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Newsletter

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Weekday Readings for
4th week of the Year

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Next Sunday's Readings

5th Sunday of the Year

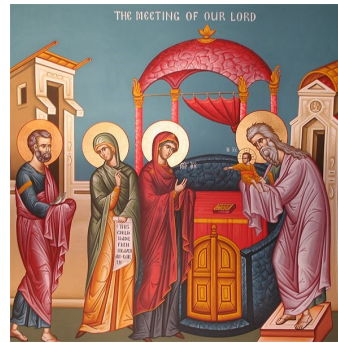
- Isaiah 6:1-8
- Psalm 137:1-5, 7-8
- I Corinthians 15:1-11
- Luke 5:1-11

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The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

This Tuesday is the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple. Mary and Joseph, following the traditions of their people brought Jesus to the temple to make the required sacrifice for him as did the parents of all first born male children. The feast helps us focus on the truth that children are God's gift to any family, and with Mary and Joseph we give thanks to God for that gift. Sadly, for some families their time together with their children is short, when for one reason



or another they are called to God. Our Christian faith teaches us that our separation from our loved ones is only for a time and that we will be reunited in the joys of heaven. This is particularly true of our little ones who in life never sinned and in death are counted among the saints in

heaven. On Tuesday, the Feast of the Presentation, we will have a special Mass at 7:30pm which will be especially for parents who have lost children in prenatal deaths, infant or child deaths and young adult deaths. We will remember all parents who have lost their children no matter what age. If you are able, do come and join us for this very special celebration. As St. Paul reminds us, the life (no matter how short) and the death of each of us has its influence on others.

PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF MERCY

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing,
so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord,
and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm,
may bring good news to the poor,
proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed,
and restore sight to the blind. Amen

THE PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Parish Priest: Canon John Clark

Parish Clergy: Fr Thaddeus Nwokeji and Deacon Julian Burling

Team Members: Fr Michael O'Halloran SJ, Sr Francis SSA, Sr Dorothy Perrott OSU, Cristina Connolly.

SECOND COLLECTION

Next Sunday, 7th February, the 2nd collection will be for 'Poor Parishes' (formerly the 'Needs of the Diocese'), a collection which enables the Archbishop to make grants to some of the smaller parishes of the Diocese.

ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE

On Saturday 6th February at 2pm Archbishop Peter Smith will ordain six Jesuit students to the diaconate in the Sacred Heart church. Their names are Wouter Blesgraaf, from the Netherlands; Naveen Buchupalli from India; Robert Deinhammer from Austria; Markus Dreher from Germany; Kundong Kim from Korea; and Anup Minj from Nepal. All are currently studying theology at Heythrop in London, and will return home to their own Provinces this summer for their priestly ordinations. You are all very welcome to attend the Mass. Meanwhile, please keep these men in your prayers. The Jesuits are very grateful to Canon John and the parish for making the church available for this great occasion.

SICK LIST UPDATE

We would like to update the Sick List in the weekly newsletter, therefore please let us know the names of your loved ones and friends to be included and prayed for. Please remember to ask the sick person's permission. From beginning of February we will only include the names notified to the Parish office.

PLASTIC TOPS

Wanted: clean plastic milk tops and other plastic tops for Cancer Research. Please leave them in the Reception room for collection

Parish News

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

We are looking for two new members of the Finance Committee with experience in a) building works and b) health and safety matters with particular reference to plant and buildings. The new members would support and

advise the Parish Priest and Site Manager in these important areas of parish management. The committee meets formally about six times a year. If you are interested in helping please send your details to the committee chair, Chris Woodward at christopherwoodward107@gmail.com.

AT HOME

The next 'At Home' will be on Monday 1st February from 6 - 8pm.

SCHOOL SLIPS

School slips will be collected this weekend.

Announcements

JOIN THE PPC!

The PPC are seeking three new members for 2016. Any regular worshipper aged 18 or over is welcome, no matter what your background or experience. We would like a strength of the PPC to be its diversity. Being a PPC member is also a great way to get to know and support your parish and to live out your faith. Nomination forms, including a description of the role, are available at the back of the church and on the website. Additional information is also available on the website within the PPC handbook. The closing date for

nominations is Monday 1st February.

SPECIAL MASS

On Tuesday, 2nd February, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, which occurs 40 days after the birth of Jesus, we will be celebrating a special Mass for all those families who have experienced the loss of a child. Mass will start at 7.30pm and there will be no 6.30pm Mass.

FIRST FRIDAY VIGIL OF PRAYER

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for vocations to the priesthood and religious

life and for World Peace will be on Friday 5th February starting after the 6.30pm Mass continuing to midnight. Silent prayer to 8.30pm followed by meditations and prayers. Please come if only for a short visit.

PARISH BUDGET 2016

A summary budget for 2016 approved by the Finance Committee has been posted in the church foyer. A more detailed version has been posted on the parish website. Please address any queries to Chris Woodward, chair of the Finance Committee at christopherwoodward107@gmail.com

Parish Organisations

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

On Friday 5th February, 2.30pm, Parish Lounge. We are privileged to have well-known speaker, Quentin de la Bédoyère, who will talk on Financial Fracas/Digital Doom and the joys of old age. All welcome. Tea & cakes.

PARISH SOCIAL CLUB

The Parish Social Club is having a Senior Citizens' Party on Friday 12th February starting at 7.30pm in the

Lounge, entry is free; there will be music, a finger buffet and a raffle. Please call Sr Patricia Heller on 07973 950755, if you plan to attend (for catering purposes).

MEMORY LANE CLUB

open every Wednesday morning from 10.30am onwards to 12.30pm in the Parish Lounge. Those with dementia and their carers are most welcome to drop in for refreshments, chat,

bingo, snooker, music and various other games and activities, all in an informal atmosphere of cheerfulness, fun and affection (email: edgehillmemorylaneclub@gmail.com).

STAMP GROUP

The Stamp Group will meet on Thursday 4th February, 9.30am, at 11 Edge Hill, helpers needed!

Social, Cultural & Notices

GENERATIONS TOGETHER IT CLINICS Excellent one-to-one computer & mobile phone tuition from friendly, knowledgeable girls is available this term, next sessions on 5th and 12th February at 12.35pm at the Ursuline High School - no charge. Contact Sheila Gent 020 8390 0119.

SACRED HEART CHORUS
Verdi Requiem workshop at the church on Sat 6th Feb

from 10am - 4pm, cost £10. Rehearsals for the actual concert on Sat 21st May start on Mon 22nd Feb, 7.30 - 9.30pm. For further details contact Sheena Macdonald on 07879 653580, email verdi@sacredheartmusic.co.uk or visit the website sacredheartmusic.co.uk.

LENTEN ORGAN RECITALS
Lenten organ recitals will take place in the church, David Gammie plays two

dramatic musical masterpieces appropriate to the season: Thursday 18th Feb at 7.30pm: 'Job' by Petr Eben (with Dr William Griffiths, narrator) Thursday 10th Mar at 7.30pm: 'Le Chemin de la Croix' (The Stations of the Cross) by Marcel Dupré. Admission free.

CAKE SALE

Due to unforeseen circumstances the Holy Cross School's Cake Sale scheduled for this Sunday had to be cancelled.

Exploring our Faith

THE LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR
The seminar is a series of talks and discussions which take place on Wednesdays over a period of 7 weeks starting this Wednesday 3rd February, 7.30-9pm in the Upper Hall (further dates 17th, 24th February, 16th March, on 10th February, 2nd & 9th March the seminar will be held in the Lower Hall).

SACRED HEART PARISH PILGRIMAGE
As part of the parish programme for the Year of Mercy, a pilgrimage led by Canon John to the Holy Land is planned. Tue 1st - Tue 8th November 2016. 4 nights Jerusalem, 1 night Bethlehem, 2 nights Galilee. BA flights from London Heathrow. £1,144 per person based on 2 people sharing & group size of 30. Price includes services of English speaking guide, half board, entrance fees & tips. Limited single room availability - £300 supplement. For further

information and booking form please email pilgrimage@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk or call Gill Didino at Tangney Tours on 01732 88 66 66.

EVANGELISATION MEETING
An Evangelisation Meeting will be held on Saturday 6th February in the Lower Parish Hall from 10.30am - 12.30pm. Everyone welcome. For more details, contact Sadie Smith on 020 8946 5198 or email sadiesmith3@talktalk.net

POPE FRANCIS' LAUDATO SI
An Evening Talk on Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si* will be held on Thu 11th Feb at St Teresa's, Morden, SM4 6BZ, from 7.30 - 9pm, led by Henry Longbottom SJ, who was an environmental lawyer before joining the Jesuits. From environmental advocacy for marginalised communities, to greening our own faith communities, the event will be an opportunity to explore practical ways we can respond to the encyclical's call for ecological conversion.

SEVEN DAY RETREAT IN PORTUGAL
The 'Love Heals Body Mind and Spirit' Ministry invites you to a Seven Day Retreat at Castle De Vide Retreat House, Portugal, from 9th - 15th June, the cost of £595 includes return flights, coach transfers, full board 6 nights, excursions, talks. Please secure your place by booking now via email to body_mind_spirit-mediation@hotmail.com; more info from David or Eileen on 020 8542 2476.

YEAR OF MERCY STUDY DAY
On Saturday 13th February a Year of Mercy Study Day is held in St. Joseph's Parish Hall, New Malden KT3 3QW. There will be talks on 'The Door of Mercy' and 'Divine Mercy: More than a Devotion and Mercy and Healing'. Cost: £20, includes lunch. For more information and to register please email guildofourladyandstjoseph@gmail.com

New to the Parish?

Please introduce yourself to a member of the Parish Team after Mass and complete a parish registration form available at the back of the church.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Safeguarding of Vulnerable Adults - training open to everyone but of particular relevance to those involved in working with vulnerable adults. The training is being offered free by the Diocesan Safeguarding Office. Venue: St Teresa Church, 250 Bishopsford Road, Morden SM4 6BZ. Saturday 12th March, 10.30am - 4pm. Email: office@sgo-rcd.southwark.org or phone 020 7261 1606 for details.

FAITH AND MERCY LEADERS' CONGRESS

The 2016 Congress takes place on Saturday 6th February at the Friends Meeting House, Euston Rd, London NW1 2BJ. This event is for anyone who works with young people in any setting in the Church. The day's programme comprises a variety of groups including *Rise Theatre*, *One Hope Project*, keynote speaker Fr Andrew Small, the launch of the *Faith in Action Awards* and more information on the next Flame Congress. Doors open at 10am, ending at 4pm. Cost from £10, for more detailed information and booking visit cymfed.org.uk/congress2016

CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

6.30pm (Sat) Fr M O'Halloran SJ 11.15am Fr M O'Halloran SJ
 8.15am Fr T Nwokeji 12.45pm Fr T Nwokeji
 8.30am Canon J Clark 5.00pm Fr P Gallagher SJ
 9.45am Fr N King SJ 8.00pm Canon J Clark

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 30 6.30pm Edwin Thomson RIP
 Mon 1 7.30am Eamon Hollingsworth RIP
 10.00am C. Woodward, S.Smith, T. D' Costa Thanksg.
 6.30pm Dan O'Brien Ints.
 Tue 2 7.30am Michael Byrnes RIP
 10.00am Alfred Jessiman RIP
 7.30pm Presentation of the Lord, special Mass
 Wed 3 7.30am Florence Nwokeji RIP
 10.00am Lucy Chen Ints.
 6.30pm Jose Manuel Travassus RIP
 Thu 4 7.30am Patricia Mullan RIP
 10.00am Alfred Jessiman RIP
 6.30pm Ranjit Croos Fernando RIP
 Fri 5 7.30am Mrs Ronnie Wood RIP
 10.00am Margaret Lumley Ints.
 6.30pm Jennifer Cairns RIP
 Sat 6 7.30am O'Sullivan family Ints.
 10.00am Benedict family Ints.

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Gisela Gregory
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Sandro Butacci, Ranjit Croos-Fernando, Jennie Hawthorne, Christina Abberton
The sick: Breda Whelan, Lorraine Grozdanovic, Alexander Skachkov, Roberto Luigi Farina, Allan Spiller, Sophia Ridley, Mark Fudakowski, Avril Brown, Jane Leahy, Cindy Bayat, Bernadette McMurray, Anne Medicraft, Pat Pike, Carol Escalona, David Fyfe, Mary Wallace, Dan O'Brien, Joy Thimont, Con Harrington, Rita Westbrook, Angela de Leon, Teresa Scanlon, Olinda D'Souza, Sheila Chateau, Alan Paul, Alina Hancock, Michael Hoskins, Electa Almeida, Sr Tien Nguyen, Caleb Edser, Eduard Kirchner, Julian Eddy, Troy Najair, Iona Sutherland, Margaret Lumley and Andrew Tan
[Please advise the Reception when names can be removed.]



COLLECTIONS

Collections at Mass last Sunday came to £1,245 in loose plate giving and £922 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £2,167. This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.
 The second collection for Racial Justice Sunday Collection raised £803. Thank you for your generous support.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 2nd February The Presentation of the Lord, Candlemas
Wednesday 3rd February St Laurence of Canterbury, Bishop; St Blaise, Bishop and Martyr
Friday 5th February St Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
Saturday 6th February St Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

EXPOSITION

Sundays: 3.30 - 4.30pm
 (Prayers for the Pope and the Catholic Church in Britain)
 Wednesdays: after the 7.30am and 10.00am Masses and 5.25 - 6.25pm
 Fridays: 5.25 - 6.25pm
 On First Fridays there is exposition from after the 6.30pm Mass to Midnight.

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays:
 10.30 - 11.30am
 3.00 - 4.00pm
 6.00 - 6.20pm
 Monday - Friday:
 6.00 - 6.20pm

MUSIC AT THE 11.15am MASS

Entry Hymn: 807, *Praise, my soul*
 Gloria: *Lourdes*
O Sing Joyfully, Adrian Batten
 Sanctus: *Mass of Creation*, Marty Haugen
Senex puerum portabat, William Byrd

PARISH SERVICES

Parish Office/Reception Hours: 9am - 5pm (Mon-Fri) 9.30am - 1pm (Sat) 9am - 1pm (Sun)
 Executive Assistant & Hall bookings: Thelma D'Costa (Mon - Fri 9.30am - 5pm) Site Manager: Arthur White (Mon - Fri 12noon - 6pm; Sat 9am-1pm)
 Parish Pastoral Council: sacredheartwimbledonppc@gmail.com
 Baptism, Marriage, First Sacraments, Funerals contact the parish 020 8946 0305
 Bereavement Support: For more information please contact the co-ordinator by email bereavementsacredheart@gmail.com or call 020 8946 5198, Referral forms available in the Presbytery Reception