



# THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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## Newsletter

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### Sixth Sunday of Easter

Weekday Readings for  
6th week of Easter (A)  
Vol I. psalter week 2

### Next Sunday's Readings

Ascension of the Lord

- Acts 1:1-11
- Ps 46:2-3.6-9.R.v6
- Ephesians 1:17-23
- Matthew 28:16-20

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## Spreading the Truth

The last two weekends have seen the celebration of our six first communion Masses during which over 170 children from the parish received the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the most Holy Eucharist, for the first time. It was a great day in the lives of those children as it was indeed in the lives of their family and friends. It was also a great day for the parish as we welcome those children into full communion with the parish community. The celebration of our First Communion Masses were only possible because of the hard



work and dedication of our parish catechists. Over the months they had worked hard to prepare the children for their great day and on the day they offered encouragement and support throughout a well prepared liturgy. The parish owes a special debt of gratitude to our First Communion Catechists and I would formally like to thank them for their work

during the year. They themselves have been supported by the First Communion co-ordinator, Pascale Lo. Pascale has now handed over her post and we are very grateful to her and her assistants for all the work she has put into organising this years programme so effectively. We are always on the look out for members of the parish willing to help with the catechetical programme of the parish, which includes the children's liturgy, First Communion preparation and the Confirmation. There will be more about this next week.

### 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

Next Sunday 28th May, World Day of Communication, the second collection will be in support of the Catholic Communications Network (CCN), the media office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The CCN seeks to be of service both to the Church and the world in offering professional channels of communication, and provides support for the Bishops of England and Wales and the wider Church in promoting the Gospel through the media on current issues.

## NEWMAN ASSOCIATION

The Wimbledon Circle of the Newman Association invites you to a talk on Tuesday 23rd May at 7.30pm in the Lounge, 'The Mercy of God as shown in Scripture and in Art' by Fr Geoffrey Wheaton SJ, a scholar of religious art who has travelled across the world giving talks on the subject.

## CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Do come and have a chat with other parishioners over a delicious continental breakfast with croissants and bacon rolls this Sunday 21st May in the Lower Hall after the 8.15am Mass up to 12 noon.

## ANNIVERSARY MEMORIES

As part of the 130th Anniversary Celebrations of the Sacred Heart Church on 25th June, we are collecting memories from parishioners for an exhibition and possible photo-book. Please send your 'happiest memories', with photographs, of you and your family's time at the Sacred Heart Parish. Please email these to [dthurst52@gmail.com](mailto:dthurst52@gmail.com)

## Parish News

### AT HOME

There will be an 'At Home' on Monday 22nd May from 6-8pm.

### SCHOOL SLIPS

School slips will be collected this weekend.

### SIGNED AND SPOKEN MASS

A signed and spoken Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 28th May at 4pm. Please note that this Mass will be celebrated in the Sacred

Heart Chapel in the church.

### EXPOSITION TIMES

Please note that the times for Exposition on Sundays have changed and will now be from 3-4pm.

## Announcements

### CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Please join the Charismatic Prayer Group for praise and worship on Monday 22nd May, in the Youth Room from 7.30 - 9.20pm. The evening will commence with a rosary at 7.30pm followed by praise & worship. A talk will be given by Barbara Onuoga who works as a corporate tax lawyer in London and has a leadership role in Youth 2000 (a leading Catholic Charity) on "The Discipline of God and its purpose". (Audra: 07958 782779)

### PENTECOST NOVENA

For nine days leading up to Pentecost Sunday 4th June there will be a daily Novena Prayer at each Mass starting

on Friday 26th May, please take a Novena booklet at the back of the church and join in preparing for this wonderful feast.

### HEALING SERVICE

A Mass for the Elderly with Anointing of the Sick and those who are frail or infirm will be celebrated on Saturday 3rd June at 10am.

### CLERGY SUPPORT FUND CAMPAIGN

Thank you to all parishioners who supported the Diocesan wide Campaign to raise support for our sick and retired clergy. During the last few years, many parishioners expressed appreciation for particular priests who have had a positive influence in their lives, and have enquired

about the possibility of leaving a gift in their Will to the Campaign. If this is a cause that resonates with you and you would like to find a way of thanking our retired priests for their service to our community, please consider picking up an introductory leaflet from the back of the church today. Thank you.

### RAPHAEL PILGRIMAGE REUNION

The Raphael Pilgrimage to Lourdes Reunion will take place here at Sacred Heart on Saturday 10th June with Mass at 6.30pm followed by a buffet supper in the Parish Lounge. All supporters welcome. Cost £15 per head. To book your place please contact Angela (020 8337 5016 or [SearleAM@aol.com](mailto:SearleAM@aol.com)

## Parish Organisations

### WIMBLEDON CANCER FRIENDSHIP GROUP

The next monthly drop-in will be on Thursday 25th May from 3.15-4.30pm. The group's small, friendly team of volunteers take turns in running the meetings, all have personal, direct or indirect experience 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](mailto:wcfg@live.co.uk) for more information. 30/32 Worples Rd SW19 4EF.

### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

On Saturday 27th May from 10.30 - 11.30am, in the Parish Lounge. Grief is a particularly isolating experience that can affect all aspects of your life, physically, emotionally and socially. The Bereavement Team invite everyone experiencing loss in their

lives, no matter how long ago, to drop-in for a coffee and a chat. We offer you a warm welcome. For more information call 020 8946 5198 or on the website.

### FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Friday 2nd June: Upper Hall at 1pm, come and enjoy a luncheon with the French theme *Joie de vivre*; tickets £15 in advance from the Presbytery.

## Social, Cultural & Notices

### BRAHMS REQUIEM

The Sacred Heart Chorus and Orchestra will perform Brahms' 'Ein deutsches Requiem', conducted by Robert Rathbone, with soloists Katy Tansey and Samuel Pantcheff on Saturday 17th June at 8pm in the church. Tickets (£15, £10 concessions, £5 full-time students) are available from [www.sacredheartmusic.co.uk/concerts/tickets](http://www.sacredheartmusic.co.uk/concerts/tickets)

### THE FIVE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

You are invited to a talk (part of a series of talks on art, artists and faith) on 'The Five Glorious Mysteries (Frescos at Our Lady of the Rosary, Brixton)' with the artist Maurizia Lees. Tuesday 23rd May at the Centre of Catholic Formation, Tooting SW17 8BS. Doors open at 7pm, drinks

provided. Donations welcome. For more info see [www.ccftootingbec.org.uk](http://www.ccftootingbec.org.uk)

### RIDE FOR PETER

Only a few more days to go: 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 starting this Friday 26th May. If you would like to sponsor their ride please visit [www.uk.virginmoneygiving.com](http://www.uk.virginmoneygiving.com) and search for 'Simon Connellan' fundraising page.

### JM - PRUDENTIAL RIDE LONDON

Jesuit Missions have been granted a number of charity

places for the world class Prudential Ride London-Surrey 100 - an amazing 100 mile cycle ride through closed roads in London and the rolling hills of Surrey on Sunday 30th July. JM are putting together a team of riders for this year's event. Each cyclist on their team will be asked to commit to raising £1,000 to support the work of JM around the world. Please spread the word and share this with anyone who may be interested in taking part, deadline to register is 26th May, so please contact JM in advance of this date; for more information contact Richard at [richard@jesuitmissions.org.uk](mailto:richard@jesuitmissions.org.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.

### 3 WEEKS TO GO:



Mary's Meals wants your unwanted clothing and bedding (**no duvets or pillows please**) and will be at our church until 12.45 pm on Sunday 11th June to collect them all. Put your clothing/bedding into tied sacks and bring them to Mass where the charity Mary's Meals will be here to pick them up. Amazingly, 4 full black sacks of **good quality** clothing will feed a child one good nutritious meal every school day for a whole year! Mary's Meals is a charity that sets up school feeding programmes in communities where poverty and hunger prevent children from gaining education.

### 1887-2017

Save the date: Celebrating 130th Anniversary of the Sacred Heart Church on Sunday 25th June from 12.30pm in the Upper Hall, food, entertainment and celebrations; more details to follow....

### THANK YOU

The student from Holy Cross Girls School who organised a cake sale last Sunday would like to thank everybody who bought cakes or donated money to help with her School Trip to Thailand in aid of the Thai Children's Trust. The cake sale raised an amazing £400.

## Exploring our Faith

### POST EASTER TALKS

The next post Easter talk will be on Thursday 25th May at 7.30pm on 'Father, Son and Holy Spirit' by Sebastian Morello, Amigo Hall, Lambeth Rd, SE1 6HR. Free entry, donations welcomed, refreshments; register at 020 8672 7684, for more info visit [www.tootingbec.org.uk](http://www.tootingbec.org.uk)

### EVENINGS OF FAITH

All are welcome to a series of talks on 'Developing the thought of St. John Paul II'. The next talk will be on Tuesday 23rd May at 7pm on 'Evangelium Vitae: Why is the human person unique?' held by Joanna Bogle; Challoner Room, Basement, 24 Golden Square, London W1F 9JR (Tube: Piccadilly Circus). Full details from [www.faith.org.uk/events/evenings-of-faith](http://www.faith.org.uk/events/evenings-of-faith)

### LOVE HEALS BODY MIND AND SPIRIT

Love heals Body Mind and Spirit team welcome you to come to a one day Retreat of quiet Reflection on Saturday 27th May from 11am - 5pm at the Catholic Church of our Lady of Assumption & St Gregory, Warwick Street, Piccadilly, W1F 9J. Programme: Rosary, Traditional Latin Mass, Lunch Break (please bring your own lunch, tea & coffee available), Talk based on Scripture, Catholic Christian Meditation, Blessed Adoration, Individual Healing Prayers; for enquiries please contact Eileen & David Brum on 020 8542 2476 or [lovehealsbodymindspirit@gmail.com](mailto:lovehealsbodymindspirit@gmail.com)

### OPEN DAY

The Bellesini Community for Catholics cordially invites anyone who would like to know more about this mixed Catholic lay community founded by young people through the Augustinians on Saturday 3rd June, 1-4pm. To find out more, please contact Gabriella on 020 8748 3254 or [gabriella@austin-forum.org](mailto:gabriella@austin-forum.org); Fulham Palace Rd, Hammersmith

### DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE

8th National Divine Mercy Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday 3rd June starting at 10.30am organised by Marian Fathers; for info & coach booking call 020 8998 0925 or [info@divinemercury.org.uk](mailto:info@divinemercury.org.uk)

### CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

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

\* SH School Mass Centre

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 20 6.30pm Bridget Cushen-Connelly RIP  
 Mon 22 7.30am Antonio Varchione RIP  
           10.00am Peggy Hannon RIP  
           6.30pm John Granahan Thanksgiving  
 Tue 23 7.30am David & Lorenza Boyce RIP  
           10.00am Joanne Thiru RIP  
           6.30pm Elizabeth Cooper Ints.  
 Wed 24 7.30am John & Ann Russell RIP  
           10.00am George Smith RIP  
           6.30pm Dced Members of the Hearty Family RIP  
 Thu 25 7.30am Our Lady Queen of Peace  
           10.00am Gayle Moretti RIP  
           6.30pm UHS Yr 13 Mass  
 Fri 26 7.30am Simon Shilston RIP  
           10.00am Christopher Cooper RIP  
           6.30pm Frances Douglas RIP  
 Sat 27 7.30am Electa Almeida Ints.  
           10.00am Philomena Kehoe RIP

### WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**  
 Fr Francis Walsh SJ, George Smith, Nanette Head, Agnes Sahda Sutej, Maura Page, Joanne Thiru, Zina Ferreira, James Francis Hawthorne

**The sick:** Bertha D'Costa, Evelyn Harrington, Barbara Johnston, Linda Day, Grant Jepsom, Eddie Power, George Manara, Tom Searle, Iris Desmier, Paul Shannon, Brian Bladen-Hovell, Sandra Broadbent, Daphne Minas, Gabriel Godfrey, Cathy McElroy, 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, Caleb Edser, Julian Eddy, Troy Najair, Margaret Lumley and Andrew Tan [*Please advise the Reception when names can be removed.*]



### COLLECTIONS

Collection at Mass last Sunday came to £1,650 in loose plate giving and £555 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £2,205. This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.

### FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

**Sunday 21st May** St Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs  
**Monday 22nd May** St Rita of Cascia, Religious  
**Thursday 25th May** St Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor of the Church; St Gregory VII, Pope; St Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin  
**Friday 26th May** St Philip Neri, Priest, Memorial  
 The Novena to the Holy Spirit for the reunion of Christendom begins today  
**Saturday 27th May** St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

### EXPOSITION

Sundays: 3.00 - 4.00pm  
 (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 'Aeterna Christi Munera',*  
 Palestrina  
*Jubilate Deo,* Hans Leo Hassler

### 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.