



# THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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## Newsletter

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**The Ascension of the Lord  
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Weekday Readings for  
7th week of Easter  
Vol 3.**

**Next Sunday's Readings  
Pentecost**

- Acts 2:1-11
- Psalm 103:1.24.29-31.34
- Romans 8:8-17
- John 14:15-16.23-26

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### Ascension of the Lord

They say that if you stop in the street and look up, it will not be long before you will be joined by another curious as to what you can see. The longer you gaze into the sky the larger will be the crowd joining you! I am not suggesting you try this. I can't help feeling that the apostles must have attracted attention as they stood looking up as Jesus ascended into heaven. No wonder by the angels, "Why



are you men from Galilee standing here looking at the sky?" They were looking in one way to the past as their friend and teacher leaves them for the last time to return to his father in heaven. In another way

they are looking to the future, in anticipation of the coming of the Holy Spirit. For now they will return to prayer and companionship waiting for that event signified by Jesus. They could have no expectation as to the effect of the Spirit's presence in their lives. That same Spirit is in our lives too.

#### YOUTH MINISTER

The parish is advertising for a new youth minister to assist the Parish Priest and our team of volunteer catechists in leading, developing and co-ordinating parish pastoral programmes from five years to early adulthood. Application forms are available from the parish office. Closing date for completed applications is Monday 23rd May.

#### PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF MERCY

Lord Jesus, 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

## SECOND COLLECTION

The second collection today will be in support of the Catholic Communications Network (CCN), the media office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

## CAR PARKING

Increasing difficulty has been experienced on morning weekdays with people using the church car park for long stays without a legitimate reason. The Pastoral Council wishes to advise all parishioners that the church car park is available ONLY for persons visiting the church or for other parish activities. To prevent unauthorised parking at the beginning of the day, parking monitoring is to be introduced with details of offenders passed to the parking enforcement company which already displays warning signs. The schools and parents of pupils are being reminded of the concessionary arrangements for dropping off and picking up children at the beginning and end of the school day and have been asked not to abuse the current arrangements.

Please also take care when parking in Darlaston Road. Park only in authorised parking places and do not block drive ways of the residents. We must not prove an inconvenience to our neighbours.

## 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: [edgehillmemorylaneclub@gmail.com](mailto:edgehillmemorylaneclub@gmail.com).

## Parish News

### AT HOME

Please note that the next 'At Home' will be on Monday 16th May. Canon John would like to inform you that he is away on a retreat from Monday to Friday this week.

### PENTECOST NOVENA

The Novena to the Holy Spirit for the reunion of Christendom began on Friday 6th May. It commemorates

the nine days between the Ascension of Our Lord and the descent of the Holy Ghost on the first Pentecost Sunday.

### HOLY ROSARY

May devotions to the Blessed Virgin Mary take place at 6pm in the Lady's Chapel.

### SCHOOL SLIPS

School slips will be collected this weekend.

### PARISH FIRST

#### COMMUNION MASSES

First Communion Masses will be celebrated again next Saturday 14th May (at 10am & 12noon). There will be **no** confessions other than at 6pm this Saturday. Please keep the First Communion children and their families in your prayers over the coming weeks.

## Announcements

### EVENING WITH CARDINAL BO

You are invited to an evening with Cardinal Bo at St Joseph's Pastoral Centre (New Malden KT3 3QW) on Friday 13th May, 7.30pm, in association with Christian Solidarity Worldwide (CSW) & Aid to the Church in Need (ACN). Cardinal Charles Maung Bo, Burma/Myanmar's first ever Cardinal, has long been one of the most outspoken voices for Human rights, religious freedom, inter-religious harmony, peace and justice in the country.

### FOLLOW UP FOR CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

Young people who received the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2014 or 2015 are invited to take part in a

short time of reflection and sharing on Sunday 15th May from 4.30-6.30pm (followed by Mass) at St John Fisher Parish Hall, Merton SW20 9BD. All welcome!

### NEWMAN CIRCLE

The next meeting will be on Thursday 26th May at 7.30pm in the Lounge when Mark Williamson will speak on 'William Wilberforce and the Abolition of Slavery'. Mark is the author of 'Achieving the Impossible', a biography of Wilberforce, who, incidentally, spent much of his childhood in Wimbledon in what is now Lauriston Road, so making this topic even more interesting. All are welcome.

### TRADCRAFT

Traidcraft sale this

Sunday! Your support is much appreciated. Please continue to support producers in developing countries by buying your groceries from us. Please also consider offering your help to sell goods on one or two Sundays in the year. Goods can also be ordered from 020 8946 6528 or via email: [celiacviic@btinternet.com](mailto:celiacviic@btinternet.com)

### MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP

The prayer group meets every Tuesday at 10.30am for approx. 1 hour. A simple set of formal prayers is used. This is a great opportunity to pray in a committed way for children. Contact Polly Harrison for more info (07815 855 469).

## Parish Organisations

### FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Outing to Grayshott Pottery, Tuesday 10th May, 10.30am after Mass. Free transport & pottery tour. Hot/cold lunch at Café. Limited places. Please call Gaye 020 8946 2174 to book.

Royal Birthday Celebration: Lunch with bubbly. Friday

10th June, 12noon - 3pm. Upper Hall. Tickets £13. Please call Judy on 020 8947 1658.

### WIMBLEDON CANCER FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Anyone affected by any cancer is welcome to an evening meeting in the

lounge of the Wimbledon Guild on Thursday 12th May from 7.30-9pm when Jim Tait will talk about 'Living with prostate cancer'. 30/32 Worple Road, SW19 4EF. Please ring 07948 767936 or email [wcfg@live.co.uk](mailto:wcfg@live.co.uk) for more info.

## Social, Cultural & Notices

### VERDI REQUIEM SACRED HEART PARISH CHORUS

Tickets for the Verdi Requiem concert (in support of St Raphael's Hospice) on Saturday 21st May at 8pm (£15, £10/concessions, £5/students) are available on [www.sacredheartmusic.co.uk](http://www.sacredheartmusic.co.uk) There is still advertising space available in the programme and other opportunities for sponsorship, details can also be found on the website.

### COUNCIL OF CHRISTIANS & JEWS

Invites you to a talk on 'The Future of Religion Spirituality in Schools' on Wednesday 18th May at 7pm, Clattern Lecture Theatre, Penrhyn Road Campus, Kingston University.

Free event, but contact Anita Wilson, South West branch of the Council of Christians & Jews, if you wish to attend - please email [anita.wilson@talktalk.net](mailto:anita.wilson@talktalk.net)

### MARCH FOR LIFE

The next *March for life UK* for the protection of the unborn with Bishops David McGough, Patrick McKinney and Emmanuel Ade Badejo and guest speakers Ryan Bomberger and Stephanie Gray, will be on Saturday 14th May in Birmingham. For more information please visit [www.marchforlife.co.uk](http://www.marchforlife.co.uk) or call 07885 505 166.

### 'HUNGER LOTTERY'

*Did you know that 50% of the world go hungry each day while, in the 'Hunger Lottery', we*

*are in the lucky 20% who eat well?*

Continuing our theme of supporting refugees in the current crisis, we are holding two 'Hunger Banquets' in aid of CAFOD's refugee work on Thursday 26th May. All will pay £12 and then draw lots at the door to see if they will eat like the rich, like those on middle incomes or - as half the world do every single day - eat like the poor. Mark Chamberlain from CAFOD will share his experience with Syrian refugees in Lebanon. Tickets are for either lunch 12.30-2pm or evening meal 7.30-9pm in the Upper Hall, will be on sale after all Masses this weekend & are available from the Parish Office. Please do join us!

### 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.

### PACT

Can you help prisoners & their families? You are invited to come & see the opportunities for you to volunteer to help those in prison, prisoner's families, and ex-offenders. The Catholic prison charity *Pact* (Prison Advice & Care Trust) works in several prisons across London and relies heavily on volunteers to help those in need. Saturday 11th June, drop in any time between 9.30am-1pm, St George's Cathedral, Amigo Hall. For more information, contact Tom: [thomas.brindle@prisonadvice.org.uk](mailto:thomas.brindle@prisonadvice.org.uk) or call 020 3031 6869.

### SACRED HEART RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Sacred Heart RC primary school in New Malden is seeking to appoint, from September 2016, an outstanding Catholic leader to the post of Headteacher. For further info & application form please email: [faye.mcgillian@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk](mailto:faye.mcgillian@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk) The closing date for applications is Monday 9th May at midday.

**URSULINE PREP SCHOOL** is seeking to appoint an outstanding, enthusiastic, forward thinking and proactive Specialist Teacher (PT) who will play a key role in the development of Art at our thriving school. For details & application form visit [www.ursuline-prep.merton.sch.uk](http://www.ursuline-prep.merton.sch.uk) or call 020 8947 0859. Closing date 16th May.

## Exploring our Faith

### SAINTS OF MERCY

The last of the post Easter talks on the *Saints of Mercy* will be on Thursday 12th May at 7.30pm (on SS Padre Pio & Leopold Mandić - 'Saints of the Confessional' with Fr Martin Mikukiewicz OFM) at St George's Cathedral (Amigo Hall), SE1 6HR, entry is free, donations welcomed, refreshments provided; for more info & to register contact 020 8672 2684.

### A DAY WITH MARY

Do come for a day of instruction, devotion and intercession on Saturday 14th May from 10am-5pm at the Shrine of St Augustine, Ramsgate, Kent CT11 9PA; procession, Mass, confession, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, silent adoration with celebrant and preacher

Fr Marcus Holden, sermon on Our Lady by Fr Joseph Edattu VC. For details visit [www adaywithmary.org](http://www adaywithmary.org)

### PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

The 7th Divine Mercy Pilgrimage to Walsingham organised by the Marian Fathers, Divine Mercy Apostolate, will take place on Saturday 4th June starting at 11am. All are welcome, for more information please contact the Divine Mercy Apostolate on 020 8998 0925 or visit [www.divinemercyapostolate.co.uk](http://www.divinemercyapostolate.co.uk)

### PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The Southwark Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes led by Archbishop Peter Smith will take place from 19th-26th

August; for full details (costs from £752 by air, £687 by train) and booking forms please contact Southwark Lourdes Pilgrimage Director Canon Edward Perera on 020 8399 9550.

### WYD 2016 - KRAKOW

23rd July - 1st August: Southwark Catholic Youth Service have a few places left for World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland. If you are aged 18-30 and you're interested in joining the diocesan pilgrimage please call 01227 272900 or email [jean@scys.org.uk](mailto:jean@scys.org.uk)

### CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Our group meets weekly on Wednesdays at 21.5pm, 41 Murray Rd, SW19. For more info please contact Pauline Berry on 020 8715 6095.

### CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

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

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 7 6.30pm Ana Rosa Caneiro RIP  
Mon 9 7.30am Sheila Smith RIP  
10.00am Joanne Thiru Anniv.  
6.30pm Maureen Keane RIP  
Tue 10 7.30am Pauline Reid RIP  
10.00am Alfred Jessiman RIP  
1.30pm Funeral for Marianne Zeck  
6.30pm Mary Kelly RIP  
Wed 11 7.30am Clive Culleton RIP  
10.00am Edna Fernandes RIP  
6.30pm Decd members of McKenna family RIP  
Thu 12 7.30am George Smith RIP  
10.00am Alfred Jessiman RIP  
6.30pm Lucia Adami RIP  
Fri 13 7.30am Joan Rooney RIP  
10.00am Funeral for Peter Ipekjdjian  
6.30pm Tony Burke RIP  
Sat 14 7.30am Mary Patton RIP  
10.00am Alba Zazzi RIP

### WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

**Those who have died recently:** Olinda D'Souza, Peter Ipekjdjian, Mary Howlin, Marianne Zeck, Leon Kapikian  
**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Geoff Chapman, Kevin Hunt, Michael Broadley, Sr Margaret Mooney SMR, Stephen Frank, Zofia and Boleslaw Pawlik, Michael Anthony Nolan  
**The sick:** Luisa Derx, Cecilia Marcantonio, Ronnie Bradnick, Denis Geoghegan, Alexander Skachkov, Baby Bleu Denley Saunders, Frank Micetich, Patricia Meehan, Breda Whelan, Lorraine Grozdanovic, 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, 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 £1,970 in loose plate giving and £765 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £2,735. This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.

The second collection for the Ukraine raised £861. Thank you for your generous support.

### FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

**Thursday 12th May** Ss Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs

**Friday 13th May** Our Lady of Fatima

**Saturday 14th May** Saint Matthias, Apostle

### 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 Ascendo ad patrem*, Palestrina

*Ascendo ad patrem*, Palestrina

*Ego rogabo patrem*, Palestrina

### 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: [sacredheartwimbletonppc@gmail.com](mailto:sacredheartwimbletonppc@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](mailto:bereavementsacredheart@gmail.com) or call 020 8946 5198, Referral forms available in the Presbytery Reception