



# THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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## Newsletter

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### First Sunday of Lent (A)

Weekday Readings for  
1st week of Lent (A)  
Vol I. psalter week I

### Next Sunday's Readings

Second Sunday of Lent

- Genesis 12:1-4
- Ps 32:4-5.18-20.22. R.v22
- Timothy 1:8-10
- Matthew 17:1-9

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## The 2016 Parish Crib Appeal - Update

We have just started the 40 day Lenten season. This season emphasises amongst other Christian practices, prayer, fasting and almsgiving. While the three are interconnected, the last of these three - almsgiving - remains the pillar of Christianity. It is also known as charity and charity is love in action. Providentially, charity is undoubtedly the foundation on which the Church of the Sacred Heart, Wimbledon is built. It operates on charity too. The beginning of Lent presents an opportune moment for an update on a major act of charity by the parish in its 2016 Christmas appeal – the Omabite Water Project. The appeal brought in £9,085. This money has



procured 2 small plots of land for the drilling of the borehole, for mounting of the overhead tanks and for the construction of the platform as water outlets. Drilling of the borehole has started. It has to be deep enough to get drinkable water that will be sufficient in its supply of water and durable in its longevity. The construction of the carrier of the overhead tanks has also been commissioned. Work is ongoing. We still will need to buy 'a silent

Lister generator' to pump the water for distribution. All things being equal, the target is to have it ready for Easter this April, when it will be blessed and commissioned by the Bishop of my home Diocese.

I write this update with a deep sense and sincere sentiment of gratitude. Thank you to the very first person that thought out this project, to all those who supported and still support the ongoing project with their money and prayers, known and mostly unknown to me. Yes, I may never know you in person but be assured that the beneficiaries and I pray for you. They will drink the water to your health and total well-being.

Fr Ted

### 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)

## LENT 2017 BOOKLET

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

## CAFOD LENT FAST DAY

This year, Lent Fast Day is Friday 10th March, and focuses on the work Cafod's partners are doing in Zambia. To find out how you can support Cafod Lent Fast Day through fundraising and praying please visit [cafod.org.uk/fastday](http://cafod.org.uk/fastday). Fast Day envelopes are at the back of the church and can be returned to the baskets provided next weekend. Thank you for supporting this good cause!

## LOUNGE CHAIRS

We will shortly be replacing the blue upholstered, iron frame chairs in the Lounge. If any parishioner would like to take some, or knows of someone who could make use of these, please leave your details in the Presbytery Office or email [thelma@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](mailto:thelma@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk)

## LOST PROPERTY

Please collect lost property from the Sacristy before Sunday 19th March after which it will be given to charity.

## 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 020 87156095 or [barrypauline11@gmail.com](mailto:barrypauline11@gmail.com).

## Parish News

### AT HOME

Please note that there will be no 'At Home' until the 20th March.

### SCHOOL SLIPS

School slips will be collected this weekend.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During the season of Lent the celebration of Stations of the Cross will start at 7.15pm every Wednesday & Friday (after the 6.30pm Mass).

### 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.

## Announcements

### 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](mailto:youthminister@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk)

### TEAMS OF OUR LADY

Following our recent presentations, about *Teams*, there will be a second "Follow up" meeting at 8pm in the Parish Lounge on Wednesday 8th March. This is an ideal opportunity to find out more about our house based groups that

meet once a month. Please email David and Breeda Walsh on [david34edr@virginmedia.com](mailto:david34edr@virginmedia.com) if you wish to attend, or are interested in joining *Teams*. These web addresses will give you more information [www.org.uk/](http://www.org.uk/) and <http://www.equipes-notre-dame.com/en>

### FAIR TRADE

The Traidcraft stall will reopen next Sunday, March 12th with lots of goods and information about the importance of your continued support to families in the developing world by buying their products and goods through us. We look forward to seeing you at a Fairtrade Breakfast served on the grass outside church (or in the Lower Hall if it is raining) with tea, coffee, juices, cakes, biscuits, bread with jam, honey etc available after the 9.45 & 11.15am Masses

to celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight. All are welcome! Fairtrade Bake-Off! We will also be holding a cake sale at the Fairtrade Breakfast so if anyone would like to bring along some delicious cakes or biscuits (made using at least 1 Fairtrade ingredient e.g. sugar) they will be most welcome!

### FIRE MARSHALL TRAINING

Please note that there is a Fire Marshall Training event for churches in the Merton Deanery on Thursday 16th March at 7.30pm at St Teresa's, Morden, facilitated by *Precision Safety* including information on how parishes should prepare for drills, emergency procedure and evacuation etc. Anyone interested in becoming a Fire Marshall please contact Thelma on [thelma@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](mailto:thelma@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk)

## Parish Organisations

### 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: [edgehillmemorylane-club@gmail.com](mailto:edgehillmemorylane-club@gmail.com)

### WIMBLEDON CANCER FRIENDSHIP GROUP

There will be an evening meeting on Thursday 9th March from 7.30-9pm when Shelly Lynch, Assessment and Support Worker for *Carers Support Merton* will be outlin-

ing the services they provide to any long-term carer who are unpaid. This includes how to get a sitting service, benefit entitlement and help with emergency planning. Please call 07948 767 936 or email [wcfg@live.co.uk](mailto:wcfg@live.co.uk) for more information. 30/32 Worple Road, SW19 4EF.

## Social, Cultural & Notices

**BRAHMS REQUIEM** computer tuition, including The Sacred Heart Chorus how to connect with family invites good choral singers to abroad, catch up with TV join them in a performance of online! All grades are wel- the Brahms Requiem on come; no charge. Contact Saturday 17th June in the Sheila Gent on 020 8390 church. Rehearsals start on 0119 to book a place. 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 last session of *Generations Together IT Clinics* will take place on Friday 10th March - 12.35pm at the Ursuline High School. Knowledgeable girls provide excellent mobile phone &

new Auditorium on Wednesday 15th March at 12.50pm. Tea will be served beforehand. Please call the School Office on 020 8946 7000 to reserve your place.

### 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).

### DONHEAD INFORMAL CONCERT

Donhead warmly invites parishioners to a free, informal concert given by pupils in our

### ST CHAD'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Headteacher required for September 2017 at St Chad's Catholic Primary School in South Norwood. Please see the school website for details [www.stchadsprimaryschool.com](http://www.stchadsprimaryschool.com). Closing Date: 12th March (midnight).

### ST AIDAN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Coulsdon CR5 3DE Headteacher required for September 2017. For further information and an application pack please email Mrs Jennifer Blackburne at [clerk@staidans.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:clerk@staidans.croydon.sch.uk), closing date March 17th.

### 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.

### ST JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

St John Fisher School is looking to appoint 2 Foundation Governors to support the strategic development of the school. To find out more please contact Anna-Marie Boyd at [aboyd@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.org](mailto:aboyd@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.org)

### WORKS OF MERCY

The next Rosary Procession Vigil, led by Fr Jacob Hausman CFR, will be held on Saturday 11th March, at St Thomas of Canterbury Church, Woodford Green, IG8 0RB. Holy Mass will begin at 9am after which the Rosary Procession will start, following an Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, to Marie Stopes, Buckhurst Hill. At approximately 12 noon we return to St Thomas' for refreshments. For full details see poster on church notice board, call 01727 763832 or email [marg@helpersuk.org](mailto:marg@helpersuk.org)

### KNOCK PILGRIMAGE

Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland on Monday 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 175 557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com).

## Exploring our Faith

### 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.

### RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE

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

Evaluation forms are about to be sent out by email to those who were fortunate enough to have prayer guides. Please let the retreat team have your comments.

### LENT STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

Once again the Diocesan Stewardship Team are

making available by email each day during Lent a reflection with a Stewardship theme based on the day's Mass reading. By signing up to this link you will receive these reflections: <http://eepurl.com/bF0b6P>. 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.

### CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

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

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat	4	6.30pm	Margaret Moran RIP
Mon	6	7.30am	Thanksgiving Ints.
		10.00am	Catherine O'Dell RIP
		6.30pm	Michael Wiggins RIP
Tue	7	7.30am	Souls in Purgatory
		10.00am	Christy Joseph RIP
		6.30pm	Ashley Hayes RIP
Wed	8	7.30am	Annie Bridget Mary Intentions
		10.00am	Mr & Mrs Joseph RIP
		6.30pm	John Mulcahy RIP
Thu	9	7.30am	Anne Hughes Ints.
		10.00am	Kit O'Brien RIP
		11.30am	Funeral William (Bill) MacGregor
		6.30pm	Kit O'Brien RIP
Fri	10	7.30am	Katleen Roberts RIP
		10.00am	Patrick Wenham RIP
		6.30pm	Kit O'Brien RIP
Sat	11	7.30am	Ron Greenwood RIP
		10.00am	Gemma Tevlin RIP

### WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

**Those who have died recently:** David Dale, William (Bill) MacGregor, Eileen Margaret Dare, Maria D'Souza  
**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Joy Thimont, Margherita Opacic, George Belcher, Thomas Kearns, Michael Wiggins, Robert Deith, Sarah Allison, George McPartlin, Frank Abberton Jr, Cecilia Vaz, Luiza Gomes  
**The sick:** Grant Jepsom, Eddie Power, George Manara, Tom Searle, Iris Desmier, Paul Shannon, Brian Bladen-Hovell, 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, Roberto Luigi Farina, Sophia Ridley, Avril Brown, Cindy Bayat, Bernadette McMurray, Anne Medcraft, 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 £2,228 in loose plate giving and £551 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £2,779. This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.  
 The second collection in support of 'Poor Parishes' raised £1,641. Thank you for your generosity.

### FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

**Tuesday 7th March** Ss Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs  
**Wednesday 8th March** St John of God, Religious  
**Thursday 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 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

Mass XVII, Plainsong  
 Veritas mea, George Malcolm, OW (1917-1997)  
 Ave verum, W.A. Mozart

### 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.