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Newsletter

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (A)

Weekday Readings for Holy Week (A)
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Next Sunday's Readings

Easter Sunday

- Acts 10:34. 37-43
- Ps 117:1-2.16-17.22-23. R.v24
- Colossians 3:1-4
- John 20:1-9

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Holy Week

As we gather for Mass today we find ourselves in unfamiliar places. Our Mass starts outside of the church, we carry palms and listen to the gospel of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. As with the crowds on that day, we too, process into the church proclaiming Jesus as Lord, 'Hosanna to the Son of David, Hosanna!' As we enter the church we begin a journey that takes us through the last week in the life of Jesus to the resurrection. The readings on the first three days of the week set the scene for the momentous events that are to change the world. On Thursday evening we celebrate the Last Supper, when just before his arrest Jesus shares that most sacred meal with his apostles, where he institutes the Holy Eucharist and ordains his



first bishops. 'Do this in memory of me', he tells his apostles, and we do, each time we celebrate the Holy Mass. As we watch before the Altar of Repose we recall Jesus' own vigil in the garden where he submits to his father's will no matter what the cost to him. That cost we witness in the liturgies of Good Friday where we stand with Jesus in his trial, condemnation, passion and execution. Here with John and Mary we watch the events of that first Good Friday. There is no Mass today rather an association to the sacrifice

of Christ on the cross. As Jesus was present there on the first Good Friday so he is present with us in a mysterious way in our Good Friday liturgy. The silence of Holy Saturday reminds us of the death and burial of Jesus in the garden tomb. The world awaits. That stillness is broken by the joyous celebrations of the Easter Vigil where in anticipation of the resurrection of Jesus we sit in vigil as we listen to the story of God's developing covenant with mankind, a covenant that finds its completion in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is his resurrection that we celebrate and with it the promise of our salvation, our redemption. Do come and share in these great celebrations.

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

Thank you for your continued support of the *Omabite Water Project* which was the focus of our parish's 2016 Crib Appeal. Our aim is to build a communal well that will provide fresh water for a small village in Nigeria, close to Fr Ted's home. The project is now in its final phase. There is a board in the back of the church with a progress report including photos. To ensure completion, approx. £10,000 still needs to be raised to pay off all debt to suppliers. This weekend, the second collection will therefore be dedicated to the *Omabite Water Project*. To date, the response by parishioners to the appeal has been overwhelming. With your kind generosity, we will hopefully be able to raise the remaining amount needed.

FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY

This year, the Sacred Heart is unable to host the Feast of Divine Mercy on Sunday 23rd April. Please see www.divine-mercyapostolate.co.uk for other local churches and venues. Remember to start the Novena of the Divine Mercy on Good Friday.

BOOKLETS

A variety of booklets have been donated to the parish and are at the back of the church for you to take. (Any donations are welcome but not compulsory.)

AMORIS LAETITIA

All are welcome to a talk on *Amoris Laetitia*, Pope Francis' encyclical on family, by Rev. Dr Ashley Beck, Programme Director on Pastoral Ministry, St Mary's University Twickenham, on Wednesday 19th April 4-5pm - Hinsley Room, Morpeth Terrace SW1P 1EP (right side of Westminster Cathedral).

Parish News

AT HOME

There will be an 'At Home' on Monday 10th April from 6-7pm.

SCHOOL SLIPS

School slips will be collected again on the 29/30th April.

PENANCE SERVICE

On Monday 10th April at 7.30pm there will be a Lenten Penance Service of prayer and

scripture readings, during which individuals will have the opportunity for individual confession and absolution.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER BOOKLETS

Please refer to the Holy Week and Easter booklet (available at the back of the church) for times of Confessions, Expositions and

Masses up to and including Easter and Easter Monday 17th April.

OFFICE & RECEPTION OPENING HOURS

The Parish Office and Reception will be closed from Friday 14th April and will open again on Thursday 20th April.

Announcements

R.C.I.A.

Claire Hoskyns will be baptised; Peter Bustin, Alex Hennessy and Stuart Neely will be received into full communion with the Catholic Church; and Ian Arber, Karim Azzouz, Jack Hanly and Eloise Spragg will be confirmed at the Easter Vigil. Please keep them in your prayers at this special time.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The Charismatic Prayer Group will meet on Monday 10th April in the Youth Room from 7.30-9.20pm starting with a rosary at 7.30pm followed by praise & worship and a talk by Emmanuel Bandoh on the 'Battle of the Mind', for enquiries contact Audra (07958 782779).

CHURCHES TOGETHER

Good Friday Service by *Churches Together in West Wimbledon*: Please join us again in this joint service of Christian Witness: 10am gather at the Lantern Methodist Church in Worple Road; 10.15am 'Promenade Performance of the Good Friday Story'; the procession will move off behind the Cross and visiting sites in Raynes Park for performances and hymns, once again with Deacon Julian Burling, 10.45am procession ends outside Raynes Park Station, Coombe Lane side, for the final performance, readings and hymns, followed by meet and talk to share hot cross buns and coffee outside Raynes Park station. If wet, the service and refreshments will be held in the Methodist Church.

CHILDREN'S

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

A special service of the Stations of the Cross for children will be held at 11am on Good Friday 14th April. A rehearsal for all actors and readers will take place on Good Friday at 9.15-10.30am in the church. Please email Rachel Marshall on rachel@marshallemail.net if your child would like to take part. Adult help welcomed!

VENERATION OF THE CROSS

On Good Friday, during the solemn liturgy, please follow the instructions of the ushers for the veneration of the Cross. There will be one single Cross that we will venerate in groups.

Stations of the Cross: on Good Friday, the celebration of the Stations of the Cross will start at 6.30pm.

Parish Organisations

TRAIDCRAFT

The Traidcraft stall will be outside the church this Sunday morning. As well as our usual groceries, there will be Easter eggs and some new jewellery. By supporting Traidcraft, you are providing people living in some of the world's poorest communities with the knowledge and skills

they need to lift themselves out of poverty – not just for today, but for good.

WIMBLEDON CANCER FRIENDSHIP GROUP

There will be an evening meeting on Thursday 13th April from 7.30-9pm when Beth Brown (Macmillan Move More Programme) will be

talking about the benefits of physical activities and will be giving some advice as to what activities are available and suitable for people living with cancer and beyond. Please call 07948 767 936 or email wcfg@live.co.uk for more information; 30/32 Worple Rd, SW19 4EF.

Social, Cultural & Notices

EASTER MUSIC

David Gammie is playing 2 special programmes of inspirational organ music this month: Tuesday 11th April at 7.30pm - A Musical Meditation for Holy Week (details on the fliers at the back of the church) and Thursday 27th April at 7.30pm - 'Transports de Joie' (on the 25th anniversary of his death, a Magical Mystery Tour through the multi-coloured musical universe of the 20th century's most inspirational Catholic composer, Olivier Messiaen). Admission free.

BRAHMS REQUIEM

Choral singers are still welcome to join the rehearsals for Brahms' *Ein deutsches Requiem* on Mondays 24th April, 8th, 15th & 22nd May, 5th & 12th June, from 7.30-9.30pm in the church, (afternoon rehearsal on 17th June). Concert will be on Saturday 17th June in the church.

SH PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

Sacred Heart Photography Group outing is on Saturday 22nd April at 2pm; Kingston Riverside, meet on Kingston Bridge. Please contact Alison Lobo 07711 583 414/ radar1972@hotmail.com for details. All welcome!

WEST BARNES SINGERS

The West Barnes Singers' Spring concert featuring *St Cecilia's Mass* by Charles Gounod and works by Finzi, Brahms and Elgar will be on Saturday 29th April at 7.30pm at St John the Baptist Church, Spencer Hill, SW19 4NZ. Tickets £15 (children free) available at the door.

URSULINE PREP SCHOOL

The Ursuline Preparatory School is seeking to appoint a qualified Early Years' Teaching Assistant to work in our nursery as soon as possible. Closing date for applications

is 21st April, interviews to be held on Thursday 27th April. 020 8947 0859, SW20 8HR.

DONHEAD PREP SCHOOL

Donhead Preparatory School is seeking to appoint a PT lay chaplain for September 2017. Full details available from the school website www.donhead.org.uk. It will be necessary for successful applicants to undertake an enhanced DBS check.

RIDE FOR PETER

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.

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.

NEWS FROM THE EDGE HILL PLAYERS

Following the huge success of the recent Mish Mash Panto, the Edge Hill Players have been able to donate £2,000 to the Royal Marsden Hospital and £500 to the Parish funds as a thank you for all their support. Edge Hill Players are planning to put on a one-act Memory Play in June. The play deals with the subject of dementia, there are just 3 characters, a middle-aged woman, a middle-aged man and an older woman. We will be reading through the play in the Lounge on Wednesday 12th April at 7.30pm and if you are interested please do come along. Tea, coffee and cake provided!

OKLAHOMA

Yes, even more news from your parish drama group! Bob Rathbone is staging *Oklahoma* for us in September and will be running an 'Oklahoma workshop' on Tuesday 18th April at 7.30pm in the Upper Hall. This will give you some idea of what the production entails and hopefully whet your appetite for joining us in the performance. Auditions will be held on Tuesday 25th April from 7.30 -10pm in the Upper Hall. All levels of talent, experience and enthusiasm welcome! Further enquiries to: Wendy Tansey 07715 164468.

Exploring our Faith

DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE

Preparation for the Feast of Divine Mercy on Saturday 22nd April from 10am-4pm at The Friars, Aylesford Priory at the Shrine of Our Lady of Carmel, Kent ME20 7BX led by Auxiliary Bishop Paul Hendricks. Coaches from Westminster Cathedral and Ealing Broadway for more info contact 020 7286 3804, 07960466377, 020 8998 0925 or email info@divinemercury.org.uk

A DAY WITH MARY

Do come for a day of instruction, devotion and

intercession on Saturday 29th April from 9.45am-5.30pm at Westminster Cathedral, SW1P 1QW. Entry Procession of Our Lady, Angelus, Crowning, Sung Litany Mass in honour of Our Lady; celebrant and preacher Canon Christopher Tuckwell, sermon on Our Lady by Fr Richard Duffield C.O. Please visit www.adaywithmary.org for more information.

MOUNT STREET JESUIT CENTRE

Invites you to a one day workshop on 'Jesus Christ - The Almost Complete

Biography' facilitated by Michael Smith SJ on Saturday 22nd April from 11am-4pm. Please book in advance via pathwaystogod.org or call 020 7495 1673. Cost - suggested donation £25 for the workshop. 114 Mount Street W1K 3AH.

MEDJUGORJE PRAYER GROUP

The group's regular meetings have now resumed on Wednesdays at 7.30pm at the Sacred Heart. Call for details on 020 8947 0310, www.medjugorje.org.uk

CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

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

* SH School Mass Centre

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 8 6.30pm Elizabeth Allen RIP
Mon 10 7.30am Dced members of Lawless Family RIP
10.00am Caroline Basty Ints
6.30pm Bridget Cushen-Connelly RIP
Tue 11 7.30am Kathleen O'Connell RIP
10.00am Thanksgiving Ints.
6.30pm Con Harrington Ints.
Wed 12 7.30am Sally King RIP
10.00am James O'Dwyer RIP
6.30pm Joyce Coelho RIP
Thu 13 10.00am Janko Zarkovic RIP
8.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Fri 14 3.00pm Good Friday Solemn Liturgy
Sat 15 8.00pm Easter Vigil

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Daphne Cooper, Simon Shilston, Inae Kim Philomena, Pat Burling, Thulasi Pillay, Gayle Moretti, Mary O'Hara, Hazel Mary Beckingham, Charles Anthony Baccanello, Tim Almeida

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Catherine Kenny, Christine Szuman, Eileen Adar, Alexander Haggerty, Paulette Peacock

The sick: 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, Fr Brendan Callaghan SJ, 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

Collections at Mass last Sunday came to £1,479 in loose plate giving and £545 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £2,024. This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 11th April St Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr
Thursday 13th April St Martin I, Pope and Martyr
Wednesday 12th April: At the Cathedral: the Chrism Mass, blessing of the Oil of the Sick and of the Oil of Catechumens, consecration of the Chrism.
Easter Triduum: Maundy Thursday; Good Friday (fasting and abstinence, collection for Holy Places); the Lenten fast continues until the Easter Vigil

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

Hosanna filio David, Plainchant
17 - All glory, laud and honour
My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?, Anthony Milner
Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory, James Walsh
Credo 3, Plainchant
O Domine Jesu Christe, Francisco Guerero
Mass XVIII
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Pueri Hebraeorum, Ludovico da Vittoria
623 Ride on! Ride on Majesty

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.