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Newsletter

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Pentecost Sunday (B)

Seventh Week in Ordinary Time Vol. III psalter week 3

TODAY'S MASS: VIGIL MASS (Saturday 6.30pm)

Please note that this Mass is the Pentecost Vigil, with different prayers and readings from the Mass of the Day. As at the Easter Vigil the Old Testament readings are followed by a psalm, silence, and a Collect.

In the **Epistle** Paul reminds us that the Spirit helps us in our weakness, especially when we cannot find the right words with which to pray. In a memorable metaphor he also compares creation, which is still ongoing, to the act of giving birth.

In the **Gospel** Jesus speaks of the Spirit to come for those who believe in Him. This evening we - who believe in Jesus - await the coming of the Holy Spirit tomorrow.

MASSES OF THE DAY

First Reading (Acts 2:1-11): The famous description of what happened at the Jewish feast of Shavuot, or Pentecost, fifty days after Passover. In an undoing of the Tower of Babel everyone present can understand the Good News preached by the apostles. The various places mentioned - which may strike fear into the hearts of readers! - are areas that had received the Good News by the time the *Acts of the Apostles* was written.

Psalm (Ps 103:1.24. 29-31.34. R.cf v30): An obivalm psalm for this day, asking the Lord to send the Spirit to 'renew the face of the earth'.

Second Reading (Gal 5:16-25): Paul contrasts the effects of self-indulgence, or works of the flesh, with the seven fruits of the Holy Spirit, and urges us to be directed by the latter.

Sequence: The *Veni, Sancte Spiritus* was composed by an Archbishop of Canterbury, Stephen Cardinal Langton. He was the Archbishop at the time of *Magna Carta* and also was the person who divided the Bible into the standard division of chapters still used. Please stand and either say or sing the *Sequence* together.

Gospel (Jn 5:26-27;16:12-15): Jesus Christ promises that the Holy Spirit will come after His Ascension, as an Advocate and the Spirit of truth. 'Advocate' can be understood as intercessor, counsellor, protector, supporter.

Fr David

Today is the end of the season of Easter or Paschaltide, and Mass concludes with the double *Alleluia* at the dismissal.

Today is a day of prayer for the Church.

CAFÉ AFTER 10.00am MASS

As usual, in the Lounge. Come for coffee, biscuits and conversation.

BAPTISM, RECEPTIONS AND CONFIRMATIONS

At the 5.00pm Mass today we welcome Alcini Pasini who is to be Baptized, and Alina Frye and Jonas Ulrich who are to be Received into Full Communion with the Church. They will be Confirmed, along with Jhoan Coverra. The Creed is not said at this Mass; instead please join in the catechumen's Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith ('I do').

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

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Headteacher: Lorraine Dolan-Walsh



Pentecost, Giotto di Bondone, 1304-1306

This Week

ORDINARY TIME

Ordinary Time begins on Monday, with the Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church. Vestments are green, except for saints' days, Funerals and Weddings. This week is Seventh Week, the readings are from ferial cycle 2, and in the *Divine Office* the psalter is Week 3.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE
Meeting on Monday at 7.00pm.

LINDA BURGESS RIP

Funeral Mass at 11.30am on Tuesday, followed by Cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
Meeting on Thursday at 8.00pm. The PPC will be examining the possibility of starting House Groups in the Parish.

KATY'S SONGBIRDS

Katy's Songbirds' Summer Celebration Concert on Thursday from 7.30pm (refreshments in the Upper Hall from 6.30pm) in the Church. For tickets please visit [ks-summer24.eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk)

BARBARA ROTHWELL RIP

Funeral Mass is at 3.00pm on Friday, followed by Interment at Gap Road

Cemetery on Tuesday 28th May at 2.00pm.

HOLY MATRIMONY

The Wedding of Amobi Ike and Gloria Okor is at 12.00noon on Saturday. The Wedding of Simon Wright and Charlotte Rutherford is on Saturday at 3.00pm.

NEXT SUNDAY: TRINITY SUNDAY

Next Sunday is the last day for fulfilling the precept of Easter Communion. There will be an appeal at all Masses by members of the Finance Committee, about Planned Giving.

Parish Notices

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 wimbledonpfm@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, much needed ministry, so don't be shy! Offer yourself if you can assist in this way.

THE HOLY ROSARY

May is referred to as the Month of Mary - a month where we pay special devotions to our Blessed Mother. 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 prayer is to join in with those reciting this fruitful and powerful prayer.

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).

WIMBLEDON NEWMAN CIRCLE

On Wednesday 29th May at 7.30pm in the Lounge, Professor Paddy Stone, a parishioner, past pupil of Wimbledon College and a former Chair of Governors of the College, will give a talk entitled '*Caring for people at the end of life - a Doctor's perspective*'. All welcome to attend this talk by a highly qualified doctor.

TAKING EXAMS?

Many young people will be taking public and school exams at this time. Don't fall into the trap of thinking that this means you should not come to Mass on Sundays, so as to get more revising

in. There are two good reasons why you should make a special effort to attend Mass. First, it can only help to have God on your side. Secondly, coming to Mass gives you a break from revising and enables you to meditate and pray and thus reduce your stress levels; why not come to the quiet 8.00am Mass?

CHURCH OPENING TIMES

Except on Bank Holidays the Church is open from 8.00am - 7.00pm. If you are at a loose end and don't know what to do, you could drop in to Church and say some prayers. Even better, make the effort and come to a weekday Mass.

THANK YOU

The Youth2000 Retreat went swimmingly. Thanks are due to the team from No 9 Edge Hill, but also to those who kindly sponsored the event, made cakes, and accommodated guests.

FINANCE

The Mission Appeal for the Spiritans was £3,599.76, Fr Martin Goba CSSp extends his gratitude to you for generously supporting their mission work. The Second Collection for the Maintenance of St George's Cathedral came to £593.23 and that for the Priests' Training Fund came to £889.64.

Thank you for your generosity.

Sacred Heart Feast Celebration

SACRED HEART FEAST

The actual Feast Day is Friday 7th June (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 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 12.30-4.00pm, free entry, free food & drink, stalls, games and entertainment (incl.

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. Please spread the word and invite everybody to come.

We shall need donations of toys (in good condition), bottles & cakes for the respective stalls: please bring them to the Parish Office. We also need helpers to run stalls, to help set things up (Saturday from 10.30am, and Sunday from 10.00am). Please contact Ruth Naylor, Chair of the PPC, and the co-ordinator at ppc@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk if you can help. Thank you.

Diocesan & Other Notices

FORMATION FAYRE 8TH JUNE

The call for Adult Formation was overwhelmingly present in the synod responses, across the world and in our Archdiocese. On Saturday 8th June, the Diocesan Agency for Evangelization and Catechesis (AEC) will be hosting a Formation Fayre, featuring the Archbishop as the keynote speaker. You are invited to join an enriching day of faith development, in the Amigo Hall, St. George's Cathedral. With the theme '*Made for More*' the event promises dynamic breakout sessions, times of prayer, and opportunities for spiritual reflection. Don't miss this chance to deepen your understanding of Catholicism and emerge renewed and empowered. Please register at aec.rcaos.org.uk and be part of this transformative event.

DAY FOR LIFE - 16TH JUNE 2024

The focus for this year's *Day for Life* will be opposition to assisted suicide (euphemistically called 'assisted dying'). With the intention of praying and advocating for the establishment of a culture of care at the end of life, the theme for the Day for Life (which will also be marked in Ireland and Scotland) is "*The Lord is my Shepherd - Compassion and Hope at the End of Life*". There will also be a *Day for Life Novena*, which will run from

the 23rd May to the Feast of the Visitation (31st May) and which will be available on the [Bishops' Conference website](#).

MASS IN CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th+ wedding anniversary this year, 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 asap if you wish to come (by 31st May at the latest), providing your names (in the format *John and Mary Smith*), your home address, the anniversary you are celebrating - to receive an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during Mass; spaces are limited; email mflsw@rcaos.org.uk (please write your parish location, ie Wimbledon Sacred Heart, as the title of your email).

LA RETRAITE CATHOLIC GIRLS' SCHOOL

The school is seeking to appoint a new member of the Governing Body. To find out more about the role/to arrange a visit, please contact Claire Baskott, the Clerk to the Governors (cbaskott@laretraite.co.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

or by filling in a registration form, available at the back of the church.

CAN DO JUSTICE CAMPAIGN

Caritas Social Action Network has launched a *Do Justice campaign* aiming to encourage Catholic parishes and schools to discern the needs of their local communities in the light of the Gospel and to act with the skills and resources they have at their disposal to bring about a more just society. Are YOU interested in setting up a *Do Justice group* in the parish? To find out more please visit <https://dojustice.co.uk/>.

SACRED HEART CHORUS CONCERT

Saturday 22nd June: tickets for Puccini's *Missa di Gloria* and Beethoven's Piano Concerto No3 (pianist Giles Kennedy) are available after the 10.00am, 12.00noon & 5.00pm Masses this Sunday (buy your tickets before the end of May and get a £5 discount; tickets also available at www.sacredheartmusic.co.uk/concerts, small booking fee).

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

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Sophie Pemberton, Emma Jones, Andrew Tan, David Lloyd, Barbara Rothwell, Camilla Cervi, Anne Lander, Edward Granahan and Linda Burgess

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Bill Walsh, Elizabeth Parsons, Fr Francis Walsh SJ, Josephine Gatt, Catherine Rowley and Joanne Thiru

The sick: Gwen Desmier, Peter McGurk, Hilary Stoddard, Dorothy Ramos, Armando Ramos, Rena DeSouza, Electa Almeida, Margaret Duffy, Karolina Masica, Felicitas Nerée, Finley Kennedy, Pauline Grimes, Sherlyn Titton, Geoffrey Norris, Anne Lander, Olivia Chiemieliska, Harriette Cahill, Hui Lee Ng, Paul Stromborg, Ryan Lyndsey, Samar Staussi and Emily Grey

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 18 May Feria
6.30pm Teresa Abalsom Ints.

Monday 20 May Mary, Mother of the Church, Memorial
10.00am Hasiba Sheikh (safe delivery)
6.30pm Eulogio Mendoza RIP

Tuesday 21 May Feria
10.00am Florence O'Driscoll RIP
11.30am Funeral Mass for Linda Burgess
6.30pm George Cheler RIP

Wednesday 22 May Feria
10.00am Eileen Helliwell Ints.
6.30pm Monica Ford Ints.

Thursday 23 May Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest
10.00am Mary Hoey Ints.
6.30pm Jack Hoey Ints.

Friday 24 May Feria
10.00am Anton Benedict RIP
3.00pm Funeral Mass for Barbara Rothwell
6.30pm Lawrence Walsh Ints.

Saturday 25 May St Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church
10.00am Queen of Peace

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: 125 *Come down, O love divine*

Sequence: *Veni Sancte Spiritus* (p. 23 Latin Mass booklet)

Offertory hymn: 758 *Veni Creator Spiritus*

Communion motet: Litany to the Holy Spirit, Peter Hurford

Communion hymn: 126 *Come Holy Ghost Creator, come*

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

The Most Holy Trinity (B)

First Reading	Deut 4:32-34.39-40
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 32:4-6.9.18-20. 22. R.v.12
Second Reading	Rom 8:14-20
Gospel Acclamation	cf Apoc 1:8
Gospel	Mt 28:16-20

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.

