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Newsletter

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Third Sunday of Lent (A)

Weekday Readings for
3rd week of Lent (A)
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Next Sunday's Readings

Fourth Sunday of Lent
Laetare Sunday

- I Samuel 16:1 6-7.10-13
- Ps 22. R.v.I
- Ephesians 5:8-14
- John 9:1.6-9.13-17.34-38

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EXPERIENCE TEACHES

Experientia docet is a popular Latin saying, which means 'experience teaches'. The Lord Jesus teaches by example. In Him is found a perfect example of 'seeing is believing'. Yet, He himself teaches that in believing, we know better and see more. Many Samaritans were brought to Him by the testimony of one of their own, *'the woman at the well'*. Their encounter with Him left them saying, 'now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard Him ourselves and we know that He really is the Saviour of the world'. Lent is always a special time for many Christians. Everybody may not share this particular sentiment. There may be some struggling with the



'happy demands' of this season, the voluntary sacrifices and the slow and long 40 days that seem to stretch into the unending horizon. This week, the Lord speaks to us through one of the basic human needs—water. There may be no need to complain about and against anybody and the institution for introducing this season of Lent; for asking us to leave our comfort zones (cf. Ex17:3-7). Lent is a special period to draw nearer to Jesus and to follow him

more closely. From the experience of our meeting with Him, we can love Him more dearly. This is a journey of faith. Faith is a free gift from God. Anybody can ask for it through Jesus Christ.

Let us continue on this journey of faith, trusting that ours also will be the same experience like that of Philip and Nathanael (Jn 1:45-55); of Simon Peter when Andrew brought him to Jesus in Lk 6:12-16 and this week of the Samaritans (Jn 4:5-42). 'Come and see' is the Lord's invitation to us as we look for a safe harbour in the midst of the many threatening confusions of our lives and times. Experience teaches!

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 & EASTER 2017 BOOKLETS

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

SACRED HEART CAR PARK

The parish car park is for parishioners coming to church, users and hirers of the halls, staff, volunteers and visitors to the presbytery. If there are events at the local schools, unfortunately the car park is not available for those vehicles as parishioners attending Mass or mourners for funerals must be able to park in the spaces provided. There is a system which will generate parking tickets for non authorised users, which we would prefer not to have to enforce. IF YOU ARE A GENUINE USER THIS WILL NOT AFFECT YOU, and if you park for a few minutes dropping off or collecting your child from the nearby schools, in the morning and afternoon, you too, will not be affected. Please do not park in the disabled parking bays unless you have the appropriate disabled badge. The parking spaces beside the presbytery will now only be available for parish clergy and staff.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

On Saturday, 25th March from 10.30 to 11.30am, in the Parish Lounge. Grief is a particular isolating experience that can affect all aspects of your life. The Bereavement Team invite everyone experiencing loss in their lives, no matter how long ago, to drop-in to talk to us over coffee or tea and cake. We offer a warm welcome. For more information, call 0208 946 5198.

Parish News

AT HOME

There will be an 'At Home' on Monday 20th March from 6-8pm.

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

For this week's Lenten Service we will be celebrating Stations of the Cross with Taizé chants on Wednesday 22nd March at 7.15pm after the 6.30pm Mass.

Announcements

SIGNED & SPOKEN MASS

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

SPECIAL COLLECTION

The second collection for next Sunday will be for the drought victims of Africa.

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.

YOUTH MASS

There will be no Youth Mass in April due to the holiday period. The next Youth Mass will be on Sunday, 7th May at 5pm.

CORRECTION

The music for the 11.15am Mass last Sunday, 12th March, should have read: Mass in simplicitate (Lotti); Pecantem me quotidie (Morales); and O nata lux (Tallis).

FAIRTRADE BREAKFAST

Thank you to all who enjoyed or helped at the Fairtrade Breakfast last Sunday. The home-baked cakes and Traidcraft goods were delicious. We raised £165.55 for Traidcraft. The winner of the Waitrose Fairtrade hamper was Liz Pereira. Please buy Fairtrade products wherever possible in your weekly shop and help to make trade fairer.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

This is a reminder to turn your clocks forward for daylight saving time on Mothering Sunday, 26th March.

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 building 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

Parish Organisations

WIMBLEDON CANCER FRIENDSHIP GROUP

The next monthly drop-in will be on Thursday 23rd March from 3.15-4.30pm. The group's small, friendly team of volunteers take turns in running the meetings, and all have personal, direct or indirect experi-

ence of cancer. Drop-in meetings can offer friendly encouragement, factual information, and put you in touch with other local cancer or carer organisations. Please call 07948 767 936 or email wcfg@live.co.uk for more information. 30/32 Worple Road, SW19 4EF.

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 4500, www.cadoganhall.com night. Proceeds will go to the Friends of the Holy Land. To book contact Thelma at the Presbytery on 020 8946 0305 or email : williamrhind@hotmail.com.

The Sacred Heart Chorus (booking fees apply). Quote 'ThamesPhil' for £2 discount on all prices.

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). If you would like to sing or take part in the workshop, please register via www.sacredheartmusic.co.uk

THAMES PHIL. 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

EVITA
Wimbledon College and the Ursuline High School present their joint production of **EVITA** on 23-24 March at 7.30pm at the Epsom Playhouse. Tickets £10 for adults/£7 for under 18s on 01372 742 555 and 01372 742 227 or visit www.epsomplayhouse.co.uk.

IRISH CHARITY NIGHT
The Catenians welcome all parishioners, families and friends to the Wimbledon Irish Charity Night on Saturday, 25th March from 7pm onwards at the Sacred Heart Church Upper Hall. Admission £15 which includes food (free for under 18s). Raffle tickets will be sold on the

LOVE HEALS BODY MIND & SPIRIT

Welcomes you to a one day Retreat of quiet Reflection on Saturday, 25th March from 11am to 5pm. The Catholic Church of our Lady of Assumption & St Gregory on Warwick Street, Piccadilly W1F 9JR

CATHOLIC SPEED DATING
Friday, 24th March at 7.30pm. Suggested age range: 20s-40s. Entry £10 and cash bar available. Address: Austin Forum, Hammersmith W6 8AU. Please register: Gabriella@austinforum.org. Limited spaces!

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.

A RETREAT WITH A DIFFERENCE

A Foyer de Charité Retreat will be held at the new Retreat Centre in Walsingham, from Sunday 30 April (6pm) – Saturday 6 May (2pm). The theme is **God's Plan for the Fullness of Time**, and the preacher will be Mgr. Keith Barltrop, with help from Foyer members and past retreatants. Foyer retreats are held mainly in silence, with three talks a day, and offer a holistic way of deepening our faith in the Church's teaching and our life in Christ. For further information or to book a place, contact Mgr. Barltrop: keithbarltrop@rcdow.org.uk; 07879 953953; St. Mary of the Angels, Moorhouse Road, Bayswater, London W2 5DJ

FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY

Please note that this year the Sacred Heart is unable to host the Feast of Divine Mercy on April 23 as it is also St. George's Day. See www.divinemercuryapostolate.co.uk for other churches. Please remember to start the Novena to Divine Mercy on Good Friday.

Exploring our Faith

LOVE HEALS BODY MIND & SPIRIT

7 Day retreat in Portugal: Mem Soares Castelo De Vide Retreat House, Portugal from Thursday 29th 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 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. Please would those who were fortunate enough to have a prayer guide, let the retreat team have your comments, preferably on the evaluation form previously sent out.

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 Richarde Mozzi for more information and booking (020 8472 0843 or 07859 027301).

NEW CATHOLICS

There is a Mass for New Catholics at St George's Cathedral on Saturday, 3rd June at 11am. This will be followed by refreshments and a 'Question & Answer' session in the Amigo Hall.

CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 18 6.30pm St Joseph Ints.
 Mon 20 7.30am Chris Conway RIP
 10.00am Kit O'Brien RIP
 6.30pm Luisa Derx RIP
 Tue 21 7.30am Elizabeth & Patrick Howlin RIP
 10.00am John Ryan RIP
 6.30pm Sean Ryan RIP
 Wed 22 7.30am Iris Desimer Ints.
 10.00am Philip Clarke RIP
 6.30pm Camilo Pereira RIP
 Thu 23 7.30am David & Lorenza Boyce RIP
 10.00am Charles Thiru Thanksgiving
 6.30pm Kit O'Brien RIP
 Fri 24 7.30am Mrs Kerean RIP
 10.00am Tom McAuley RIP
 6.30pm Alphonfus Kennedy RIP
 Sat 25 7.30am Our Lady Queen of Peace
 10.00am Kit O'Brien RIP

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Eugene Byrne, Hazel Mary Beckingham
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Barbara Creed, Philip Martin Grace, Gilbert Toma
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 £2,029 in loose plate giving and £517 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £2,546. 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

Monday 20th March St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of the Universal Church
Thursday 23rd March St Turibius of Mongrovejo, Bishop
Friday 24th March Memorial of Blessed Oscar Romero

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 in 3 parts *William Byrd*
 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes *William Byrd*
 Miserere mei *William Byrd*

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.