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Newsletter

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Fifth Sunday (C)

Weekday Readings for
5th week of the Year

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Next Sunday's Readings

First Sunday of Lent

- Deuteronomy 26:4-10
- Psalm 90:1-2.10-15
- Romans 10:8-13
- Luke 4:1-13

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This coming Lent

We begin the holy season of Lent this Wednesday! Lent and Easter are very early this year and there is a danger that they may creep up on us and we have no time to prepare for them.

Lent is a special time of the year given to us by the Church to help us, through the workings of the Holy Spirit, to deepen our faith and love of God our father and his Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. If we are to get the most out of this Lent, we need to use the tools offered to us to deepen our relationship with God. Prayer, Fasting and Good Works are the three ways offered to us. We can create a little more time each day or each week to pray. This might be saying the rosary during Lent, if you don't already say it, or

using a particular prayer or devotion. There is a lot of devotional material available in the reception or at the back of the church.

In Lent it is possible to spend a little additional time before Jesus in the Eucharist at exposition, or join in the weekly celebrations of the Stations of the Cross, or attend an additional Mass during the week. There are many ways open to us to develop our prayer life during Lent. Giving something up is not a popular idea these days but it still provides a useful tool in

our armoury. Giving up something for Lent helps us to put things in their rightful place in our lives.

Finally, Good Works, in this year of Mercy what better Lenten practice than to take one or other of the corporal works of mercy and attempt to give it life through your actions. Prepare now for Lent by deciding on one action under each of the three categories and make a resolution to use them as your tools for deepening your relationship with God this Lent.

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

This 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.

INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Everyone is invited to find out more about this form of prayer and "have a go". Geoff Waterhouse from the WCCM (the World Community for Christian Meditation) will be here on Sat 20th Feb from 11.00am - 1.00pm in the Lounge. He will give some background on this movement, lead us in a 20 minute meditation and be available to answer questions. Those of any faith or none are welcome. If you cannot come but want to find out more please contact Pauline Barry on 0208 715 6095 or barrypauline1@gmail.com

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 christopher-woodward107@gmail.com

LENT 2016 BOOKLET

The 'Walk with Me, Lent - A Pilgrimage of Mercy' booklet is now available at the back of the church.

LOST PROPERTY

Please note that the box for lost property is now placed in the Presbytery Reception.

Parish News

AT HOME

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

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.

SCHOOL SLIPS

School slips will be collected this weekend.

Announcements

ASH WEDNESDAY

This Wednesday, 10th February, is Ash Wednesday, first day of Lent, fasting and abstinence. Masses will be celebrated at 7.30am, 10am, 6.30pm and 8pm; ashes are distributed at all Masses.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent the celebration of the Stations of the Cross will start at 7.15pm every Friday after the 6.30pm Mass.

CANON

ELIAS VOJTECH

We welcome Canon Elias Vojtech who will be coming to live with us for the next months. He is looking forward to meeting parishioners

this weekend. Canon Elias has been sent by his Archbishop to establish a chaplaincy to the Czech people both in London and in Paris. In the initial stage Canon Elias will be living here with us and will be helping out with the celebration of Masses.

THE LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

The seminar is a series of talks and discussions which take place on Wednesdays during Lent. The second seminar is Wednesday 10th February, 7.30-9pm in the Upper Hall (further dates 17th February, 24th February, 2nd, 9th & 16th March.) We had a good

number attend a very successful evening this Wednesday, may I strongly encourage you to come along this Wednesday - you won't regret it, I am sure.

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. The event will be an opportunity to explore practical ways we can respond to the encyclical's call for ecological conversion.

Parish Organisations

WIMBLEDON CANCER FRIENDSHIP GROUP

On Thursday, 11th February, 7.30-9pm, Liz Butler will talk about 'Demystifying diets for cancer support'. Anyone affected by any cancer is welcome to come to the lounge of the Wimbledon Guild, 30 Worple Rd, SW19 4EF. Please ring 07948 767936 or email

wcfg@live.co.uk for more information.

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).

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Show & Tell: Friday 4th March. Advance notice. Have you got an interesting object to share with your friends at the next Friendship Group Meeting? More details nearer the time.

Social, Cultural

LUNCHTIME RECITALS

At St John's Wimbledon, next recital is on Fri 12th Feb at 1pm with Alasdair Macaskill (piano). Coffee & homemade cakes from 12.30pm, recitals last 45 mins, retiring collection. St John the Baptist, SW19 4NZ, www.stjohnswimbledon.co.uk

LENTEEN ORGAN RECITALS

Lenten organ recitals will take place in the church, David Gammie plays two dramatic musical master-

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

SACRED HEART CHORUS

Verdi Requiem rehearsals (for the actual concert on Sat 21st May) start on Mon 22nd Feb, 7.30 - 9.30pm. For details contact Sheena Mac-

donald on 07879 653580, email verdi@sacredheartmusic.co.uk or visit sacredheartmusic.co.uk.

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS

London SW Catholic Young Adults is a social group for young Catholics in the diocese that meets every month. Our next get-together is on Sat, 13th Feb at 7.30pm, in The Merchant, Clapham Junction, SW11 1HG. For further details, visit our Facebook page or contact Miles on

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-rcdsouthwark.org or phone 020 7261 1606 for details.

HEADTEACHER VACANCY

Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School, Tolworth is looking for a suitably qualified practising Catholic to become its new Headteacher. The post would start in September 2016 and the deadline for applications is 29th February. For more details please email governors@olirbksch.org

GREAT GATSBY BALL

The Ursuline Preparatory School Parents Association are hosting a Great Gatsby Ball on Saturday 27th February, 2016 in the Upper Hall 7pm-11pm. Details and tickets are available by calling the Ursuline Preparatory School 0208 947 0859.

Exploring our Faith

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.

THE LOVE HEALS BODY MIND AND SPIRIT TEAM

The 'Love Heals Body Mind and Spirit' team welcomes you to a morning of quiet

reflection, Christian meditation and healing prayers on Saturday 13th February 10.30am-1pm in the Lounge after the 10am Mass, starting with tea & coffee.

Their 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_meditation@hotmail.com; more information 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', '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

A DAY WITH MARY

Do come for a day of instruction, devotion and intercession on Saturday 20th February from 9.30am - 5pm at St Joseph Church, Montem Rd, New Malden, KT3 3QW; confessions and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during the day, celebrant & preacher Fr Peter Edwards, sermons by Fr David Gummett and Fr Peter Gallagher SJ, for detailed information, please visit www adaywithmary.org

For full details on DWM Pilgrimages by air from London to the Holy Land (6th-15th April), Fatima (9th-14th June) and Italy (29th Aug - 6th Sept) visit www adaywithmary.org or email to dwm@adaywithmary.org

CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

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| Sat | 6 | 6.30pm | Mildred Lewis RIP |
| Mon | 8 | 7.30am | Peter Austin Ints. |
| | | 10.00am | Dan O'Brien Ints. |
| | | 6.30pm | Percival Hamilton RIP |
| Tue | 9 | 7.30am | Andrzej & Olena Ints. |
| | | 10.00am | Alfred Jessiman RIP |
| | | 6.30pm | Wynne family Ints. |
| Wed | 10 | 7.30am | Andrzej & Olena Ints. |
| | | 10.00am | Rohan Thava Birthday |
| | | 6.30pm | Dan O'Brien Ints. |
| Thu | 11 | 7.30am | Peter Connellan RIP |
| | | 10.00am | Alfred Jessiman RIP |
| | | 6.30pm | Rita Gomes RIP |
| Fri | 12 | 7.30am | Kathleen Edwards RIP |
| | | 10.00am | Agnes Almeida RIP |
| | | 6.30pm | Jim Sharkey RIP |
| Sat | 13 | 7.30am | Peter Connellan RIP |
| | | 10.00am | Jadwica Opalanska |

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Gisela Gregory, Nora Wood, Allan Spiller, Veronica Gleeson, Margaret Moran

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Victor McManus, Jeannine Tait, Gerald Gearing, Barbara Cottrell, James Aquilina, Angela Kelly, Anna O'Hanlon, Margaret Ahearne

The sick: Breda Whelan, Lorraine Grozdanovic, Alexander Skachkov, Roberto Luigi Farina, Alina Hancock, Sophia Ridley, 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, Michael Hoskins, Electa Almeida, Sr Tien Nguyen, Caleb Edser, Eduard Kirchner, Julian Eddy, Troy Najair, Margaret Lumley and Andrew Tan [Please advise the Reception when names can be removed.]



COLLECTIONS

Collections at Mass last Sunday came to £2,002 in loose plate giving and £565 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £2,567. This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.

If you change your address or if your tax status changes could you please notify the Parish Office.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 8th February St Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

Wednesday 10th February St Scholastica, Virgin

Thursday 11th February Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes

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

Missa brevis in C, 'Spatzenmesse',
W.A. Mozart

Laudate Dominum, W.A. Mozart

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