



# THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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## Newsletter

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**Eighth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time (A)**

**Weekday Readings for  
8th week in Ordinary Time  
before Lent (A)**

**Vol I. psalter week 4**

### Next Sunday's Readings

- Genesis 2:7-9.3:1-7
- Ps 50:3-6.12-14.17. R.cf.v3
- Romans 5:12-19
- Matthew 4:1-11

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## A Golden Opportunity

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday when we begin the holy season of Lent. It is our preparation for the coming feast of Easter when we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead, and the hope of salvation which he offers to all who believe in his name. If we have used Lent to deepen our relationship with God then we will be able to say that we have in a real sense shared in the resurrection of Jesus because we will have died to ourselves through our prayer fasting and good works and risen to a new life of grace. During the period of Lent there are a number of additional ways in which we can deepen our prayer life. Each week in Lent there will be a special service to help us focus our thoughts and prayers.



These services will be on a different night each week to give the opportunity to attend at least one of the services to the widest number of people. Each service will reflect a different form of prayer, from charismatic to traditional. The programme of services for the weeks of Lent are available at the back of the church. Do take it home and keep it to hand during the weeks of Lent. Further to these services we will have the Stations of Cross on Wednesday and Friday evenings at 7:15pm following the 6:30pm Mass. The

Stations of the Cross are the traditional devotion for Lent. They help us focus on the final hours in Christ's life. His sacrifice on the cross brings us forgiveness of our sins and opens for us the way to salvation. Each day we have our regular Masses timed to make them accessible to a wide number of parishioners. For those on the way to school or work we have the 7:30am; for those around during the day the 10:00am and for those on the way home the 6:30pm. Also, each day there are confessions at 6:00pm. Those on route to the College or to Donhead have the opportunity to pop into the church and say a quick prayer. The Lord invites us to his house. Accept the invite!

### 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

This Sunday, 26th February, the second collection will be in support of 'Poor Parishes', formerly the 'Needs of the Diocese'. This collection enables the Archbishop to make grants to some smaller parishes of the Diocese. Thank you for your support!

## LENT 2017 BOOKLET

The 'My Day by Day - Lent 2017' booklet is now available at the Presbytery Reception. There is also a limited number of cards available for Mother's Day, Easter, First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

## WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Join in this year's Women's World Day of Prayer - 'Am I being Unfair to You? Praying for the Philippines'. Services on Friday 3rd March at 10.30am at St John the Baptist, Spencer Hill SW19 4NZ and at 8pm at Wimbledon Congregational Church, SW19 3QH; refreshments served after each service.

## EXTRAORDINARY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & CATECHISTS

Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers and Catechists are called to serve by Fr John Farrell OP on Saturday 4th March from 11am-1pm at St Teresa's Church, Morden, SM4 6BZ, everyone welcome!

## HUGH JOHNSTON'S FUNERAL

Will take place on Monday, 27th February at the church of Our Lady of The Assumption- Bosham (near Chichester) at 12.15pm.

## STAMP CUTTING AT JESUIT MISSIONS

The next stamp cutting meeting will take place on Thursday 2nd March at 9.30am. 11 Edge Hill SW19 4RL.

## Parish News

### AT HOME

There will be an 'At Home' on Monday 27th February, from 6-8pm.

### SCHOOL SLIPS

School slips will be collected again this weekend.

### SIGNED & SPOKEN MASS

A signed and spoken Mass will be celebrated this Sunday, 26th February, at 4pm in the Chapel of Wimbledon College. All with hearing difficulties welcome!

### EVANGELISATION MEETING CANCELLED

The Evangelisation Meeting scheduled on Saturday 4th March has been cancelled. The next meeting will take place on Saturday 1st April.

## Announcements

### ASH WEDNESDAY

This Wednesday, 1st March, is Ash Wednesday, first day of Lent, fasting and abstinence. Masses will be celebrated at 7.30am, 10am, 6.30pm and 8pm; ashes are distributed at all Masses.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During the season of Lent the celebration of Stations of the Cross will start at 7.15pm every Wednesdays & Friday (after the 6.30pm Mass) beginning 3rd March.

### LENTEN SERVICES

This Lent, we will be holding services at 8pm on the following dates: Monday 6th March; Tuesday 14th March; and Thursday 30th March. There will be Stations of the Cross at 7.15pm (after the 6.30pm Mass) on the following dates: Wednesday, 22nd

March and Friday 7th April.

### 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 3rd March starting 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.

### NEWMAN CIRCLE

The next Newman Circle meeting will be on Thursday 2nd March at 6pm for 6.30pm at Loyola Hall, Heythrop College, London W8 5HN when Frank Field, MP, will talk about 'From Poverty to Life Chances'. Please note there is an attendance fee (to include a glass of wine) of £10 payable for this event.

### FLAME 2017

UK's biggest Catholic Youth

Event is happening on Saturday 11th March at Wembley Arena. Sacred Heart Youth Ministry will be taking a group of 14-21 year olds. The focus will be on refugees and human rights, with speakers including Sarah Teather (Director of Jesuit Refugee Service UK) and Cardinal Charles Bo from Burma. There will be incredible music led by Matt Redman; costs £20, registration forms are at the back of the church. Contact Pat Ryan for more details: youthminister@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk

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### PRAYER BOOKLETS

And other booklets are available at the back of the church. A donation can be made in the Newsletter box located also at the back of the church.

## Parish Organisations

### FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Friday 3rd March, 2.30pm, Parish Lounge: 'Childhood Reminiscences of Wimbledon'. Come & hear a fascinating account of life in pre-war Wimbledon by Jim Tait. Tea, cake & chat. All welcome.

### 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).

### 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 near the Lower Hall.

## Social, Cultural & Notices

**BRAHMS REQUIEM** Knowledgeable girls provide excellent mobile phone & computer tuition, including how to connect with family abroad, catch up with TV online! All grades are welcome; no charge. Contact Sheila Gent on 020 8390 0119 to book a place.

The Sacred Heart Chorus invites good choral singers to join them in a performance of the Brahms Requiem on Saturday 17th June in the church. Rehearsals start on Monday 27th March 7.30-9.30pm (then April 3rd & 24th, May 8th, 15th & 22nd, June 5th & 12th and on Saturday 17th June from 2pm). A Brahms-Requiem workshop will be held on Saturday 18th March. If you would like to sing or take part in the workshop, please register via [www.sacredheartmusic.co.uk](http://www.sacredheartmusic.co.uk)

### GENERATIONS TOGETHER IT CLINICS

This term's popular *Generations Together IT Clinics* continue on Fridays 3rd & 10th March - 12.35pm at the Ursuline High School.

### SOCIAL EVENING FOR FAMILIES

The next social evening for Mums, Dads and little ones of all ages is on Saturday 4th March from 5-7.30pm in the Parish Lounge. The bar will be open, please bring a plate of food to share. For further details please call Rachel Malam 07534 893 737 or Clare Whatling 07900 580 627.

### MERTON HOMELESS PROJECT

*Faith in Action* - helping with homelessness is organising a

fundraising Curry Evening on Tuesday 7th March at 7.30pm at the Khanage Indian Restaurant, SW19 1RH; come & enjoy a fun evening of good food and learn more about *Faith in Action*; cost £25 pp, please bring cash on the night, to book a place email [mertondropin@gmail.com](mailto:mertondropin@gmail.com).

### STORY OF OUR LADY OF KAZAN

You are invited to a talk (part of a new series of talks on art, artists and faith) on *'The Amazing Lady of Kazan'* led by Mark Nash, on Tuesday 28th February at the Centre of Catholic Formation, Tooting SW17 8BS. Doors open at 7pm, drinks & snacks provided. Donations welcome. For more info see [www.ccftootingbec.org.uk](http://www.ccftootingbec.org.uk)

## Exploring our Faith

### LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY

The Kairos Spirituality Centre is offering quiet days where you can explore different aspects of prayer and your relationship with God. Next Prayer Day will be on Saturday 4th March 10.30am-3.30pm with Sr Brenda Scholfield SMG. There is no cost for the day, donations gratefully received, booking is essential: 020 8788 4188.

### LOVE HEALS BODY MIND & SPIRIT

7 Day retreat in Portugal: Mem Soares Castelo De Vide Retreat House, Portugal from Thursday 27th June - Wednesday 5th July, the cost will be £595 including return

scheduled flights (TAP LHR-Lisbon), coach transfers, full board (6 nights), excursions to Fatima and to nearby historical sites, visit to Lisbon, St Anthony's birthplace and Lisbon Cathedral; attending Celebrant Priest: Fr Ted Nwokeji. Enquiries: [lovehealsbodymindandspirit@gmail.com](mailto:lovehealsbodymindandspirit@gmail.com) or call David & Eileen on 020 8542 2476.

### CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Please join the Charismatic Prayer Group for praise and worship on Monday, 27th February from 7.30 to 9.30pm. David Brun from Love Heals Body & Mind will be giving a talk on "Walking in Faith". Enquiries contact: 07889854803 Maria or 07958782779 Audra.

### RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE

For those who missed the opportunity for one-to-one prayer guidance there will be another later this year. Please give Deacon Julian your name and contact details, including email address and telephone number, to the parish office or to [deaconjulianburling@gmail.com](mailto:deaconjulianburling@gmail.com).

### LONDON SW CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS

Is a social group for young Catholics in the diocese that meets every month. The next social evening is on Saturday, 4th March from 7.30pm at The Alexandra, Wimbledon SW19 7NE. For further details visit our Facebook page or contact Miles on 07790441242.

### 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.

### KNOCK PILGRIMAGE

Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland on 13th March 2017. £599 per person sharing. Price includes flights from London Gatwick, taxes, transfers, 5 nights at Knock House Hotel with breakfast and dinner. All entertainment and excursions included. Single room supplement £50. Contact Patricia at 07740 175557 or email [knock-pilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knock-pilgrimages@gmail.com). Knock Pilgrimages is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

### LENT STEWARDSHIP

#### REFLECTIONS

Stewardship is a spirituality that is accessible to everyone; the concept of gratitude to God for his personal gifts to us in our lives acts as a focus and provides the right language for our people's lived faith. For parishioners it can resonate with their own lives, their responsibilities, character and experiences. Stewardship can provide the vocabulary and spiritual imagery to describe, affirm, sustain and promote much of what we already do in our parishes and in our lives; this spirituality can provide a cohesion and closeness to Our Lord that may still be lacking in our lived discipleship.

### 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 Canon J Clark  
8.30am Fr N King SJ            5.00pm Fr T Nwokeji  
9.45am Canon J Clark            8.00pm Fr T Nwokeji

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 25 6.30pm Eilish Healy RIP  
Mon 27 7.30am Teresa Ptaszynska Neophytou Ints.  
10.00am Luke Reid RIP  
6.30pm Joaquin Pires & Ana-Rosa Carneiro RIP  
Tue 28 7.30am Kit O'Brien RIP  
10.00am John Ryan RIP  
6.30pm Jan Ptaszynski RIP  
Wed 1 7.30am Liam Myles RIP  
10.00am Kit O'Brien RIP  
6.30pm Kit O'Brien RIP  
8.00pm Thelma D'Costa Ints.  
Thu 2 7.30am John Cohen RIP  
10.00am Kit O'Brien RIP  
6.30pm Kit O'Brien RIP  
Fri 3 7.30am Santana Gomes RIP  
10.00am Kit O'Brien RIP  
6.30pm Joy Thimont RIP  
Sat 4 7.30am Gary Anderson Ints.  
10.00am Bridie Geoghean 60th Wedding Anniv.

### WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

**Those who have died recently:** Hugh Johnston, William (Bill) MacGregor, Eileen Margaret Dare, Mary Amoroso-Centeno, Maria D'Souza.

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Timothy Meehan, Lynne O'Sullivan, Alice Kehoe, Margherita Opacic, Louis Clement Salole, Joy Thimont, Maureen Denney, Septa Abberton, Eilish Healy

**The sick:** George Manara, Tom Searle, Iris Desmier, Paul Shannon, Brian Bladen-Hovell, David Dale, Felicia Rathbone, 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, Lorraine Grozdanovic, 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, Sr Tien Nguyen, 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 £1,427 in loose plate giving and £681 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £2,108. This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.

If you change your address or if your tax status changes could you please notify the Parish Office.

### FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

**Tuesday 28th February** End of Ordinary Time before Lent  
**Wednesday 1st March** Ash Wednesday, a day of fasting and abstinence; St David

### 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

Messa concertata *Teodoro Casati*

Exsultate justi *Ludovico Viadana*

O sacrum convivium *Ludovico Viadana*

### 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](mailto:sacredheartwimbledonppc@gmail.com)

Youth Minister: Pat Ryan [youthminister@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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.