

#### 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](mailto:school@sacredheart.merton.sch.uk)  
Headteacher: Lorraine Dolan-Walsh

## This Week

### JENNY J. McVEIGH RIP

The body will be received into Church today (Sunday) at 4.00pm. Funeral Mass on Monday at 2.00pm, followed by Cremation at the North-East Surrey Crematorium.

### FEAST OF ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Solemnity of St Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church is on Tuesday. The 6.30pm Mass on Monday will be the first Mass of the Solemnity. St Joseph is an exemplar of the virtuous Christian father, and his willingness to do God's will is the reason why he is venerated by the Church. Being a Solemnity the Lenten discipline of abstinence does not apply on this day.

### TUESDAY: FOURTH LENTEN TALK

In the Lower Hall, refreshments from 7.00pm, talk 7.30-8.30pm. In the last of

our Lenten talk series John Coleby, Project Manager for Caritas Southwark, will describe the various aspects of social outreach undertaken in the Archdiocese.

### OLINDO G. ROSATO RIP

Funeral Mass at 12.00noon on Friday, followed by Interment at the Morden Cemetery.

Because of this Exposition on Friday morning will be from 10.30-11.00am only.

### FRIDAY: STATIONS OF THE CROSS

At 7.15pm, after the evening Mass.

### NEXT SUNDAY-PALM SUNDAY

Please note that the Palm Sunday Masses begin with the Palm Gospel and the Blessing of Palms. All Masses will begin on time. If you want your Palm Cross blessed this means that you must

be present at the beginning of Mass. There is no Penitential Act, so the Mass continues with the Collect. The Creed and Bidding Prayers are prayed as normal. Please join in the crowd parts (C) in the Passion reading.

### AT THE 10.00AM MASS & PROCESSION

Collect a palm, hymn book and missalette from the Church and then assemble outside in front of the Church. Please follow the Altar party in the Procession, singing the announced hymn.

### AT OTHER MASSES

Collect a palm, hymn book and missalette from the Church and then assemble outside in front of the Church. Please follow the Altar party into the Church in the Solemn Entrance.

## Holy Week at Sacred Heart

### HOLY WEEK

Please take a copy of the *Holy Week & Easter 2024* booklet for full information.

### MONDAY (25TH), TUESDAY (26TH), WEDNESDAY (27TH)

Mass as usual 10.00am and 6.30pm. Confessions each day 10.30-11.30am and 6.00-6.20pm.

### LENT PENANCE SERVICE MONDAY 7.15PM

A Liturgy of Penance, with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and individual Confessions, with our priests and visiting priests.

### MUSICAL MEDITATION TUESDAY 7.15PM

David Gammie will play a seasonal selection of inspirational music by Bach, Liszt and Marcel Dupré on the organ, to help you meditate on the saving work of our Saviour.

### MAUNDY THURSDAY (28TH)

The Mass of the Lord's Supper, including the Washing of Feet and transfer of the Most Blessed Sacrament, and followed by the Watch before the Altar of

Repose until midnight, begins at 8.00pm. Confessions are 10.30-11.30am and 6.00-6.20pm.

### GOOD FRIDAY (29TH)

Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence. The Good Friday Liturgy is at 3.00pm. Confessions are from 10.30-11.30am. Children's Stations of the Cross at 11.00am, Youth Stations of the Cross at 6.15pm, and traditional Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm.

Please email Rachel Marshall at [rachel@marshallmail.net](mailto:rachel@marshallmail.net) if your child would like to take part in the Children's Stations of the Cross. Adult help also welcomed. If you are in Years 7 to 13 and would like to participate in the Youth Stations of the Cross, please contact Wendy at [wjatansey@btinternet.com](mailto:wjatansey@btinternet.com).

There is an ecumenical *Walk of Witness* starting at the Lantern Methodist Church at 10.00am, ending at 11.00am outside Raynes Park station. Some members of the 5.00pm Mass choir are kindly leading the singing. If anyone is

interested in taking a small part in reading or enacting some of the parts, please email Cathy Dickenson at [cmmd@duck.com](mailto:cmmd@duck.com).

### HOLY SATURDAY (30TH)

The traditional Blessing of baskets containing a sampling of Easter foods will be at 12.00noon in Church. Please spread the word among the Polish and other European communities.

Confessions at 10.30-11.30am and 6.00-6.20pm.

**The Easter Vigil is at 8.00pm:** This is the most important Liturgy of the whole year: it is to the year what Sunday is to the week. It includes the Blessing of the Easter fire, the Easter Proclamation, the Baptism, Reception and Confirmation of adults, and the Mass of the Resurrection. Attend if you possibly can.

## Parish Notices

### SACRED HEART CHORUS WORKSHOP

Bob Rathbone and the Sacred Heart Chorus are holding a workshop on Puccini's *Messa di Gloria* on Saturday 23rd March from 2.30-4.30pm in the Parish Lounge. Come and find out about the composer and the music the choir will be performing on June 22nd and enjoy a good sing - no commitment required - (scores available to borrow or to buy).

### FRIENDSHIP GROUP

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

### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

Are you coping with the loss of a loved one? Are you having difficulties adjusting to life without that person? Our Bereavement Support is there to help. It meets on the last Saturday of every month in the Lounge, 10.30-11.30am. Everyone, whether bereaved recently or a while ago, is welcome. For more information call 07865 204 995 or email [bereavement.group@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](mailto:bereavement.group@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk).

### HOLY ROSARY

Successive Popes have encouraged the use of the Holy Rosary. Pope St John Paul II, who described the Rosary as 'my favourite prayer', said "pray, pray much. Say the Rosary everyday". Pope Benedict XVI said "the Rosary is a means given by the Virgin for contemplating Jesus and, meditating on His life, for loving and following Him always more faithfully". In a General Audience Pope Francis said that the Rosary is a 'compendium of the entire history of our salvation', a 'powerful weapon against evil', and 'an effective means of obtaining true peace in our hearts'.

## Other Notices

### VACANCY

The Ursuline High School are advertising the position of Sixth Form Independent Learning Supervisor. Please see the school

We are blessed in our parish that the Holy Rosary is prayed twice daily. Monday to Saturday it is prayed from 9.30-9.50pm, and live-streamed so people at home can participate in the prayer. On Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays the Rosary is prayed at 5.50pm and on Wednesdays and Fridays at 4.50pm (the earlier time is because of the Exposition on those days). The best way to learn the Rosary is to join in at one of these times.

### YOUTH 2000 COMES TO SACRED HEART

On 11th May Sacred Heart will host a Youth 2000 event. Youth 2000's-day event is where young people (aged between 16-35) can experience an encounter with God. It will be supported by the young people at 9 Edge Hill, priests and religious and of course the parish. It is eucharistic centred, with a special Mass at 4.30pm, and with a devotion to Mary, and is a day filled with great content.

We are looking for anyone who would be willing to host some of the team, speakers and priests who will be coming for the event. It will just simply be a bed for the night on 11th May and we would greatly appreciate it. Anyone who can help please email Max Toone on [mjrtoone@gmail.com](mailto:mjrtoone@gmail.com).

### 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.

website <http://www.ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk>. Applications to be sent to [evelyn.davern@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk](mailto:evelyn.davern@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk) by Friday 22nd March.

### 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](mailto:wimbledonsg1@safeguard.rcaos.org.uk))

Kathleen Kirkland ([wimbledonsg2@safeguard.rcaos.org.uk](mailto:wimbledonsg2@safeguard.rcaos.org.uk))

Siobhán Heffron ([wimbledonsg3@safeguard.rcaos.org.uk](mailto:wimbledonsg3@safeguard.rcaos.org.uk))

### New to the Parish?

Please introduce yourself

to a member of the

Parish Team after Mass

and register online at

[www.sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](http://www.sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk)

or by filling in

a registration form,

available at

the back

of the church.

### HELP WITH PARISH ACCOUNTS

Do you have accountancy skills which you could put to good use as a volunteer in reporting to and advising the Finance Committee? For more information please contact the chair, Chris Woodward, by email [finance@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](mailto:finance@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk).

### EDGEHILL PLAYERS' SONG & DANCE WORKSHOP

Kiss Me Kate: Edge Hill Players are holding a workshop on Thursday 21st March, Upper Hall, 7.00-10.00pm, for anyone who likes singing and dancing and who would like a taster of their September production ahead of auditions. Please wear comfy shoes and clothes, and if you have tap shoes, please bring them along too. Minimum age is Year 9 (13/14). All the details are on the website [www.edgehillplayers.com/workshop](http://www.edgehillplayers.com/workshop)

### CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

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

### WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

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

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Joyce Shannon, Elizabeth Dewry, Jacqueline Ellis and Margaret O'Donnell

**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 18 March Feria

10.00am Maria De Nardi RIP  
2.00pm Funeral Mass for Jenny Josephine McVeigh  
6.30pm Marie-Louise Ngateme RIP

#### Tuesday 19 March St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10.00am John Bailey RIP  
6.30pm Rehana Edun-Noys Thanksgiving

#### Wednesday 20 March Feria

10.00am Sean Fitzpatrick RIP  
6.30pm Eileen Helliwell Ints.

#### Thursday 21 March Feria

10.00am Martin Paul Foley RIP  
6.30pm Mathias Achuoche RIP

#### Friday 22 March Feria

10.00am Catherine Mullen RIP  
12.00noon Funeral Mass for Olindo Giovanni Rosato  
6.30pm Lamberto Espiritu

#### Saturday 23 March Feria

10.00am Queen of Peace  
6.30pm Victor De Costa 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

Entrance: 744 *To Christ the Prince of Peace*

Offertory motet: *Confitebor tibi, Domine, Orlando Lassus*

Communion motet: *O bone Jesu, Marc'Antonio Ingegneri*

Communion hymn: 185 *Forty days and forty nights*

### 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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (B)

First Reading	Is 50:4-7
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 21:8-9.17-20. 23-24
Second Reading	Phil 2:6-11
Gospel Acclamation	Phil 2:8-9
Gospel	Mk 14:1-15:47

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](mailto:newsletter@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk) / [wimparish@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

