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Newsletter

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Second Sunday of Lent (A)

**Weekday Readings for
2nd week of Lent (A)
Vol I. psalter week 2**

Next Sunday's Readings

Third Sunday of Lent

- Exodus 17:3-7
- Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R.v8
- Romans 5:1-2. 5-8
- John 4:5-42

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PERSEVERANCE AND WHAT WE CAN BECOME

Last weekend, in the Gospel, the Lord showed us how to overcome the temptations that surround and threaten us every day (Mt. 4:1-11). This weekend, he reveals to all of us, what we can become, if we persevere (Mt. 17:1-9). There is no doubt that this will involve 'leave your country, your family and father's house, for the land I will show you' (Gen. 12:1). Here is a challenge to step out of our comfort zone and our 'security' this season and follow where God leads. It will involve to 'bear the hardships for the sake of the Good news, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy...for his own purpose and by his own grace' (2Tm 1:8,9). Jesus



always knows what we go through in life as pilgrims on our way. He actually goes through it with us and in us. His message of encouragement this weekend is a way of saying, 'if at any time, you are tempted to despair, here is what you can become'.

Lent is a special time to reposition oneself for the gradual transformation that culminates in transfiguration. It is about what God's power working

in us can do with reeds. Repositioning ourselves in line with God, awakens the consciousness of what and who we can become. Through perseverance our co-operation with his grace that is always abundant for us, yields abundant fruits, the type that last.

Ours is to look up to him who is the author and finisher of our faith. He is the image of the invisible God and a perfect representation of what we can become. He is trustworthy and reliable. We have the testimony of God the Father to count on as he says: 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him'. (Mt. 17:5)

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 weekend we will collect Cafod's Fast Day envelopes in support of 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. 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

100 YEARS

Many congratulations and best wishes to Mrs Ann Metcalf on the occasion of her 100th birthday on 10th March. With many thanks and appreciation for the many years of dedicated service to our parish.

LOST PROPERTY

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

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Do come and have a chat with other parishioners over a delicious continental breakfast next Sunday 19th March in the Lower Hall after the 8.15am Mass up to 12noon.

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.

LENTEN SERVICES

This week's Lenten Service, Ignation Scriptural Contemplation 2, Adoration and Benediction will be led by Anuranjan Ekka SJ and Michael Schink SJ on Thursday 14th March at 8pm in the church.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

Announcements

FAIR TRADE

The Traidcraft stall will re-open this 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!

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

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

The gift aid team has posted these packs to all participating parishioners this week. If anyone has not received their pack by Sunday, 17 March, please let the Parish Office know. Also, there will be mini packs of second collection envelopes available from Reception from Friday, 17 March 2017.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We are looking for two new members of the Finance Committee to help with building matters and public utilities. We have just received the final report on the quinquennial review on the condition of the church fabric and will be embarking on major build-

ing works. The parish spends very significant sums on gas, electricity and water; in the interest of economy and conservation we need to do more to reduce these costs. If you have experience in either of these areas and are willing to help please contact Chris Woodward at christopherwood107@gmail.com

R.C.I.A.

Members of our parish celebrated the Rite of Election at the cathedral on 4th March. During 9.45am Mass for the next three Sundays, they will receive a special anointing and blessing as part of their final preparation. 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 pray for them.

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: edgehillmemorylaneclub@gmail.com

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Please join the Charismatic Prayer Group for praise and worship on, Monday, 13 March, after evening mass from 7.45 to 9.20 pm. There will be prayers of intercession and supplication as part of the

season of Lent, led by Emmanuel Bandoh. Enquiries contact: 07958782779 Audra

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

April, 7th at 2.30 pm. in the Parish Lounge. QUIZ: Sharpen your wits and knowledge on diverse subjects. Extravagant Prizes! Bring your friends. Tea and Cakes

Social, Cultural & Notices

BRAHMS REQUIEM

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 next Saturday 18th March. If you would like to sing or take part in the workshop, please register via www.sacredheartmusic.co.uk

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.

URSULINE HIGH SCHOOL

CELEBRATING 125 YRS

Catholic Education-Extraordinary Women Alumnae Event -13th July 2017. If you are a former student or know someone who is, who may be interested to learn more, please register your interest and email Alumnae@uhs.w.com.

THAMES

PHILHARMONIC CHOIR

Puccini Messa di Gloria, Vaughan Williams Sancta Civitas, on Saturday 1st April, 7.30pm, Cadogan Hall, Sloane Terrace, SW1X 9DQ. Thames Philharmonic Choir

and Thames Festival Orchestra, with Wimbledon Youth Choir. Tickets £30, £27, £20, £14. Cadogan Hall 020 7730 4500, www.cadoganhall.com (booking fees apply). Quote 'ThamesPhil' for £2 discount on all prices.

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 aboym@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.org

ST. ELISABETH CONVENT

Two sisters from the St. Elisabeth convent will be visiting, giving a short talk at Mass and selling their crafts in our Parish next weekend, 18th and 19th March.

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 CHURCH

Parish Secretary required for St John Fisher Church, Merton. 20 hours a week. For more information, please contact Fr David Gummett as soon as possible. By email: sjf.merton@gmail.com Closing date for applications will be on Sunday, 2nd April 2017.

BOOK SALE

All are invited to a fundraising book sale to be held at Christ the King Church hall at 9 The Crescent, Wimbledon Park, on Saturday 18th March from 2pm until 6pm and Sunday 19th March from 9am until 1pm. Entry to the event is free. Light refreshments available.

YOUNG ADULT EVENING

We warmly invite all young adults in their 20s and 30s to our next monthly gathering on Friday 17th March. We will commence at the Jesuit Residence at No. 14 Edge Hill at 7.15pm. The evening will include Mass, dinner and discussion. Mikael Schink SJ will lead a discussion on Lent. Please RSVP to Pat Ryan at youthminister@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk for catering purposes. Recommended £5 donation.

Exploring our Faith

A DAY WITH MARY

Do come for a day of instruction, devotion and intercession on Saturday 18th March from 10am-5.30pm at St Lawrence, The Green, Feltham, TW13 4AF. Entry Procession of Our Lady, Angelus, Crowning, Sung Litany Mass in honour of Our Lady; celebrant and preacher Fr John Byrne sermon on Our Lady by Fr Bijoy Nayak CMF. Please visit www adaywithmary.org for more information.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Pilgrimage to Lourdes, Lisieux, Paris Nevers, Rocamadour by luxury coach from 27th May to 3rd June

for £679 including all excursions, travelling from London E13. Please contact Richard Mozzi for more information and booking (020 8472 0843 or 07859 027301).

LOVE HEALS BODY MIND & SPIRIT

7 Day retreat in Portugal: Mem Soares Castelo De Vide Retreat House, Portugal from Thursday 29th June - Wed 5th July (£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 & Lisbon Cathedral; attending celebrant Priest: Fr Ted Nwokeji. Enquiries: loveheals

bodymindandspirit@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.

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.

CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 11 6.30pm John Pieroni RIP
 Mon 13 7.30am Cath Murray RIP
 10.00am Dennis Franklin Ints.
 6.30pm Margaret Mayes Ints.
 Tue 14 7.30am Souls in Purgatory
 10.00am Eileen Pink RIP
 6.30pm Mary-Ellen McHugh RIP
 Wed 15 7.30am Gerry O'Callaghan RIP
 10.00am Hazel Breslin RIP
 6.30pm Jack Murray RIP
 Thu 16 7.30am Mark Fudakowski RIP
 10.00am Vince Walsh RIP
 6.30pm Dan O'Brien & Family Ints.
 Fri 17 7.30am Charlie Bradley RIP
 10.00am Kit O'Brien RIP
 6.30pm Anne-Marie McGovern RIP
 Sat 18 7.30am Zygmunt Owczarek RIP
 10.00am Richard & Sunita Fernandes Thanksg.

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: David Dale, Eileen Margaret Dare, Maria D'Souza, Eugene Byrne

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: James Stewart, Irene Freaney, Michael O'Riordan, Majorie O'Reilly, Winifred Bonner, John Egan, Kevin O'Sullivan, Noreen Downey.

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 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 £578 in loose plate giving and £542 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £1,120. 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

Friday 17th March St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland
Saturday 18th March St Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

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 brevis Joannes de Deo Haydn
 Jubilate Deo Haydn
 Agnus Dei Joannes de Deo Haydn

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.