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Newsletter

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2024 Year of Prayer

Fifth Sunday of Easter (B)

Fifth Week of Easter Vol. II psalter week 1

TODAY'S MASS

First Reading (Acts 9:26-31): St Paul, not surprisingly, had problems after his conversion: the disciples in Jerusalem were afraid of him (after all he had persecuted Jesus' followers) and the Hellenists wanted to kill him. Afterwards the churches in the area were left in peace.

Psalm (Ps 21:26-28.30-32): We last heard this psalm on Palm Sunday; now the mood has shifted to praise, but one gets the impression that the psalmist and his community have had their problems!

Second Reading (1 Jn 3:18-24): As always in the Gospel and Letters of John, faith (in Jesus Christ), love and truth are interconnected, indeed they are inextricably interlocked.

Gospel (Jn 15:1-8): The Gospel for today and for the remaining Sundays up to Pentecost are from the farewell discourse Jesus gave at the Last Supper, according to *St John's Gospel*. Our Lord's image in today's Gospel draws on the 'Song of the Vineyard' imagery in *Isaiah* chapter 5. Jesus Himself is the vine and the rootstock, and the branches are His followers. Cut off from Him we '*can do nothing*'; in other words we must remain part of Christ's Body, the Church, 'to bear fruit'.

Fr David

SECOND COLLECTION

Today's Second Collection is for the Maintenance of St George's Cathedral. This collection helps to meet the cost of the Mother Church of the Archdiocese.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

At the 10.00am Mass today. Please note that this is for pre-First Holy Communion children. Those on the First Holy Communion programme especially - but also older children - should not go to this, but should attend the whole of Mass.

The London Youth 2000 Retreat

On Saturday 11th May here at Sacred Heart: '*Come and See*' (John 1:46). Tickets are £25.

To register, please scan the QR code or head over to www.youth2000.org.

Any queries please contact events@youth2000.org.

Please spread the word among those aged 16 - 35!



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

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Headteacher: Lorraine Dolan-Walsh

This Week

MONDAY: FEAST OF ST CATHERINE OF SIENA

St Catherine of Siena is one of the Patron Saints of Europe.

TUESDAY: DAY OF PRAYER

Tuesday is a Day of Prayer for survivors of sexual abuse. Please pray on this day especially for the work of *Grief to Grace*, which runs programmes for survivors of abuse, and which is based in this parish, and for Fr Dominic Allain, its director.

WEDNESDAY: DAY OF PRAYER

Wednesday, the memorial of St Joseph the Worker, is a Day of Prayer for God's blessing on human work.

CANON DAVID: HOLIDAY

Fr David will be away on holiday from Wednesday until 10th May, touring northern Spain and Andorra.

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH DEVOTIONS

Devotions in honour of Our Lord's Sacred Heart after the 6.30pm Mass. This will include Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction.

SATURDAY: FEAST OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

This Feast commemorates the many English men and women - lay people, religious and clergy - who were martyred for their Catholic faith in the period 1535-1680 and beatified or canonised by the Holy See. A plaque to the right of our Martyrs' Chapel lists some of them (as does the Reredos of the Altar).

HOLY MATRIMONY

The Wedding of Giles Loren Menezes and Felicity Stokes is on Saturday at 12.00noon.

NEXT SUNDAY: SECOND COLLECTION

The Second Collection will be for the *Priest Training Fund*, postponed from the weekend when we had our annual Mission Appeal for the Spiritans.

This fund helps to meet the cost of training students for the priesthood and permanent diaconate. Southwark has three men currently in Seminary formation, and three about to start; there are also - encouragingly - several in the pipeline to start Seminary in Autumn 2025.

Parish Notices

ADVANCE NOTICE: ASCENSION DAY

This Solemnity on 9th May is a Holyday of Obligation, that is a day when all Catholics should attend Holy Mass if at all possible. Holy Mass will be at 6.30pm on Wednesday 8th, and on the Thursday at 9.00am in Sacred Heart School, and at 10.00am (attended by Donhead School), 6.30pm and 8.00pm in Church. Put the date in your diary so you don't forget!

NEW PARISH COUNSELLING SERVICE

We are pleased to offer a new free service of professional counselling and psychotherapy to parishioners. Mr Anthony Lee - Master of Social Work at University of Hong Kong and Master of Science, Psychology at University of Westminster, UK - is a registered social worker and graduated member of the British Psychological Society. He has

more than 30 years of professional experience in Hong Kong, Canada and the UK, and has recently moved to this parish.

Therapy is a human experience and tailor-made to fit the individual needs and situation. Throughout the therapy journey, the clients will be in a caring, safe and welcoming environment. Supports and guidance will be provided to help the client to build up self-confidence for making possible solutions. All services are fully confidential and regulated by the code and ethics of professional colleges and organisations, and Anthony is DBS checked. For an appointment, please contact Thelma in the Parish Office (020 8946 0305 or email wimbledon@rcaos.org.uk).

HOUSE BLESSING

The Priests are happy to come and bless your house. Simply contact the Parish

Office to book it in at a time convenient for you.

GRUPO DE ORACION CARISMÁTICO EN ESPAÑOL

Todos los martes a las 18.30h nos reunimos con el padre Matthew Donnelly a rezar el Santo Rosario, leer y meditar la palabra de Dios y hacer oración en 66 Worple Road, Flat 14, Trafalgar House, SW19 4BP. ¡Todos Bienvenidos! Si necesitas información adicional puedes enviar un email a vergaraint@hotmail.com o un mensaje de texto al móvil 07478 206 619.

EASTER OFFERING

Frs David, Matthew and Jackson thank you for your generous Easter Offering, which came to £14,815.37. Thanks also for the various cards, presents and Easter messages.

Sacred Heart Feast Celebration

The actual Feast Day is Friday 7th June, with Holy Mass at 10.00am, 6.30 & 8.00pm. At the 8.00pm Mass the choir will sing the world premiere of a Litany of the Sacred Heart, specially composed

for us by Mark Bellis. The festivities continue on Sunday 9th June, when at the 12.00noon Mass the choir will sing another specially commissioned piece, composed by Simon Mold.

Our Feast Day Celebration will take place in the Church grounds on Sunday from 12.30-4.00pm, free entry, free food and drink, stalls, games and entertainment (including Sacred Heart School Choir). This is a wonderful

opportunity for the whole parish to come together, celebrate, get to know one another, and have fun.

Ruth Naylor, Chair of the Parish Pastoral Council, is the co-ordinator; please contact her (ppc@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk) if you can help on the day. We shall need

donations of bottles for the Bottle Stall and toys (in good condition) for the Toy Stall. Specific needs will be advertised here in forthcoming weeks. Put the date in your diary now. Donations towards costs will be gratefully received.

Diocesan & Other Notices

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY NEWS

The process for the Synod has progressed to a new stage. The England & Wales Bishops' Conference secretariat is collating diocesan responses to the universal stage synthesis ahead of a submission that will inform the working document (*Instrumentum Laboris*) for October 2024. Our diocesan submission can be found here: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/synod>. The diocesan contacts have also prepared a simple survey on how you have participated in the process and what thoughts you might have on its value. The link can be found here: <https://forms.office.com/e/Mk8bYmwW0V>.

ANNUAL LONDON MIGRANTS MASS

The Archdiocese is hosting this annual Mass this year, at St George's Cathedral on Monday 6th May. The Principal Celebrant will be the Archbishop, with Bishops from Westminster and Brentwood. You are advised to arrive early, as it is expected to be very full.

A YEAR OF ENCOUNTER

With a UK general election due sometime this year, politicians will be looking for our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics to make sure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty and injustice. Raising our voices and contacting parliamentary candidates as a parish community will send a strong signal to those standing for election in our local constituencies. *A Year of Encounter* is a joint initiative between CAFOD and St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), equipping Catholics to ask key

questions of local candidates at the key moments. Please see cafod.org.uk/encounter for more information, including an online session on Saturday 4th May to learn more.

ADVANCE NOTICE:

'BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE'

On Saturday 26th October - 9.30am-4.30pm - we shall be hosting a day for the Merton Deanery organised by the Diocesan Marriage & Family Life team. This day is for those who have been married for between 1 and 65 years (one 90-year-old couple took part in one and said it was one of the best things they had ever done!) and with the help of expert speakers the day will help you to build a better marriage. Details about booking nearer the time, but book the date now, organise child minding if required, and decline invitations to another event that day. We guarantee that you will not regret it.

NEW LECTIONARY FOR ADVENT 2024

The Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments in Rome has confirmed approval for the new Lectionary, which will come into use in parishes in England & Wales and in Scotland from Advent 2024. Arthur Cardinal Roche, Prefect of the Dicastery, said "*The use of the English Standard Version Catholic Edition, already in use in India, along with the Abbey Psalms and Canticles, will help to ensure that the Word of the Lord reaches God's holy people without alloy*". The new, four-volume Lectionary will be published by the Catholic Truth Society (CTS).

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.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Please note that there will be no meeting on Friday 3rd May; instead: outing to Strawberry Hill House and Garden, Twickenham on Tuesday 21st May, 10.30am-4.00pm. For full details please call Judy Ruston on 020 8947 1658.

LOVE HEALS BODY MIND AND SPIRIT

One-day retreat of quiet reflection on Saturday 4th May, 11am-4.30pm, at the Catholic Church of our Lady of Assumption & St Gregory, Piccadilly, W1F 9JR; please visit www.lovehealsbodymindspirit.com for more information.

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 visit ks-summer24.eventbrite.co.uk or scan the QR code:



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

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Linda Burgess, Rita D'Aguiar, Robin Campbell, Charles Thirugnanendran, John Mills, Eamonn Granahan, Catherine (Kay) Silke, Sheila Spaight and Bruce Naylor

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Joe Gilhooly, Patrick Choo, John Henry Hill, Mary Theresa Williams, Patrick Phibbs, Eddie Power and Patricia O'Donnell

The sick: Rena DeSouza, Joseph Philpott, Electa Almeida, Margaret Duffy, Karolina Masica, Felicitas Nerée, Finley Kennedy, Pauline Grimes, Sherlyn Tilton, Geoffrey Norris, Anne Lander, Olivia Chiemieliska, Harriette Cahill, Hui Lee Ng, 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

Saturday 27 April Feria

6.30pm James Westbrook RIP

Monday 29 April St Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe

10.00am Maria, John and Carla Denardi RIP
6.30pm Luca Buttaci RIP

Tuesday 30 April Feria

10.00am Stephen & Dorothy Yi Ints.
6.30pm Eileen Helliwell Ints.

Wednesday 1 May St Joseph the Worker

10.00am Mary Howlin RIP
6.30pm Pat McManus RIP

Thursday 2 May St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

10.00am Luca Buttaci RIP
6.30pm Robert Lo RIP

Friday 3 May SS Philip and James, Apostles

10.00am Beatrice Cardoso RIP
6.30pm Jo-Ann D'Costa Manuel Ints.

Saturday 4 May The English Martyrs

10.00am Cyril Santhiapillai 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: 107 *Christ is alive*

Kyrie/Gloria: 459/460

Offertory hymn: 513 *Now the green blade riseth*

Communion motet: *Ego sum panis vivus*, Juan Esquivel

Communion hymn: 730 *This is my body*

616 *Regina coeli*

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter (B)

First Reading Acts 10:25-26.34-35. 44-48

Responsorial Psalm Ps 97:1-4. R.v2

Second Reading 1 Jn 4:7-10

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

Gospel Jn 15:9-17

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.

