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Newsletter

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**The Most Holy Trinity
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The Most Holy Trinity

Our hearts are restless until they rest in thee, O Lord. Thus wrote St Augustine. This restless yearning stems from a nostalgia for relationship and intimacy with God which had been lost by our first parents who decided to live outside the realms of that relationship.

Jesus revealed a deep level of intimacy between Himself and one he called his Father. He revealed the nature of God as relationship, a communion of love between three persons. Since we are made in the image of God, and each of us uniquely created as persons are destined to be restored to that relationship with God by Baptism.

Is there any wonder then at our sense of being out of synch with our environment, being estranged from ourselves, and of feeling alienated even from those who are closest to us, when we choose to go our own way?

By maintaining our baptismal promises and deepening our sacramental life, by placing God again at the centre of our lives, we once again experience the peace of homecoming - being at one with God puts us at one with the world and those around us.

As children of God our happiness on earth depends on what the first reading from Proverbs describes as *'delighting in His presence'*, and, in turn, He delights in us at play in his presence. To be caught up in the delightful interplay of love between the persons of the Trinity is what we human beings were created for - God's desire to share his inner world of delight with us human beings is why He created us and, more wonderfully, why he sent his Son to redeem us.

God, in Christ, the second person of the Blessed Trinity was reconciling us to Himself through Jesus - Himself a divine person. In fact, Jesus, in His final prayer to the Father revealed the incredible vocation of us all that we enjoy the same unity with God as He does with the Father: *'that they may be one in us, as you Father are in me and I in thee; so that the world may know that it was you who sent me'* (Jn 17: 20-21). What is more, we deepen that relationship with the Father by living as true disciples of Christ. When addressing the Father, Jesus made it clear that they who by obedience to his word become living temples in which the Trinity makes their permanent dwelling. Jesus tells the disciples in fact, that by enacting what he has told them through his Word the third person of the Trinity will be poured out into them with all His gifts - the Holy Spirit.

We complete God's purpose by presenting Christ to the world by living as *continue on p.2*



Fresco of the Holy Trinity (1758-1759) by Luca Rossetti

Next Sunday's Readings

- Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16
- Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20
- I Corinthians 10:16-17
- John 6:51-58

Upcoming Events

Saturday 10 June

- LHBMS half-day retreat, 10.30am-1pm, Parish Lounge

Sunday 11 June

- Children's Liturgy during the 10am Mass

Saturday 24 June

- Sacred Heart Chorus & Orchestra Concert, 8pm, Church; see p. 3

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

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a community animated by the Holy Spirit. He is the living heartbeat of the Church of which Christ is the Head and we are its members. By living the gospel through the strength derived from the Eucharist and the sacraments we restore everything to God and become Christ's presence in the world, a communion of love seeking out all in the world that are estranged from God, that they too might be caught up in the delight at play in the endless communion of love which is the Trinity. *Fr Matthew Donnelly*

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.' '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.'*

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 & creative prayer. All are guaranteed a warm welcome, for further enquiries email admin@ocarm.org.

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.

NO EXPOSITION

Please note that there will be no exposition in the morning on Friday 16 June.

NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART

You are invited to pray the *Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus*, a powerful and important prayer to come closer to God! We will start the

Novena on Wednesday 7 June until the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The prayer card is 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

Announcements

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 details please email mflsw@rcaos.org.uk by 31 July.

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 Tuesday 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.

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.

Parish Organisations

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.

For more information please ring Jenny on 07906 856 183.

SCHOOL OF COMMUNITY

This is the catechesis proposed by *Communion and Liberation* local community every Friday at 7.30pm in the Lounge. The meetings are simple and there is no requirement of formal mem-

bership. The usual structure involves reflection on a spiritual text and sharing on how it makes sense in one's own life. For more info, please email soc.wimbledon@gmail.com.

Social & Cultural

SACRED HEART CONCERT

Saturday 24 June 8pm: 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, *Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg*. Tickets are now available at sacredheartmusic.co.uk and after all Masses on Sunday 11 June.

In aid of Jesuit Missions and MyTime Carers' charity.

W-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!

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Come face-to-face with one of history's most inspirational and revered figures in the exhibition at the National Gallery exploring Saint Francis of Assisi's life and legacy: presenting the art and imagery of Saint Francis (1182-1226) from the 13th century to today, this exhibition looks at why this saint is a figure of enormous relevance to our time due to his spiritual radicalism, commitment to the poor, and love of God and nature, as well as his powerful appeals for peace, and openness to dialogue with other religions.

You are encouraged to book a free Gallery entry ticket ahead of your visit to gain admission to the National Gallery; exhibition runs until 30 July.

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Our church sits within the Edge Hill Area Residents' Association who invite local parishioners to the next EHARA meeting to discuss issues of importance in the parish lounge at 8pm on Tuesday 13 June. At the start of this meeting, David Hurst will briefly present parish community work, including significant achievements by Merton Citizens. If you are interested, please rsvp to dthurst52@gmail.com ... or just turn up!

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.

LIFE AND LEGACY OF MOTHER MARIA SKOBTSOVA

During Refugee Week, on Friday 23 June from 7-8pm on Zoom, a webinar facilitated by Ben Bano from *Seeking Sanctuary* and Brother Johannes Maertens (missionary-monk of the Monastery of the Good Shepherd and the Catholic Worker movement), will be held to discuss the life and legacy of Mother Maria Skobtsova. Although raised devoutly Orthodox, she experienced a lapse of faith before returning to the Orthodox Faith. She emigrated from Russia to Paris where she became a nun. Working tirelessly to welcome refugees and exiles she established houses of welcome, which after 1940 welcomed Jewish refugees. She was deported to Ravensbrück in 1943 where she died two years later. She has been proclaimed a Saint in the Orthodox Church. Alongside her outreach work she developed a theology of the Cross which is particularly relevant to our welcome of refugees and asylum seekers. For further details & registration please email migrant.support@aol.com

Exploring our Faith

LOVE HEALS BODY MIND AND SPIRIT MINISTRY

.. welcome you to come to a half-day retreat of quiet reflection, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Edge Hill, on Saturday 10 June from 10.30am-1pm; Holy Rosary, Talk based on Scripture, Christian Meditation, Healing Prayers. In the Lounge, starting with tea and coffee. (www.lovehealsbodymindspirit.com, lovehealsbodymindspirit@gmail.com, 020 8542 2476).

COME & SEE WEEKENDS

Friday 11 - Monday 14 August (and then 20 - 23 October): the Cistercian

Nuns at Holy Cross Abbey are inviting single Catholic women ages 25-45 who are discerning a vocation to experience monastic life during one of the above weekends. Please visit www.hcawithland.co.uk or email comeandseehc@gmail.com for any enquiry or registration.

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/en courage or email contact@catholicassociation.co.uk.

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 3 6.30pm Holy Souls
Mon 5 10.00am Anton Benedict RIP
6.30pm Barbara Mallon RIP
Tue 6 10.00am Canon John Ints.
12 noon Funeral of Catherine McManus RIP
6.30pm Norbert D'Costa Birthday Ints.
Wed 7 10.00am Sr Margaret Taylor RIP
6.30pm Cecilia Suarez Birthday Ints.
Thu 8 10.00am Owen McGovern Anniv.
6.30pm Declan Barry RIP
Fri 9 10.00pm Mick Glynn RIP
6.30pm Agnieszka Ptaszynska RIP
Sat 10 10.00am Holy Souls

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)

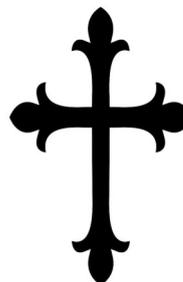
WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Patrick Lauson, Anne McHale, Matthew Abbey and Catherine McManus

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Daphne Coovadia, Bryan de Lima, Frances Clarke and Owen McGovern

The sick: Nicky Steiner, Alexia Graham, Natalie Williams, Karolina Masica, 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.



FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Sun 4 June The Most Holy Trinity, Solemnity
Mon 5 June St Boniface, Bishop and Martyr
Tue 6 June St Norbert, Bishop
Thu 8 June (St William of York, Bishop)
Fri 9 June St Columba, Abbot
Sat 10 June The Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Solemn Latin Mass

Missa de Angelis

Te Deum, Patrem, Andrea Gabrieli

Tibi Laus, Lassus

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.

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.

