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Newsletter

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Fourth Sunday of Lent (C)
Laetare Sunday
Weekday Readings for
3rd week of Lent
Vol 3. Psalter week 4

Next Sunday's Readings
Fifth Sunday of Lent

- Isaiah 43:16-21
- Psalm 125.R.v3
- Philippians 3:8-14
- John 8:1-11

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The Merciful Father - Laetare Sunday

There really is a no more beautiful parable than that of the prodigal son, or as it is often referred to today, 'the parable of the merciful Father'. It is the story we listened to in the gospel reading today. There are so many different lessons to be learned today in the story, from the motivation of the son to claim his inheritance and leave the family home, to his return in shame, seeking not the forgiveness of his father but his tolerance and forbearance. We have the reaction of the



father to the return of his youngest son, and we have the almost predictable reaction of the oldest son to his brother's return. For me the reaction of the Father to his son's return is the most moving. He isn't going about his daily business when his son turns up

and asks to be treated as one of the household servants. No, the Father is there on the road scanning the horizon for any sign of his son's return. He had probably done that day by day since his son left. We can only but imagine the sadness in the Father when day by day there was no sight of his son on the dusty road. He never gave up. His daily vigil was repaid when this day, there in the distance, was the outline of a familiar figure, his long lost son. We can only imagine the joy he felt at this longed for reunion. Jesus is telling us that this is how our heavenly Father responds to us. We should have no fear only love for Him.

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

Also Resident: Canon Elias Vojtech

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

DIVINE MERCY PILGRIM- AGE TO THE HOLY DOOR

Westminster Cathedral 12.30 - 3pm on Saturday 12th March. In the program Holy Mass, passing through the Door of Mercy, enthronement of the image of Divine Mercy, talk on Divine Mercy, exposition with chaplet. All welcome.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Our group meets weekly in Wimbledon on Wednesdays at 2.15pm, 41 Murray Road, SW19. For more information please contact Pauline Barry on 020 8715 6095 or email barrypauline1@gmail.com

PROGRAMME ADVERTISING

If you have a business and would like to advertise in the forthcoming Verdi Requiem concert programme, please contact Sheena on 07879 653 580 or email verdi@sacredheartmusic.co.uk - everyone attending the concert will receive a free programme.

MINDFULNESS COURSES

Are you aged 15-19? Are tests and exams crowding in on you? Does your to-do list seem out of control and you would like to ease up? In just 4 hours, for free, we will introduce you to some of the latest relaxation techniques that really work. Course 1: Wed 30th March & Fri 1st April, 10am-12noon or Course 2: Wed 6th & Fri 8th April, 10am-12noon at Garden Hall, St Mary's Church, London SW19 7BP with Clare Morgan, Mindfulness practitioner & Charlotte Ennis, Life Coach. For more info and to register, email 2thinkmindfulness@gmail.com

Parish News

AT HOME

The next 'At Home' will be on Monday 7th March from 6 - 8pm.

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 again this Sunday 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 continue to pray for them.

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.

SCHOOL SLIPS

School slips will be collected this weekend.

Announcements

SURVEY OF THE CHURCH

Due to a survey, our church will be closed for a few hours after the 10am Mass on Tuesday 8th March.

THE LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

The seminar is a series of talks and discussions which take place on Wednesdays during Lent. The 6th seminar is on Wednesday 9th March, 7.30-9pm in the Lower Hall when David Sharp (Westminster Team, Charismatic Healing Ministry) will speak about 'Growth'; the next and last seminar will take place on Wednesday 16th March.

FAIRTRADE BREAKFAST

Please join us next Sunday 13th March in the Lower Hall after the 8.45am and the 9.45am Masses for a delicious breakfast and a cake sale to celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight!

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 Qawasmeh. This evening will be a valuable opportunity to hear about Christian Aid's work at first hand. Everyone very welcome.

NEWMAN CIRCLE

The next meeting will be on Thursday 17th March at 7.30pm in the Parish Lounge, when Dr Erica Hunter will talk on the fascinating and timely subject of 'The Church in the East', a church which no longer exists but which was dominant for over 1000 years. All are welcome!

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.

DO YOU LIKE SEWING?

Would you like to join a parish sewing group? More details from Sadie Smith on 020 8946 5198 or 0775 283 1304 or email sadiesmith3@talktalk.net

MANNA SOCIETY

The Manna Centre at Melior Street supports the many homeless in that area with the opportunity to get food, clothing and medical care. Any donations of dried or canned food, toiletries, men's clothing etc. can be left in the green bins inside the Lower Hall.

Social, Cultural

LENTEN ORGAN RECITALS

The next Lenten Organ Recital given by David Gammie will be on Thursday 10th March at 7.30pm: 'Le Chemin de la Croix' (The Stations of the Cross) by Marcel Dupré. Admission free; for more detailed information visit www.sacredheartmusic.co.uk

SACRED HEART CHORUS

Please contact Sheena Macdonald for details on Verdi Requiem rehearsals (07879 653 580, verdi@sacredheartmusic.co.uk). The actual con-

cert will be on Saturday 21st May.

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

THAMES PHILHARMONIC CHOIR

Rossini's *Petite Messe Solennelle*, with professional soloists and traditional accompaniment of 2 pianos and har-

monium, 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.

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.

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.

LENT REFLECTION

Over the weeks of Lent the Archdiocese of Southwark's Stewardship Team, in colla-

boration with the diocesan Spirituality Commission, will send daily reflections featuring thoughts, Scripture and prayer. If you would like to receive these, you can still 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.

HOUSE OF PRAYER EAST MOLESEY

Invites you to a meditation led by Dr Lynne Scholefield on Teilhard de Chardin's 'The Mass of the World' - Teilhard's grand vision was the Eucharist and the Sacred Heart of Christ being the radiating

centre of the universe. Saturday 19th March 10am-4pm, House of Prayer, 35 Seymour Rd, East Molesey, KT8 0PB.

MOUNT STREET JESUIT CENTRE

Invites you to a reflective Journey through the Old Testament: 'The New & Everlasting Covenant - A God with Skin on!' facilitated by Brian Purfield on Saturday 2nd April from 11am-4pm. Please see the website for more information and for booking www.mountstreet.info or call 020 7495 1673; 114 Mount Street, W1K 3AH.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

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

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 SINGLES

Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, either one to one or through social events. For more information please ring 0161 941 3498, visit the website www.catholicsingles.org.uk or email info@catholicsingles.org.uk

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).

SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL

The SH Primary School is looking to appoint KS1/2 Teachers, excellent practitioners with energy and enthusiasm from September 2016; application packs available from the school office (020 8942 0215) closing date 18th March.

CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat	5	6.30pm	Sergio Cecchini RIP
Mon	7	7.30am	Baby Poppi Worthington RIP
		10.00am	Janko Zarkovic RIP
		6.30pm	Rita O'Connell Thanksgiving
Tue	8	7.30am	Babies Sebastian & Benedict Chale RIP
		10.00am	Alfred Jessiman RIP
		6.30pm	Christopher Banks RIP
Wed	9	7.30am	Andre Du Toit RIP
		10.00am	Ginetta Gazzi RIP
		6.30pm	Peter Conellan RIP
Thu	10	7.30am	Sebastian Chale RIP
		10.00am	Alfred Jessiman RIP
		6.30pm	Mary Reilly RIP
Fri	11	7.30am	Mrs Hellicell Ints.
		10.00am	Thomas Doran RIP
		6.30pm	John Pieroni RIP
Sat	12	7.30am	Decd Family members of Mrs Hellicell
		10.00am	Bradnick Family Ints.

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Joy Thimont, Margherita Opacic, Liam Myles

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Thomas Kearns, Robert Deith, Sarah Allison, Luiza Gomes, Cecilia Vaz, George Belcher, Nancy Kominsky Wadehouse, Nora Downey, Kevin O'Sullivan

The sick: Breda Whelan, Lorraine Grozdanovic, Alexander Skachkov, Roberto Luigi Farina, Sophia Ridley, Avril Brown, Jane Leahy, Cindy Bayat, Bernadette McMurray, Anne Medicraft, Pat Pike, Carol Escalona, David Fyfe, Mary Wallace, Con Harrington, Rita Westbrook, Angela de Leon, Alina Hancock, 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 £1,692 in loose plate giving and £596 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £2,288. This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.

The second collection for St Raphael's Hospice raised £1,643. Many thanks for your generous support!

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 7th March Ss Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

Tuesday 8th March St John of God, Religious

Wednesday 9th March St Frances of Rome, Religious

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, Andrea Gabrieli

Ave Maria, Igor Stravinsky

Tantum ergo, Fernand Laloux

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