



# THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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## Newsletter

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**Fourth Sunday of Lent (A)**  
**Laetare Sunday**

**Weekday Readings for**  
**4th week of Lent (A)**  
**Vol I. psalter week 4**

### Next Sunday's Readings

Fifth Sunday of Lent

- Ezekiel 37:12-14
- Ps 129. R.v7
- Romans 8:8-11
- John 11:3-7.17.20-27.33-45

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## A Need to Pray

On the day when we should be celebrating the gift of our mothers, this Mothering Sunday, we mourn the death of one mum and we grieve with her children and the other children of the families of the other three victims of the terrorist attack on Wednesday. Once again we are challenged by the evil actions of one man intent on bringing death and destruction to the streets of London. Our first act as Christian men and women is to pray. We pray first for the victims of the violence that they may find rest with the Lord and hear those most consoling words of Christ, "*Come you, whom my Father has blessed, inherit the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world.*" Our second prayer needs to be for



those injured in the attack and especially for those who are fighting for their lives. We pray that they will be given strength to come through and be reunited with their families. Let us also pray for the family and friends of those killed and injured in the events of Wednesday, that in their sorrow and grief they will find strength and support to help them through this terrible time. Our prayer then must be for our community here in London that as a city and a nation

we find strength not to sink to the same level as the attacker but be strong and united in our determination to act justly and continue to work for a united and peaceful society. Our final prayer needs to be the prayer of Christ on the Cross, "*Father forgive them for they know not what they do*". Our prayer for forgiveness is central to our faith as we recall the words of the Lord's prayer, "*Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.*" Forgiveness is always hard, it is always demanding, but it always shows the strength of the one who forgives. Finally today our prayer must be for our mums, in thanks for all they do for us in their generosity and love.

### 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)

## SPECIAL COLLECTION

The second collection this Sunday 26th March will be in support of CAFOD's *East Africa Appeal*. Over 16 million people across South Sudan, Somalia, Ethiopia and Kenya are in urgent need of food, following months of drought. Thank you for your support, please join in praying for those affected by the hunger crisis in East Africa.

## EVANGELISATION MEETING

The next Evangelisation meeting will be on Saturday 1st April from 10.30-11.30am in the Lounge.

## HYMN BOOKS

Please help to keep our church clean and tidy, and put away hymn books neatly after all Masses. We all want the Sacred Heart Church to be a Welcoming House of Prayer!

## CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Please note there will be **no** meeting on 5th April. Our last meeting before Easter will be in Holy Week - Wednesday 12th April at 2.15pm and then again on Wednesday 26th April at Murray Road. All are welcome to come and spend just 20 minutes in silent prayer. (For more info: Pauline Barry 020 8715 6095 or email [barrypauline1@gmail.com](mailto:barrypauline1@gmail.com)).

## STAMP CUTTING AT JESUIT MISSIONS

The next stamp cutting meeting will take place on Thursday 6th April at 9.30am, 11 Edge Hill SW19 4RL.

## CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

The next continental breakfast will be on Sunday 30th April in the Lower Hall after the 8.15am Mass, up to 12noon.

## Parish News

### AT HOME

There will be **no** 'At Home' on Monday 27th March. The next one will be on Monday, 3rd April.

### 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 week's Lenten Service will be on Thursday 30th March at 8pm with Ignatian Scriptural Contemplation I, Adoration and Benediction led by Thomas Idergard SJ and Alex Roy SJ.

## Announcements

### R.C.I.A.

Members of our parish celebrated the Rite of Election at the Cathedral on 4th March. During 9.45am Mass again this and next Sunday, 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 celebrated on Sunday 7th May at 5pm.

### NEW CATHOLICS

There is a Mass for New Catholics at St George's Ca-

thedral on Saturday, 3rd June at 11am. This will be followed by refreshments and a 'Question & Answer' session in the Amigo Hall.

### FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY

Please note that this year the Sacred Heart is unable to host the Feast of Divine Mercy on Sunday 23rd April as it is also St. George's Day. See [www.divinemercyapostolate.co.uk](http://www.divinemercyapostolate.co.uk) for other local churches and venues. Please remember to start the Novena of the Divine Mercy on Good Friday.

### PARISH ACCOUNTS 2016

The full year accounts for 2016 are on display in the church porch. Copies with details of expenditure may be obtained by request from the presbytery. At the year-end there was a small surplus of

£18,000; however, income from the first collections and planned giving was £10,000 less than in 2015. The Finance Committee would encourage parishioners who pay income tax to gift aid their regular donations; this increases their value to the parish by 25% at no additional cost. Gift Aid Forms can be obtained from the Presbytery.

### CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Please join the Charismatic Prayer Group for praise and worship on Monday, 27th March, after evening mass from 7.30 to 9.20pm. The evening will commence with a rosary at 7.30pm followed by praise & worship. A talk will be given by Canon Elias on "*Happy are the Poor in Spirit, theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven*": Enquiries contact: 07958 782779 Audra.

## Parish Organisations

### FRIENDSHIP GROUP

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)

### MEMORY LANE CLUB

Every Wednesday morning from 10.30am onwards to

### TRADCRAFT

The Traidcraft stall will be outside the church this Sunday morning. As well as our usual goodies, there will be Easter eggs and some new jewellery. Buying from us helps producers in the developing world to get a fair price for their goods and to feed, clothe and educate their children.

## Social, Cultural & Notices

**BRAHMS REQUIEM** (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 this 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, please register via [www.sacredheartmusic.co.uk](http://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 4500, [www.cadoganhall.com](http://www.cadoganhall.com)

free) available at the door. [www.westbarnessingers.co.uk](http://www.westbarnessingers.co.uk)

**SH PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP**  
Sacred Heart Photography Group outing on Saturday 22nd April at 2pm; Kingston Riverside, meet on Kingston Bridge. Extra week-day meeting prior to Easter, date tbc. Please contact Alison Lobo 07711 583 414/[radar1972@hotmail.com](mailto: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

**FROM SOUTHWARK TO SICILY**  
You are invited to a talk (part of a new series of talks on art, artists and faith) on 'From Southwark to Sicily - the Mosaics of the Cathedral of Monreale' led by Piero Finaldi on Tuesday 28th March 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)

**LALEHAM LEA CATHOLIC SCHOOL**  
Is requiring a Primary Teacher for September 2017. Details available from Mrs C Edwards ([secretary@lalehamlea.co.uk](mailto:secretary@lalehamlea.co.uk) or 020 8660 3351). 29 Peaks Hill, Purley, Surrey CR 3JJ, [www.lalehamlea.co.uk](http://www.lalehamlea.co.uk)

**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 30th April (6pm) – Saturday 6th May (2pm). The theme is 'God's Plan for the Fullness of Time', and the preacher will be Mgr. Keith Bartrop, 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 info or to book a place, contact Mgr. Bartrop: [keithbartrop@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:keithbartrop@rcdow.org.uk); 07879 953953; St. Mary of the Angels, Moorhouse Road, Bayswater, London W2 5DJ

### UK CATHOLIC ONLINE RADIO

Your own English Catholic Online Radio broadcasting 24/7 with prayers, reflections, features and music. Proving a positive voice to promote the Catholic Faith: [www.heavensroadfm.com](http://www.heavensroadfm.com) - If you are interested in joining the team for Evangelisation and want to help spread the Gospel, please get in touch [admin@heavensroadfm.com](mailto:admin@heavensroadfm.com)

## Exploring our Faith

**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). 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.

**MARIAN PILGRIMAGES**  
Pilgrimage to Medjugorje from Wednesday 7th June

(7nts), departing from London Gatwick, £589, price includes 7 nights half board near St James' Church, full religious programme with Fr Tom McHugh, operated by Marian Pilgrimages. For more info contact Angela Callan (020 8460 7789) or visit [www.marian-uk.com](http://www.marian-uk.com)

**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](http://pathwaystogod.org) or call 020 7495 1673. Cost -

suggested donation £25 for the workshop. 114 Mount Street W1K 3AH.

**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](http://www adaywithmary.org) for more information.

**CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY**

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

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK**

Sat 25 6.30pm Joy Millicent Emerson RIP  
 Mon 27 7.30am Robert Micetich, Margaret James Thksg.  
 10.00am Joe D'Costa RIP  
 6.30pm Peter Bustin Ints.  
 Tue 28 7.30am Frances Douglas RIP  
 10.00am Mary Higgins RIP  
 6.30pm Peter Bustin Ints.  
 Wed 29 7.30am Peter Bustin Ints.  
 10.00am Tom Mc Auley RIP  
 6.30pm Christina McGuire RIP  
 Thu 30 7.30am Peter Bustin Ints.  
 10.00am Annie Costello RIP  
 6.30pm Newton Fernandes RIP  
 Fri 31 7.30am Paddy Sullivan RIP  
 10.00am Charles Thiru Ints.  
 6.30pm Peter Bustin Ints.  
 Sat 1 7.30am Peter Bustin Ints.  
 10.00am Baby Hannah Monica Fannon Thanksg.  
 1.30pm Requiem for Tessa McGregor Howard

**WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS**

**Those who have died recently:** Christopher A. Cooper, Tessa McGregor Howard, Pat Burling  
**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Charles Heather, Margaret Carnegie, Pauline Woods, Shaun Downey, John Abberton  
**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 £2,436 in loose plate giving and £731 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £3,167. 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.

**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 tertia*, Leos Bardos  
*Confitebor tibi, Domine*, Orlando Lassus  
*Nolo mortem peccatoris*, Thomas Morley

**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: [sacredheartwimbletonppc@gmail.com](mailto:sacredheartwimbletonppc@gmail.com) Youth Minister: Pat Ryan [youthminister@sacredheartwimbleton.org.uk](mailto:youthminister@sacredheartwimbleton.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.