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Newsletter

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Third Sunday of Lent (C)

Weekday Readings for
3rd week of Lent

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Next Sunday's Readings

Fourth Sunday of Lent - Laetare

- Joshua 5:9-12
- Psalm 33:2-7. R.v 9
- 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
- Luke 15:1-3. 11-32

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The Scrutinies

Today at the 12.45pm Mass we will have the ceremony of what is called 'the First Scrutiny'. Those adults who are preparing to be baptised on Easter Night, and who a couple of weeks ago were enrolled in the book of the elect, will take the final steps towards baptism. The Scrutinies which take place over the next 3 weeks are special payers for our catechumens to turn their lives to Christ and away from sin. The whole community of faith joins them in their prayer, preparing to receive our brothers and sisters into full communion of the Body of Christ. This is the origin of the Holy Season of Lent. From the date of election to Easter Night the catechumens prepared through prayer, fasting and good works to receive the great sacrament of baptism. Very early in the history of the Church the whole people of God chose to walk with the Catechumens through their period of purification and themselves adopted prayer, fasting and good works as their Lenten practice. We continue that association of Lent with the Catechumens preparation for their reception into the Church at Easter. Our prayers during Lent should be for them and for us. We should pray that we will be a welcoming community for our new members; just as we pray for them that the Holy Spirit will guide them and empower them to live out the new life of Christ which will be theirs.

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

Today the 2nd collection will be for St Raphael's Hospice, gift aid envelopes are available at the back of the church.

SCHOOL SLIPS

School slips will be collected again this weekend.

VACANCIES AT JESUIT MISSIONS

Jesuit Missions is the mission and development organisation of the Jesuits in Britain. JM is advertising two jobs based in their office in Edge Hill: an Office Administrator and a Supporter Services Assistant. For further information, please visit the JM website <http://jesuitmissions.org.uk/>

CHRISTIAN AID

'Christian Aid and the Occupied Palestinian Territory', discussion evening on Tue 10th March, 8-9.30pm at Trinity URC, Mansel Road Centre, SW19 4AA with speakers Kathy Childress (Christian Aid, SW London), Hannah Griffiths (who recently returned from working with the World Council of Churches) and Hamed Qawas-meh. This evening will be a valuable opportunity to hear about Christian Aid's work at first hand. Everyone very wel-

EASTER CARDS

Easter cards are available at the Presbytery Reception.

FRIENDSHIP ART GROUP

The Friendship Art Group will meet on Tue 1st March 2.15 - 4.15pm in the Lower Hall. There will be a theme or project but you may bring work of your own choice. Everyone welcome, materials available.

Parish News

R.C.I.A.

Three members of our parish who celebrated the Rite of Election at the cathedral on 13th February will be received into the Church at Easter. During the 12.45pm Mass for the next three Sundays they will receive special anointing and blessings

as part of their final preparation. Martin Smith will be baptised, Paul Duffin and Beth Ingram will be received into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Please pray for them.

AT HOME

The next 'At Home' will be

on Monday 29th February from 7.30 to 9.30pm

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.

Announcements

SIGNED AND SPOKEN MASS

On this Sunday, 28th Feb, a signed and spoken Mass will be celebrated at 4pm in the Chapel of Wimbledon College. All with hearing difficulties are welcome!

THE LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

The seminar is a series of talks and discussions which take place on Wednesdays during Lent. The 5th seminar is on Wed 2nd March, 7.30-9pm in the Lower Hall when Canon John will speak on the Baptism of the Spirit (further dates 9th & 16th March).

PARENTING WITH FAITH

Do you have secondary school age children? If so, you are invited to a series of

talks for parents and sponsors on *Parenting With Faith* starting on Wednesday 2nd March, 7-9pm, Upper Hall, with Jenny Baker speaking about '*Parenting Through The Sacraments*'. Jenny Baker is a presenter and producer, mother of two daughters, she will provide a thought provoking and practical insight on parenting young people in faith.

OPEN 24 HOURS

This Lent in response to the invitation of Pope Francis to celebrate and experience God's Mercy you are invited to St George's Cathedral to attentively listen to the Word of God at the '*24hrs For the Lord*' taking place on 4th (at 12.30pm) - 5th March

(ends with Mass at 12.30pm) you can join for as much or as little as you'd like! For more information visit www.stgeorgescathedral.org.uk/holyyear.html

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 4th March starting (after the Stations of the Cross) 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.

PRAYERS

Please join us in prayers for Bishop Howard Tripp who is unwell.

Parish Organisations

WIMBLEDON CANCER FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Anyone affected by any cancer is welcome to come to an evening meeting with speaker Kara McDonnell, the MacMillan Involvement co-ordinator for SW London on Thursday 10th March at 7.30pm in the lounge of the Wimbledon Guild, 30

Worple Road, SW19 4EF. Please ring 07948 767936 or email wcfg@live.co.uk for more information.

Bring along photos, books and objets d'art etc. Sherry, nibbles & tea served. All welcome.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Show & Tell on Friday 4th March at 2.30pm in the Parish Lounge. This is an opportunity to share your cherished family mementos.

STAMP GROUP

The Stamp group will meet on Thursday 3rd March at 9.30am at 11 Edge Hill. All are welcome!

Social, Cultural

LENTEN ORGAN RECITALS

The next Lenten Organ Recital given by David Gammie will be on 10th March at 7.30pm: 'Le Chemin de la Croix' (The Stations of the Cross) by Marcel Dupré. Admission free.

SACRED HEART CHORUS

Please contact Sheena MacDonald for details on Verdi Requiem rehearsals (07879 653580, verdi@sacredheartmusic.co.uk). The actual concert will be on Saturday 21st May.

WIMBLEDON COLLEGE EASTER SHOW

Wimbledon College's Easter show is West Side Story: March 16th, 17th & 18th at 7.30pm; £7 adults, £5 under 18s. Tickets via the College website: www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk or by phone 020 8946 2533.

MENDELSSOHN'S ELIJAH

Following the spectacular performance of Verdi's Requiem in 2014 the Lewisham Choral Society will return to Fairfield Halls (Croydon CR9 1DG) on Saturday 19th March, 7.30pm with The Derbyshire Singers and The

Forest Philharmonic Orchestra to perform Mendelssohn's Elijah. For full details and to reserve tickets (from £15-30) visit www.lewishamchoralsociety.org.uk

THAMES PHILHARMONIC CHOIR

Rossini's *Petite Messe Solennelle*, with professional soloists and traditional accompaniment of 2 pianos and harmonium, in All Saints' Church, KT1 1JP on Sat 12th March, 7.30pm. For tickets, from £16-£20, call 07522 524081 or visit www.thamesphilchoir.org.uk. Open rehearsals at 2.30pm.

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.

CATHOLIC YOUNG SINGLES

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 5th March from 7.30pm at *The Alexandra*, SW19 7NE. For further details visit our Facebook page, contact Miles on 07790441242.

SACRED HEART IRISH NIGHT

Come to an Irish Night on Saturday 19th March at 7pm in the Upper Hall, with Alan Maries Saxophone Quintet & Irish Caleigh band; tickets available at the Presbytery or contact williamrhind@hotmail.com, 07913 215651 (£15, includes food and one drink; raffle tickets sold on the night); proceeds will go to Sisters of Mercy (Ireland).

LUNCHTIME RECITALS

At St John's Wimbledon, next recital is on Friday 11th March at 1pm with Einar Jóhannesson (clarinet) and Michael Higgins (piano) performing Schubert. Coffee & cakes from 12.30pm, recitals last 45mins, retiring collection. St John the Baptist, SW19 4NZ.

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.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

On Friday 4th March, the Women's World day of

Prayer, ecumenical services will be celebrated at Merton Park Baptist Church, Bushey Road (10.30am), Holy Trinity Wimbledon Broadway (8am). All Welcome. For further info contact alisonwilliams36@btinternet.com or 02089440574

LENT REFLECTION

Over the weeks of Lent the Archdiocese of Southwark's Stewardship Team, in collaboration with the diocesan Spirituality Commission, will send daily reflections featuring thoughts, Scripture and prayer. If you would like to receive these please enter your details into the form on the following link: <http://eepurl.com/bF0b6P>

A DAY WITH MARY

Come for a day of instruction, devotion and intercession on Saturday 12th March from 10.30am-6pm at St Boniface, Mitcham Rd,

Tooting, SW17 9PG. For detailed info please visit www adaywithmary.org.

MOUNT STREET JESUIT CENTRE

Invites you to a One Day Workshop on 'Living in the Present Moment' facilitated by Margaret Philpot to be held on Sat 19th March from 11am-4pm. Please arrive from 10.30am for coffee - the workshop starts promptly at 11am. Bring a packed lunch, drinks are provided. For detailed info & booking visit www.mountstreet.info or call 020 7495 1673.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

10th - 17th May, 7 nights, half board in 4* Apartments, airport transfers for £236; for bookings contact reservations@med-irishcentre.com or call 020 32398662.

CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

6.30pm (Sat) Fr T Nwokeji 11.15am Canon J Clark
8.15am Fr N King SJ 12.45pm Fr N King SJ
8.30am Canon J Clark 5.00pm Fr P Gallagher SJ
9.45am Fr T Nwokeji 8.00pm Canon J Clark

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 27 6.30pm Leonard & Elizabeth Allen RIP
Sun 28 8.30pm Mary Mottershead Anniv.
Mon 29 7.30am Teresa Ptaszynska-Neophytou
10.00am Peter Connellan RIP, Mary & Family Ints.
6.30pm Luchi Rebollo Calvo
Tue 1 7.30am Aubrey Honeyman RIP
10.00am Alfred Jessiman RIP
6.30pm Elizabeth Saunders RIP
Wed 2 7.30am Jacqueline Ints.
10.00am Christine Horgan Ints.
6.30pm Luise & Donald Dery
Thu 3 7.30am Rita Hampshire RIP
10.00am Angela Roots Funeral Mass
6.30pm Tilly & Fabio Engagement
Fri 4 7.30am Nora O'Donnell RIP
10.00am Michal Borra RIP
6.30pm Michael Wiggins RIP
Sat 5 7.30am Jose Manoel Travassos RIP
10.00am Eilish Healy RIP

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Angela Roots, Eileen Erring, Caridad Gomez, Liam Myles
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Lynne O'Sullivan, Alice Kehoe, Louis Clement Salole, Conseptia Abberton, Timothy Meehan
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, 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 £1,491 in loose plate giving and £546 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £2,037. This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.
The CAFOD Lent Fast Day collection raised £2,361. Thank you for your generous support!

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 1st March St David, Bishop, Patron of Wales
Friday 4th March Women's World Day of Prayer

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 super Douce mémoire, O. Lassus
Ad te levavi, Domine, A. Scarlatti
O bone Jesu, M.A. Ingegneri

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