



# THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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## Newsletter

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2024 Year of Prayer

### Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (B)

Easter Week

#### TODAY'S MASS

##### Easter Vigil (Mass of the Resurrection)

This is *the* night, it is the most beautiful of all liturgies, it is the high point of the Church's year, as we celebrate the fact that Christ rose from the dead. The Vigil Readings are from the Old Testament, and recall God's saving acts in history. Especially important is the Reading from *Exodus*, which reminds us of the saving waters of Baptism; the Lord is the Saviour of his people. This is drawn out by St Paul in the **Epistle**. The **Gospel** tells of how St Mary Magdalen and the other women discovered the empty tomb; they were the first witnesses of Christ's Resurrection.



Resurrection - Noli me tangere, Giotto di Bondone ca. 1307

Canon David and the Pastoral Team  
wish all parishioners  
a Happy and Blessed Easter!

##### Masses on Easter Sunday

**First Reading:** This could be described as the first Creed. Peter has to learn that the Good News is open to everyone.

**Psalm:** A proclamation of the joy of this day.

**Second Reading:** There are two alternative Readings from St Paul: either an extract from *Colossians* or from *1 Corinthians*.

**Sequence:** This is obligatory. It is either sung or we all recite it together.

**Gospel:** *John's* account of the discovery by St Mary Magdalen of the empty tomb and Christ's Resurrection.

*The Renewal of Baptismal Promises takes the place of the Penitential Act today, and for the first time since Ash Wednesday we sing or say Alleluia' (which means 'Praise the Lord').*

Fr David

#### 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

### **BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY**

Holy Mass at 10.00am only. The Church will close after the 10.00am Mass. No evening Confessions or Mass.

The Reception and Parish Office are closed on Monday.

### **LUCA BUTTACI RIP**

Funeral Mass at 12.00noon on Tuesday, followed by Cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium. Fr Michael Holman SJ will be the celebrant.

### **FR JACKSON**

is away on his annual holiday from Thursday until the end of the month.

### **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Meeting on Thursday, 8.00pm in the Lounge.

### **FRIENDSHIP GROUP**

On Friday at 2.30pm in the Lounge. Do come for tea and cakes, and a fun quiz. All are welcome!

### **HOLY MATRIMONY**

The Wedding of John Richards and Natasha Starling is on Saturday at 12.30pm .

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

#### **Manna Society Collection**

The Manna Society, an organisation that is running a Day Centre for homeless people near London Bridge, will be holding a collection after all Masses. If you wish to support this good cause, please (only) bring dry or canned goods e.g. pasta, sugar, tinned tomatoes,

biscuits etc.; collection boxes will be placed in the church porch. Thank you for your support.

### **Divine Mercy Sunday**

Next Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday. You can find Divine Mercy prayers and devotions online, but to receive the extraordinary graces of this Feast, the only condition is to receive Holy Communion worthily on Divine Mercy Sunday (or the Vigil celebration), making a good confession beforehand and staying in the state of grace and trusting in God's Divine Mercy. A Plenary Indulgence can be obtained by fulfilling the usual conditions.

## Parish Notices

### **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).

### **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 Chris Woodward at [finance@sacredheartwimbleton.org.uk](mailto:finance@sacredheartwimbleton.org.uk).

## Diocesan and Other Notices

### **PASTORAL MESSAGE ON THE QUESTION OF ASSISTED SUICIDE**

His Grace the Archbishop has written a Pastoral Message to all parishioners on this question. He also refers to efforts to permit abortion up to birth (see p. 3). You can find a copy on the diocesan website (<https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/>) or ask Thelma in the Parish Office for a printed copy. The Archbishop encourages all parishioners, if you are able, to write to your MP to ask them to oppose this dangerous threat to the dignity and value of human life.

### **ARCHDIOCESE SPIRITUALITY COMMISSION**

Training event: Using 'Ways into Prayer', a resource for parishes and groups. Online on Wednesday 15th May, 7.30-

9.00pm, or Saturday 8th June, 10.30am-12.00noon. This is a simple to use resource that introduces people to different forms of prayer. You can find out more about this free workshop at <https://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/ways-into-prayer> and you can sign up at <https://forms.office.com/e/A6zm9YPU0S>.

### **LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS**

Explore what it means to be filled with the Holy Spirit: weekly talks and discussions (starting on Tuesday 23rd April), daily reflections, all day Retreat (on Saturday 18th May at St George's Cathedral), across the Archdiocese, on Zoom and at various parishes. For more details and to register go to [bit.ly/LISS2024](https://bit.ly/LISS2024).

### **DIOCESAN AGENCY FOR EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS**

The good news is that there was a 168% increase in catechumens and candidates attending the Rite of Election this year over 2023.

The Agency is seeking to appoint a full time Evangelization and Outreach Advisor. For the Job Description and more information about how to apply go to <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/latest/job-vacancy-evangelisation>. The closing date is Monday 15th April.

## Other Notices

### RETRouvaille: A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Has your Marriage become stressed, unloving, cold? Do you argue often? Are you thinking of separation or divorce? Do you want to try again? The Retrouvaille programme may be just what you need! The next weekend is in Welwyn Garden City 14th-16th June. For more information phone or text 07887 296 983 or email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com); website: [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk).

Complete confidentiality assured.

### NEWMAN CIRCLE

Newman Circle Meeting on Tuesday 16 April at 7.30pm in the Parish Lounge. All are welcome to a talk by Fr Dominic Robinson SJ, Parish Priest at the Church of Immacu-

late Conception, Farm Street, and chair of the Westminster Diocesan Justice and Peace Commission on 'What is the Church's Teaching on Climate Change? Should we care? Do we care?'

### THREAT OF ABORTION TO BIRTH BEING LEGALISED

The House of Commons will be voting on this frightening prospect in the coming weeks. Please contact your MP urgently, asking them to oppose this extreme and barbaric proposal. You can do this using the SPUC's (Society for the Protection of Unborn Children) easy to use webtool, at <https://www.spuc.org.uk/abortion/amendments>.

Please pray for the defeat of this legislation, for protection of unborn babies, and for help and comfort for mothers in need!

## Exploring our Faith

### LOVE HEALS BODY MIND AND SPIRIT

You are invited to come to a 1-day retreat of quiet reflection on Saturday 6th April, 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 ([www.lovehealsbodymindspirit.com](http://www.lovehealsbodymindspirit.com)).

### DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE

The Divine Mercy Apostolate London is holding Retreat at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent on Saturday 6th April, 10.00am-4.30pm, including teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Call Millie on 07957 594 646 for information. Coaches from Ealing Broadway and Victoria.

### ONE HOPE PROJECT RETREAT

One Hope Project and Loretto UK are hosting a Worship Day on Saturday 13th April from 9.30am-9.30pm in St Paul's Church Hammersmith, London W6 9PJ: 'You are invited to spend a day with Jesus - lifting Him high and encountering His love.' The event will be unpacking Psalm 27 with each teaching and workshop going deeper into a verse. There is nothing better than dwelling in the Lord's presence, so do come and join them.

For more information and to book tickets please visit: <https://www.onehopeproject.co.uk/worshipday2024>

### POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION

During the month of April we are encouraged to join the Holy Father in praying for the role of women, that 'the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they experience in various parts of the world'.

### 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.

### FLOWER SALE

As part of a project to create a business three students of the University of Surrey will sell flowers after the 10am Masses on Easter Sunday and Monday. A portion of the profits will be going to the Evelina London Children's Charity, an organisation that helps to transform the care of children and young people.

### KATY'S SONGBIRDS

Katy's Songbirds and guests are back to the Sacred Heart Church with an exciting Summer Celebration Concert on Thursday 23rd May from 7.30pm (refreshments in the Upper Hall from 6.30pm). Tickets are £10/£5, for booking, please scan the QR code or visit [ks-summer24.eventbrite.co.uk](https://ks-summer24.eventbrite.co.uk).



### JESUIT MISSIONS STAMP CUTTING

Volunteers welcome to help trim & sort used stamps to raise money for JM: Thursday 4 April, 9.30am-12.30pm - coffee provided, please bring your own scissors. 11 Edge Hill.

### 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))

### CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

8.00pm (Sat) Frs D. Gibbons, M. Donnelly and J. Sebastian  
8.00am Fr Jackson Sebastian  
10.00am Fr Matthew Donnelly  
12 noon Fr David Gibbons  
5.00pm Fr Jackson Sebastian  
8.00pm Fr Matthew Donnelly

### WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

**Those who have died recently:** Marlene Latham, Beni Thiru, Sean Kennedy, Bob Enever, Maria Gago, Denise Margaret Ann Richards, Luca Buttaci, Delia Flaherty and Bernadette McHugh

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Cecil James Hawken, Evelyn Raimondi, Ragna Ekeroth and Patricia Small

**The sick:** Electa Almeida, Margaret Duffy, Karolina Masica, Felicitas Nerée, Finley Kennedy, Pauline Grimes, Sherlyn Tilton, Geoffrey Norris, Anne Lander, Olivia Chiemielska, 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 1 April** Monday within the Octave of Easter  
10.00am Lucchetta & De Nardi Families RIP

**Tuesday 2 April** Tuesday within the Octave of Easter  
10.00am Eileen Helliwell Ints.  
12.00noon Funeral Mass for Luca Buttaci  
6.30pm Noel O'Sullivan RIP

**Wednesday 3 April** Wednesday within the Octave of Easter  
10.00am Dean Norman RIP  
6.30pm Paul Savio Thanksgiving & Good Health

**Thursday 4 April** Thursday within the Octave of Easter  
10.00am Joan Partington RIP  
6.30pm Judy Stirrat Speedy recovery

**Friday 5 April** Friday within the Octave of Easter  
10.00am Valerie Bowles RIP  
6.30pm Fernandes Family (Friends and Neighbours)

**Saturday 6 April** Saturday within the Octave of Easter  
10.00am Joseph Roland Thanksgiving & Good Health  
6.30pm John Granahan 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: *Christus vincit* (see no. 116)

Mass setting: *Missa concertata*, Teodoro Casati

Sequence: *Victimae Paschali laudes* (see no. 760)

During sprinkling: *Vidi Aquam*, Plainchant

Offertory Motet: *Surrexit pastor bonus*, Orlando di Lasso

Communion Motet: *Angelus autem Domini*, Felice Anerio

Communion Hymn: *Christ is ris'n today* (322)

Organ: *Prelude and Fugue in B Major*, Marcel Dupré

### 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

Second Sunday of Easter (B)

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| First Reading      | Acts 4:32-35               |
| Responsorial Psalm | Ps 117:2-4.15-18.<br>22-24 |
| Second Reading     | 1 Jn 5:1-6                 |
| Gospel Acclamation | Jn 20:29                   |
| Gospel             | John 20:19-31              |

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.

