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Newsletter

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

**Weekday Readings for
 4th week of Easter (A)
 Vol I. psalter week 4**

Next Sunday's Readings

5th Sunday of Easter

- Acts 6:1-7
- Ps 32:1-2.4-5.18-19. R.v22
- I Peter 2:4-9
- John 14:1-12

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Vocations Sunday

We thank God for various vocations in life. This Sunday, we celebrate and pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. We thank God for the many who hold, live and teach the Catholic faith. We also remind ourselves of the need to continue to pray for vocations. The Scripture tells us that *'as Jesus stepped ashore, he saw a large crowd; and he was moved with compassion because they were like sheep without a shepherd'*. This compassion becomes more pronounced as the disciples ask him to send the people away because *'it is a lonely place and it is getting very late'*. His reply, *'You give them something to eat yourselves'* is both a challenge to be compassionate and an invitation to do something concrete. (cf. Mk 6:33-38).

We pray for the same compassion that is Christ.

The fact is that we all ought to be grateful workers in his vineyard. Jesus still looks with compassion on his people who sometimes are like sheep without a shepherd. He feeds and teaches them. He is still at work. *'My Father goes on working so do I'*, he says (Jn 5:17). He challenges us. Out of compassion, upon hearing, *'Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?' (Is 6:8)*, one responds, *'here I am send me'*. It is this same compassion that moves one to accept the responsibility to *'Feed my lamb, ... Look after my sheep...Feed my sheep'* (cf.

Jn 21:15-17). The same compassion moves one to pray for vocation to the priesthood and religious life in response to his words that, *'the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send workers into his harvest'* (Lk 10:2). The First Friday Vigil here in the parish is a special response to that invitation to pray. Whichever side one finds oneself, it is important to remember that there should be no idle Christian.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

LORD of the Harvest,
 BLESS young people with the gift of courage to respond to your call. Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things.
 INSPIRE all of your disciples to mutual love and giving - for vocations blossom in the good soil of faithful people.
 INSTILL those in religious life, parish ministries, and families with the confidence and grace to invite others to embrace the bold and noble path of a life consecrated to you.
 UNITE us to Jesus through prayer and sacrament, so that we may cooperate with you in building your reign of mercy and truth, of justice and peace. Amen. *Pope Francis*

THE PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Parish Priest: Canon John Clark MA
 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 and Pat Ryan (Youth Minister)

SECOND COLLECTION

The second collection this Sunday, 7th May, will be in support of the *Ecclesiastical Education*, a collection that helps to meet the costs of training students for the permanent diaconate and students for the priesthood. It also supports certain forms of ongoing formation of the clergy.

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION

The Wimbledon Circle of the Newman Association invites you to a talk on Tuesday 23rd May at 7.30pm in the Lounge, 'The Mercy of God as shown in Scripture and in Art' by Fr Geoffrey Wheaton SJ, a scholar of religious art who has travelled across the world giving talks on the subject.

CCJ EVENT

'Judaism, Israel and hate speech in our universities - building good campus relations in challenging times' Wednesday 24th May, 7-9pm, Southlands College Chapel, Roehampton University, SW15 5SB; Organised by the SW London and Ditton branch of the Council of Christians and Jews. 3 presentations followed by questions & discussions, admission free, refreshments, RSVP anita.wilson@talktalk.net

MEMORY LANE CLUB

Every Wednesday morning from 10.30am onwards to 12.30pm in the Parish Lounge. Open to everyone who suffers from memory loss/dementia and their carers. Refreshments, chat, bingo, snooker, music as well as various games and activities available - all in an informal, friendly and fun atmosphere. Email: edgehillmemorylaneclub@gmail.com

Parish News

AT HOME

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

SCHOOL SLIPS

School slips will be collected again this weekend.

FIRST COMMUNION MASSES

First Communion Masses will be celebrated again on Saturday 13th May at 10am, 12noon and 2pm. There will be **no** confessions other

than at 6pm on that day. Please keep the First Communion children and their families in your prayers over the coming weeks.

Announcements

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Please join the Charismatic Prayer Group for praise and worship on Monday 8th May, in the Youth Room from, 7.30 - 9.20pm. The evening will commence with a rosary at 7.30pm followed by praise & worship. A talk will be given by Fr. Mark Binang of St. Edmund of Canterbury, Beckenham on "The Effects of the Resurrection Power on Believers (The Empowerment of the Resurrection)". Enquiries contact: 07958 782779 Audra

FORMATION FOR MINISTRY

An invitation to all catechists to attend a talk by Sr Nuala Gannon IBVM (Sr Nuala is experienced in Adult Formation and Catechesis at Diocesan and Parish level) on 'Understanding our own faith'

on Tuesday 9th May 7.30-9pm at SS Peter & Paul, Cranmer Rd, Mitcham CR4 4LD.

On Tuesday 16th May Fr Nicholas King SJ will be holding a talk on 'The treasures of Scripture' from 7.30-9pm in the Upper Hall. For information please contact Sadie Smith on sadiesmith3@talktalk.net

THE JOY OF LOVE - AND ITS CHALLENGE

Pope Francis's apostolic exhortation 'The Joy of Love' (*Amoris Laetitia*) has attracted great interest and not a little controversy. This is a watershed document which will influence our Church for decades to come. You can find out why it is so important, and how it affects you and your family by at-

tending a presentation near Westminster Cathedral on Wednesday 24th May. The event runs from 10.30am till 3pm at Vaughan House, 46 Francis St, London SW1P 1QN. Booking is essential but all are welcome. The cost is £20, including lunch. For more details telephone 020 7931 6064 or email family@rcdow.org.uk

MASS FOR NEW CATHOLICS

A special Mass for new Catholics will be celebrated on Saturday 3rd June at 11am at St George's Cathedral. After the Mass there will be a Q&A session while refreshments will be served. Godparents, sponsors, family, clergy, catechists, parishioners and friends are also warmly invited!

Parish Organisations

WIMBLEDON CANCER FRIENDSHIP GROUP

There will be an evening meeting on Thursday 11th May from 7.30-9pm when Chris Arthur (Pelvic Radiation Disease Association) will outline the role of the Association and highlight who may benefit from their support. Please call 07948 767 936 or email wcfg@live.co.uk for more information; 30/32

Worple Rd, SW19 4EF.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Friday 2nd June: Upper Hall at 1pm, come and enjoy a luncheon with the French theme *Joie de vivre*; tickets £15 in advance from the Presbytery.

POETRY GROUP

Friday 19th May: Youth Room, 2.30-4pm; enjoy reading and discussing poems with other poetry lov-

ers. For more information call Pamela on 020 8946 7447.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Our group meets weekly in Wimbledon on Wednesdays at 2.15pm for a 2.30pm start, at 41 Murray Road, SW19. For more information please contact Pauline Barry on barrypauline11@gmail.com.

Social, Cultural & Notices

BRAHMS REQUIEM will be working in the attached Orphanage and Vocational School to support the neediest children. Thank you for supporting this good cause!

The Sacred Heart Chorus and Orchestra will perform Brahms' 'Ein deutsches Requiem', conducted by Robert Rathbone, with soloists Katy Tansey and Samuel Pantcheff on Saturday 17th June at 8pm in the church. Tickets (£15, £10 concessions, £5 full-time students) are available from www.sacredheartmusic.co.uk/concerts/tickets

CAKE SALE
A student of the Holy Cross Girls School will hold a cake sale on Sunday 14th May after all Masses to raise funds for a trip to the Redemptorist Centre, Pattaya Thailand later this year. The student

SH PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP
Saturday 20th May: Shoreditch Street Art Tour, meet at 1pm at Wimbledon Station or 2pm at Liverpool Street Station. Please contact Alison Lobo on 07711 583 414 or email radar1972@hotmail.com for details.

RIDE FOR PETER
A quick reminder that Simon Connellan is organising a sponsored cycle ride in remembrance of his late father

Peter Connellan in aid of *The Little Sisters of the Poor*. Simon Connellan and Robin Bellamy plan to ride 210 miles from St Peter's Residence, Vauxhall to Cancale, St Malo in France between 26th and 28th May. If you would like to sponsor their ride please visit www.uk.virginmoneygiving.com and search for 'Simon Connellan' fundraising page.

DONHEAD PREPARATORY SCHOOL
A PT (3d/week) Lay Chaplain is required for September 2017. Full details are available at www.donhead.org.uk or by contacting Mr Chris McGrath on 020 8946 7000 (ext. 1)

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.

MEGA YOUTH POLL
In 2018, Pope Francis will invite Bishops and others to Rome to talk about Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment. At this gathering they will discuss how the Catholic Church can accompany young people in their faith and help them to hear God's call. If you are 13-29 years old, the Catholic Church in England and Wales would like to hear from you, what life is like, your thoughts on faith and how you connect with the Catholic Church. To help you tell us, we have created a Youth Poll that you can access using this link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/parish-youth-poll> Closing date 5th June.

VOCATION WEEKEND
Vocations Weekend for young women (20s and 30s), theme: 'Discerning God's Call in my life' from 26th - 28th May in Broadstairs, Kent, organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). There will be input from the FCJ sisters on different aspects of vowed life, and time for prayer, reflection & discussion with other young women who are also considering a vocation to religious life. It's an opportunity to live community life for a weekend and meet some sisters. For more information visit www.fcjsisters.org

Exploring our Faith

POST EASTER TALKS
The next post Easter talk will be on Thursday 11th May at 7.30pm on 'Our Lady and the Holy Spirit' by Fr Benedict Bedingfield CSJ. Amigo Hall, Lambeth Rd, SE1 6HR. Free entry, donations welcomed, refreshments; register at 020 8672 7684, for more info visit www.tootingbec.org.uk

EVENINGS OF FAITH
All are welcome to a series of talks on 'Developing the thought of St. John Paul II'. The next talk will be on Tuesday 23rd May at 7pm (and then Tuesday 6th June, 20th June and 4th July), on 'Evangelium Vitae: Why is the human person unique?' held by Joanna Bogle; Challoner Room, Basement, 24 Golden Square, London W1F 9JR (Tube: Piccadilly Circus). Full details are available at www.faith.org.uk/events/evenings-of-faith.

A DAY WITH MARY
Do come for a day of instruction, devotion and intercession on Saturday 21st May from 11.40am-6pm at the Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham, Walsingham NR22 6EE. Welcome at the Shrine by Mgr John Armitage, Sunday Mass, Exposition, Procession; sermon on Our Lady by Fr Paul Roche CM. Please visit www adaywithmary.org for more info.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA
You are invited to a Day with Our Lady of Fatima as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the apparition on Saturday 13th May: commencing at 12noon at St Andrew's RC Church, Brook Rd, Thornton Heath, Surrey CR7 7RD with Rosary followed by Benediction and Consecration to the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary. Holy Mass

will be celebrated for the Goan Community and its friends, led by Fr Patrick d'Sousa SFX. For further details please contact Juliette DeMenezes-D'Costa on 020 8765 0258.

SPIRIT IN THE CITY
The annual Evangelisation Festival in the West End of London presented by Notre Dame de France and Westminster Diocese will take place on 9/10th June with Theatre, Music, Workshops, Prayer and Talks, for more info visit spiritinthecity.org

DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE
Following the footsteps of St Faustina and St John Paul II in Poland; organised by Divine Mercy Apostolate of Marian Fathers; 7-14th June, £849 (return flights from LHR, full board, 7 nights). For more info please email info@divinemercy.org.uk

CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

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

* SH School Mass Centre

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 6 6.30pm Agnes Almeida RIP
Mon 8 7.30am John Kennedy RIP
10.00am Sarah Lobo Birthday Anniv.
6.30pm Michael Wiggins RIP
Tue 9 7.30am Geoff Chapman RIP
10.00am Jenny Sandarasekara RIP
6.30pm Karima & Sheila Smith RIP
Wed 10 7.30am Thulasi Pillay RIP
10.00am Eugene Byrne RIP
6.30pm Eugene Byrne RIP
Thu 11 7.30am Eugene Byrne RIP
10.00am Breda & Rica Maher Ints.
6.30pm Catherine James RIP
Fri 12 7.30am Emma & Gerard Mallon RIP
10.00am Joanne Thiru RIP
6.30pm Sarah Price RIP
Sat 13 7.30am Our Lady of Fatima Ints.
10.00am First Communion Mass

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Thulasi Pillay, Mary O'Hara, Michael Chapman

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Kevin Hunt, Catherine D. James, Geoff Chapman, Michael Broadley, Sr Margaret Mooney SMR, Stephen Frank

The sick: Bertha D'Costa, Evelyn Harrington, Barbara Johnston, Linda Day, Grant Jepsom, Eddie Power, George Manara, Tom Searle, Iris Desmier, Paul Shannon, Brian Bladen-Hovell, Sandra Broadbent, Daphne Minas, Gabriel Godfrey, Cathy McElroy, Barry Sharrow, Sr Charmaine, Yvonna Patton, Tracy Byrne, Giena Worth, Ronnie Bradnick, Alexander Skachkov, Baby Bleu Denley Saunders, Patricia Meehan, Joan Paul, Frank Micetich, Roberto Luigi Farina, Sophia Ridley, Avril Brown, Cindy Bayat, Bernadette McMurray, Anne Medicraft, Carol Escalona, David Fyfe, Mary Wallace, Con Harrington, Rita Westbrook, Angela de Leon, Alina Hancock, Teresa Scanlon, Sheila Chateau, Michael Hoskins, Electa Almeida, Caleb Edser, Julian Eddy, Troy Najair, Margaret Lumley and Andrew Tan [*Please advise the Reception when names can be removed.*]



COLLECTIONS

Collection at Mass last Sunday came to £2,215 in loose plate giving and £473 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £2,688. This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.

The second collection for the maintenance of St George's Cathedral raised £713. Many thanks for your support.

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Sunday 7th May World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life

Consecration of the Sacred Heart Church (1931)

Wednesday 10th May St Damien of Molokai, Priest

Friday 12th May Ss Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs

Saturday 13th May Our Lady of Fatima

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 of the month 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' (K,S,A),

Orlando di Lasso

Surrexit pastor bonus, Orlando di

Lasso

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

Youth Minister: Pat Ryan youthminister@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk

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

Admission to Hospital: RC hospital chaplains will only be aware of your admission if you specifically ask for the hospital chaplaincy team to be informed. Please tell a member of the ward staff, it is also helpful to let your parish priest know.