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Newsletter

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**Pentecost Sunday
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**The end of the Season of
Easter**

**Eighth Week in Ordinary
Time**

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Pentecost

The Feast of Pentecost ranks among the most important in Christian Calendar. Pentecost is the fiftieth day after the resurrection of Jesus from the dead and occurred during the Jewish yearly pilgrimage to Jerusalem for the celebration of the Feast of Harvest.



The Christian focus on the marvellous work of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost is the coming to full birth of the Church in a universal Catholic way. There is much that we can reflect on about that glorious day. In fact, two unique happenings stand out: the tongues of fire, which separated and came to rest on the head of each of the Apostles; and the Apostles speaking in foreign language as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. As a purifying agent, fire burns off impurities and in cold weather, it takes off the chill and gives us warmth. The form in which the Holy Spirit came down on the Apostles on Pentecost day did indeed take off the Apostles' chilling fear for the Jews. He infused into them the courage and burning zeal they previously lacked to proclaim Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God. The gift of speech was the Holy Spirit enlightening and helping the Apostles to articulate their proclamation of the Good News as the Lord Jesus promised. What was more unnatural was that the foreigners who had gathered could identify culturally with the Galileans' proclamation of the Good News of Jesus Christ. Again, the language barrier was broken. In this, we see the essence of the Holy Spirit as a unifier, who harnesses human diversities and effects the praise and glory of God in the midst of the Church.

Each time we gather for Mass to praise and glorify God or at other parish activities here in Sacred Heart Wimbledon, it reminds us of the gathering of people of every nation on the day of Pentecost. Our language and cultural differences are a witness to the multiple riches of God, who has given us these gifts to praise and glorify him in Jesus through the Spirit. May the Lord who has given us all one Spirit to drink, continue to bind us together with love that cannot be broken.

Happy Pentecost!

Fr Joseph Donkor

Next Sunday's Readings

- Exodus 34:4-6.8-9
- Psalm Daniel 3:52-56
- 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
- John 3:16-18

Upcoming Events

Saturday 27 May

- Bereavement Support, 10.30-11.30am, Parish Lounge

Monday 29 May

- Bank Holiday, Mass at 10am

Friday 2 June

- Friendship Group, Celebration Coronation Tea Party, 2.30pm, Lounge
- Adoration of the Eucharist after the 6.30pm Mass

THE PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Acting Parish Priest: Fr Joseph Donkor

Parish Clergy: Fr Matthew Donnelly, Deacon Julian Burling and Deacon Shaun Crocker

Team members: Sr Dorothy Perrott OSU, Sr Francis SSA

Faith Minister (Children, Young People & Families): Eleanor Bowman

HOMELESS YOUNG PEOPLE

Do you have a spare room which you could make available for a homeless young person on a single night basis? *Nightstop* operates under the Depaul umbrella to support young people into permanent accommodation. Interested?, then look up nightstop.london@depaulcharity.org.uk or feel free to have a chat with Chris Woodward (020 8241 9703), or pick up a leaflet at the back of the church.

POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION

As the Church prepares to gather in Rome on 22-26 June for the 10th World Meeting of Families, Pope Francis upheld the family and urged all Catholics to pray for them this June: *'United in the family - The family is the place where we learn to live with one another, to live with young people and with those who are older. And by being united in our differences - young people, the elderly, adults, children - we evangelise with our example of life.'* God offers path of holiness in families, the Holy Father recalled that God is always with us, in our neighbourhood, cities, and daily life. *'And He takes care of us,'* said Pope Francis. *'He remains with us at all times in the swaying of the boat tossed by the sea: when we argue, when we suffer, when we're joyful, the Lord is there and accompanies us, helps us, and corrects us.'* At the same time, he said, love within the family offers a 'personal path of holiness'. *'Let us pray for Christian families around the world. May each and every family embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.'*

Parish News

FR DAVID GIBBONS

We are very happy to announce that our new Parish Priest, Rev. Fr David Gibbons, will be starting here at Sacred Heart, Wimbledon, on the 1st of September: Fr David Gibbons was ordained as a Catholic Priest in 1996 and was called to ministry in Maidstone and Camberwell;

between 2011-2016 he was Director of the diocesan Centre for Catholic Formation; in 2016 he was appointed Parish Priest of Sevenoaks in Kent.

We look forward to welcoming Fr Gibbons to our parish.

BANK HOLIDAY

Monday 29 May is a bank holiday. There will be only

one Mass celebrated at 10am. The church will stay open until 5pm.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

There will be Adoration of the Eucharist and prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in our church on Friday 2 June, after the 6.30pm Mass. All are welcome.

Announcements

SOCIETY OF ST GREGORY SUMMER SCHOOL

Joyful Proclamation of the Gospel: In his recent Apostolic letter, *Desiderio Desideravi*, Pope Francis calls for the Liturgical Formation of the People of God.

Heeding this call, through talks, workshops & liturgies, the Society of Saint Gregory Summer School considers the vision of Vatican II, its relevance today, and how we can help to root it more firmly in our communities. There will be opportunities for informal discussions to learn from each other. The Summer School runs from 3.30pm on Wed 26 finishing after lunch on Sat 29 July; residential cost includes ensuite accommodation & full board (3 nights, Wed/Thu/

Fri), plus talks, liturgies, workshops and the Society's annual dinner on Friday evening; non-residential & day rates also available. For details & online booking visit <https://www.ssg.org.uk/summer-school-2023/>, email summerschool@ssg.org.uk; please email for non-residential places.

ANNUAL MARRIAGE MASS AT ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL

Are you celebrating your 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or any later wedding anniversary this year? If so, you are invited to join in celebrating a Mass for married couples at 3pm on Saturday 23 September at St George's Cathedral (chief celebrant Bishop Paul Hendricks). You can apply

for a written personal invitation to the Mass from Archbishop John Wilson (invitation also covers a small number of family guests). To book & for more details please email mflsw@rcaos.org.uk.

FR MICHAEL BEATTIE MEMORIAL MASS

A short reminder for the memorial Mass for the late Fr Michael Beattie SJ: Farm Street Church, 114 Mount St, W1K 3AH, 6pm on Tue 13 June, followed by refreshments in the Arrupe Hall.

Many of you will remember Fr Beattie SJ, between 1969 and 1972 he was a member of the parish staff at Sacred Heart, and then served as Rector and parish priest here in 1975.

Parish Organisations

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

The Bereavement Team invites everyone experiencing loss in their lives, no matter how long ago, to drop in for a coffee and a chat this Saturday 27 May from 10.30-11.30am, in the Parish Lounge. For more

information, please email bereavement@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Friday 2 June at 2.30pm in the Parish Lounge: Celebration Coronation Tea Party with tea, prosecco cakes & live music with Giles at the piano. All welcome!

MEMORY LANE CLUB

This popular club for people with dementia and their carers is open every Wednesday from 10.30am to 12.30pm in the Parish Lounge with tea, coffee & cake along with lots of chat, laughter, snooker and different activities.

Social & Cultural

VACANCIES

Wimbledon College: Care-taker required; for details & application please contact: hr@wimbledoncollege.org.uk, 020 8879 9323 or visit www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk. Closing date 30 May.

Richard Challoner School, a Catholic School for boys aged 11-16, is currently seeking to appoint Foundation Governors to join the Board of Governors; there are several vacancies from the 16 Aug '23. If interested in this voluntary role, please email Heather Fowler on clerk@challoner.kingston.sc.h.uk for an application form or call 020 8330 5947 for more detailed information. Closing date Monday 19 June.

Christian Care are looking for a Children's & Families' Activities Coordinator, someone with a real understanding of the needs of children in families struggling with poverty. Timing is very flexible as most of the work is done at home. For detailed information and application please call 020 3302 0181 (office hours and answerphone), 07932 628 840 or email christiancaremerton@gmail.com or visit <https://christiancaremerton.org.uk> or see leaflets at the back of the church.

SACRED HEART CONCERT

Saturday 24 June: Sacred Heart Chorus & Orchestra (conductor Bob Rathbone) perform Anton Bruckner's

dramatic setting of the *Te Deum*, Poulenc's joyous and sometimes hauntingly beautiful setting of the *Gloria* (with Katy Lees as soprano soloist) and the Overture to Wagner's only comic opera, *The Mastersingers of Nuremberg*. Tickets will be available shortly at sacredheartmusic.co.uk.

In aid of Jesuit Missions and MyTime Carers' charity.

WEST BARNES SINGERS

SUMMER CONCERT

West Barnes singers invite you to an evening of songs from the operas on Saturday 10 June at St. Saviours, Grand Drive, SW20 9DG. Tickets £15, <12s free. Do come!

Exploring our Faith

LOVE HEALS BODY MIND AND SPIRIT

You are welcome to come to a 1-day retreat of quiet reflection this Sat 27 May from 11am-4.30pm, at the Catholic Church of our Lady of Assumption & St Gregory, Piccadilly, W1F 9JR; Holy Rosary, Latin Mass in the Extraordinary Form (Celebrant Priest: Fr Mark Elliott); lunch break (please bring your own lunch, tea & coffee available); talk based on Scripture, Catholic Christian Meditation, Blessed Adoration - Divine Mercy, Individual Healing Prayers. For more info, please visit www.lovehealsbodymindspirit.com.

CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION PILGRIMAGE

Each year, the Catholic Association Pilgrimage (CA) is responsible for coordinating the welcome and care of their 'assisted pilgrims' - those on their annual pilgrimage to Lourdes who have particular care and support needs. For their pilgrimage from 18-15 August the CA is appealing for everyone to invite any friends, family members or fellow parishioners who might want to come to Lourdes as an assisted pilgrim or a volunteer in order to help provide the support that assisted pilgrims

need. For more info about the pilgrimage/how to get involved please visit www.catholicassociation.co.uk/encourage or email contact@catholicassociation.co.uk.

DAY WITH MARY

You are invited to a *Day with Mary*, a day of instruction, devotion and intercession, on Saturday 3 June at St Bede, Thornton Rd, Clapham Park, SW12 0LF, from 9.45am-5.30pm; celebrant & preacher: Fr Patrick Pullicino; sermon on Our Lady by Fr Marcus Holden; Exposition & Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, Meditations on the Passion of Our Lord, Silent Prayers (www adaywithmary.org).

New to the Parish?

Please introduce yourself to a member of the Parish Team after Mass and register online at <https://sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/> or by filling in a registration form, available at the back of the church.

ST MARTHA'S GUILD

The Sacred Heart Church Cleaners would like a couple of more cleaners of all ages to join their friendly and welcoming group of men and women. They meet after the 10am Mass on Mondays in the Sacristy and clean designated areas of the church (if you are not available on Mondays, another day can be arranged). Please contact Anne Remedios if you can help (020 8946 3653).

DAY OF CELEBRATION AT AYLESFORD PRIORY

A day exploring creative prayer for those with disabilities and special needs on Sunday 2 July from 12noon - 6pm: building on the value that Edith Stein gave to all people, you are invited to spend time as a parish group, or individual in reflection, fun and creative prayer. All are guaranteed a warm welcome, for further enquiries please email admin.gen@ocarm.org.

JESUIT MISSIONS STAMP CUTTING

Volunteers welcome to help trim & sort used stamps to raise money for JM: Thursday 1 June, 9.30am-12.30pm - coffee provided, please bring your own scissors. 11 Edge Hill, SW19 4 LR.

SAFEGUARDING

It is the policy of the Catholic Church in England and Wales to report all allegations of abuse to statutory authorities, regardless of whether the abuse occurred recently or in the past, or whether the accused person is living or deceased. If you are concerned about the welfare of a child or adult at risk, do not delay in contacting the police, using 999 if a child or adult is believed to be in immediate danger. Further safeguarding information can be found on the parish website.

CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

6.30pm (Sat) Fr Joseph Donkor & Deacon Julian Burling
8.00am Fr Matthew Donnelly
10.00am Fr Michael Barnes SJ
12 noon Fr Joseph Donkor & Deacon Julian Burling
5.00pm Fr Joseph Donkor
8.00pm Fr Matthew Donnelly

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 27 6.30pm Brian Breathnach RIP
Mon 29 10.00am Sup.Gen. Daughters of the Heart of Mary
Tue 30 10.00am Holy Souls
6.30pm Lindsey Penelope Thksgiving good health
Wed 31 10.00am Souls in Purgatory
6.30pm Doug Porteous RIP
Thu 1 10.00am Emily Grey & family Ints.
6.30pm Michael Chapman RIP
Fri 2 10.00pm Pat Reynolds
6.30pm Abby Fernandes RIP
Sat 3 10.00am Michael Mariadoss RIP

HOSPITAL CONTACTS

If you or a member of your family are admitted to one of the local hospitals, do please let the hospital's Catholic chaplain know.

St George's Hospital: Fr Isah Katuka (020 8725 3069)

St Heliers and Epsom Hospital: Fr Philip Pak (020 8296 2000)

Kingston Hospital: Fr Tony Oleh (020 8546 7711)

EXPOSITION

Wednesdays & Fridays
after the 10.00am Mass
and from 5.25 - 6.25pm

RECONCILIATION

Monday - Saturday:
6.00 - 6.20pm
and Saturday morning
10.30 - 11.30am

MUSIC AT THE 12 NOON MASS

Entry hymn: 125 *Come down, O love divine*
Sequence: *Veni Sancte Spiritus* (p.23 Latin Mass booklet)
Offt. hymn: 758 *Veni Creator Spiritus*
Communion motet: *Litany to the Holy Spirit*, Peter Hurford
Post-communion hymn: 126 *Come Holy Ghost Creator, come*

If you wish to include items in the weekly newsletter, please keep them brief, - if possible no more than 40 words - send them by Tuesday before publication to newsletter@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk / wimparish@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk

PARISH SERVICES

Parish Office/Reception Hours: 9am - 4pm (Mon-Fri), 020 8946 0305

Executive Assistant & Hall bookings: Thelma D'Costa (Mon - Fri 9am - 4pm) Caretaker: George McLennan

Parish Pastoral Council: ppc@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk

Baptism, Marriage, First Sacraments, Funerals contact the parish office.

Bereavement Support: one to one support or bereavement drop-in, for more information please contact the co-ordinator by email bereavement_group@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk

Sacred Heart SVP Conference meets to help those living locally in need. All enquiries are dealt with confidentiality. Leave contact details with the parish office or email presidentA190704@svp.org.uk.

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Helen Daly, Matthew Abbey and Catherine McManus

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Steven Osborne, Helen Kaegler, Patrick Brendan Barden, Susan Curmi, Rosa Maria Antonelli, Margaret Flanagan and Ernest Bonner

The sick: Nicky Steiner, Alexia Graham, Natalie Williams, Karolina Masica, Anne McHale, David Fry, Paul Stromborg, Mike Greene, Teresa Escalona, Donal Weir, Giovanni Baldacchino, Kim Carr, Luca Buttaci, David Steele, Shanu Mathew, Maureen May, Ryan Lyndsey, Samar Staussi, Emily Grey and Andrew Tan

Please note that for data protection reasons, individuals must explicitly agree for their names to be mentioned in our newsletter. Please let the Parish Office know in writing if either your name or the names of your relatives and friends should appear in our sick list.



COLLECTIONS

Last week's collection for the CCN (Catholic Communication Network) raised £467. Thank you for your support.

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Sun 28 May Pentecost Sunday, Solemnity
Mon 29 May Mary, Mother of the Church, Memorial;
St Paul VI, Pope
Tue 30 May St Luke Kirby martyred, Tyburn
Wed 31 May The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Feast
Thu 1 June Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest, Feast;
St Justin, Martyr
Fri 2 June Ss Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs, Memorial
Sat 3 June St Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs

For donations, please scan the QR Code with your phone; your donation will help fund the wide range of liturgical, spiritual and cultural activities which run in the parish. Thank you.

