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Newsletter

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Seventh Sunday of Easter (B)

Seventh Week of Easter Vol. II psalter week 3

TODAY'S MASS

First Reading: Judas having defected, a replacement - from among those men who witnessed what Jesus did and said - has to be chosen, to ensure that the Apostles numbered 12 (to replace the 12 tribes as the foundation of the new people of God). The lot falls on Matthias.

Psalm: a lovely psalm praising God's mercy and love, and reflecting Jesus' Ascension.

Second Reading: *1 John* continues the profound message that since God has loved us so much we should love one another, and that anyone who lives in love lives in God.

Gospel: in what is known as His High Priestly Prayer at the Last Supper, Jesus prays that his followers may be consecrated in truth and that they may be one. Unity and truth will bring Christ's joy "to the full".

Worldly values are often opposed to the values of truth, unity, and love evinced by Our Blessed Lord and by St John. What are the values by which you lead your life?

Fr David



WORLD COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY

For Pope Francis' Message for this day visit <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wcd24-papal-message/>. This follows the theme of *Artificial Intelligence and the Wisdom of the Heart: Towards a Fully Human Communication*. The Second Collection is for the Catholic Communications Network. This collection supports the work of the Catholic Communications Network (CCN), the media office of the Bishops' Conference.

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

HOLY MATRIMONY

The Wedding of Mark Corea and Gwyneth Sarmentos is on Thursday at 11:00am.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL

On Friday the School celebrates its International Day.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS

On Saturday at 10:00am. Please pray for the children receiving Our Lord in Holy Communion for the first time.

There will be no confessions from 10.30 -11.30 on this Saturday.

NEXT SUNDAY: PENTECOST

Mass readers especially, as well as those who use Sunday Missals, please note that the 6:30pm Mass on Saturday is the Vigil Mass of Pentecost. The readings and Mass texts are different from those of the Sunday.

Parish Notices

FR MATTHEW

The Archbishop has appointed Fr Matthew as Assistant Priest at St Mary's, Croydon. He will be replaced as Assistant Priest here by Fr David Hunter, currently Assistant Priest at St John the Baptist, Purley. These moves are partly about giving relatively newly Ordained priests different experiences in different places and partly about the Archbishop and his Council taking the bigger picture of the Archdiocese into account in meeting the needs of parishes and priests. We don't yet know exactly when the moves will take place, but probably in early September. The good news is that despite a shortage of priests the Archbishop is able to send us a replacement for Fr Matthew. We take this opportunity of thanking Fr Matthew for his ministry in this parish over the last 3 years or so, and of wishing him well for his new apostolate.

CATECHISTS WANTED

We need Catechists to assist Rob Hitchcock with the First Holy Communion and Confirmation programmes, starting in the Autumn. For more information please speak to Rob personally, or email him at wimble-donpfm@rcaos.org.uk or telephone him on the parish phone number. All Catechists will have to obtain a DBS check, and training will be given. This is a very important ministry, and much needed, so don't be shy! Offer yourself if you can assist in this way.

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 full 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 wimbleton@rcaos.org.uk).

THE HOLY ROSARY

The Rosary is prayed before the daily 10.00am Mass and before the 6.30pm Mass Monday - Friday. The best way to learn the practice of this great prayer is to join in with those reciting it.

GRUPO DE ORACION CARISMÁTICO EN ESPAÑOL

Todos los martes a las 19.30h 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.

EDGEWAYS MAY

Edgeways May is published this weekend both by email and with a limited print run. Please only take a printed version if you have not received the magazine by email.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Outing to Strawberry Hill House and Garden on TUESDAY MAY 21st 10.30am to 4pm. For full details call Judy Ruston on 0208 947 1658

CAFÉ IN THE LOUNGE

Do not forget to visit the Café in the Lounge after the 10 am Family Mass

SACRED HEART FEAST CELEBRATION

The actual Feast Day is Friday 7th June, with Holy Mass at 10:00am, 6:30pm and 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 will 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 9th June, from 12:30pm to 4:00pm. There will be 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 Council, is the co-ordinator; 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.

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.

Diocesan & Other Notices

LAST CHANCE MASS IN CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th + wedding anniversary this year, then you are especially invited to attend St George's Cathedral for a Mass celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage on Saturday 13th July. Rt Rev'd Philip Moger, Auxiliary Bishop, will preside at this Mass. Please register as soon as possible if you wish to come, and no later than 31st May, providing the following details - your names in the format John and Mary Smith, your home address, the anniversary you are celebrating - so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during Mass. Spaces are limited. Email mflsw@rcaos.org.uk. As the title of your email, please write your parish location, ie Wimbledon Sacred Heart.

BISHOPS' REFLECTION ON GENDER

The Bishops of England & Wales have issued a pastoral reflection on gender, highlighting the teaching of the Church but also stressing that accompanying those struggling with gender dysphoria is a "complex but essential task". The document, titled *Intricately woven*

by the Lord: A pastoral reflection on gender by the bishops of England and Wales, emphasises that all are welcome in the Church, but says that the sexual identity of an individual is not a purely "cultural or social construction." The document can be downloaded from <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/bishops-issue-pastoral-reflection-on-gender/>.

MASS FOR NEW CATHOLICS

St Anselm's, Tooting Bec, SW17 7BATooting Bec, will host a Neophytes Mass on Saturday 25th May at 2.00pm, Celebrant Bishop Philip Moger. New Catholics are welcome to join for a joyful afternoon in fellowship and friendship.

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.

WIMBLEDON NEWMAN CIRCLE

You are invited to a talk on Wednesday 29th May at 7.30pm in the Lounge, when Professor Patrick Stone, Emeritus Professor of Palliative Medicine, will speak about 'Caring for people at the end of life - A Doctor's Perspective'. All welcome, do not miss this talk!

BLUES AND ROOTS ENSEMBLE

[Blues and Roots Ensemble](#) specialises in sharing music by [Charles Mingus](#) through concerts and education projects. Having sold out their WIMF concert last November they return to Sacred Heart to fundraise for their upcoming outreach work. Tickets available via [ticketsource: https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/wimbledon/upper-hall-sacred-heart-church/blues-and-roots-ensemble-fundraising-concert/2024-05-24/19:00/t-gaglnqq](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/wimbledon/upper-hall-sacred-heart-church/blues-and-roots-ensemble-fundraising-concert/2024-05-24/19:00/t-gaglnqq)

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)

Kate Kirkland (wimbledonsg2@safeguard.rcaos.org.uk)

Siobhán Heffron (wimbledonsg3@safeguard.rcaos.org.uk)

CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

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

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Sophie Pemberton, Emma Jones, Linda Burgess, Charles Thiru, Catherine (Kay) Silke, Beata (Barbara) Rothwell, Anne Lander, Camilla Cervi, Ana Josefa Gomes

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Liliana Walden, Rita Westbrook, Beryl Shannon, and Michael O'Connell

The sick: Hilary Stoddart, Dorothy Ramos, Armando Ramos, Rena DeSouza, Electa Almeida, Margaret Duffy, Karolina Masica, Felicitas Nerée, Finley Kennedy, Pauline Grimes, Sherlyn Titton, Geoffrey Norris, 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.



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)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 11 May Feria
6.30pm Maria Sybil Tavares RIP

Monday 13 May Feria
10.00am Joy Keens-Douglas (Ints)
6.30pm Fr Thomas Ryan (Ints)

Tuesday 14 May S Matthias, Ap
10.00am Maria Krawczyk (RIP),
6.30pm Dolores Derrington(RIP)

Wednesday 15 May S John Stone, Pr M
10.00am Latina Coelho (Ints)
6.30pm Bernadette Kelly (RIP)

Thursday 16 May S Simon Stock, Pr
10.00am Ramon & Pacinta Osano (RIP)
11.00am Wedding Mark and Gwyneth
6.30pm Rita Westbrook (RIP)

Friday 17 May Feria
10.00am Robert Lo (RIP)
6.30pm Ron Squires (RIP)

Saturday 18 May Feria
10.00am Elizabeth & Patrick Howlin(RIP)

MUSIC AT THE 12 NOON MASS

Entry hymn: 37 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Kyrie/Gloria: 459/460

Offertory motet: Praise Him with the sound of Trumpets
Colin Mawby

Communion motet: Ave verum *Camille Saint-Saëns*

Communion hymn: 113 Christ triumphant

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

Pentecost Sunday (B)

First Reading Acts 2:1-11
Responsorial Psalm Ps 103:1.24.
29-31. 34. R.cf v.30
Second Reading Gal 5:16-25
Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:18
Gospel Jn 15:26-27;16:12-15

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.

