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Newsletter

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Fifth Sunday of Lent (A)

Weekday Readings for
5th week of Lent (A)
Vol I. psalter week I

Next Sunday's Readings

Palm Sunday of the Passion of
the Lord

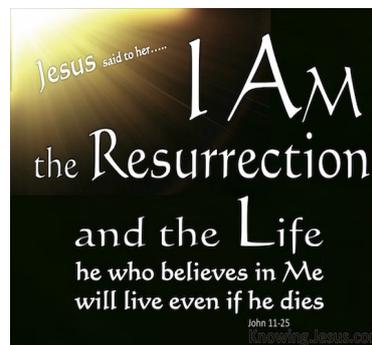
- Isaiah 50:4-7
- Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R.v2
- Philippians 2:6-11
- Matthew 26:14-27:66

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Moving to Easter

How has your Lent gone so far? Have you managed to keep to all your resolutions or have things gradually been let slide as the weeks have gone on? The danger for all of us is that if we have allowed our resolutions to slide, we may have lost heart or motivation to do anything about it. Well we should take heart. Today we start what was known as Passiontide, the final two weeks leading to the feast of the Resurrection of Jesus. To mark this time and to encourage us to focus on the suffering and death of Jesus the statues in the church are veiled. As we progress through Passiontide we share with Jesus the events of his last days before his death and resurrection. We will be with him in the days before his



arrest, when in Jerusalem there is a growing fascination in Jesus and his works. Today Jesus does himself no favours as he calls the bluff of the scribes and Pharisees. The people though see the justice of his acts and it leads to his great entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday which we celebrate next Sunday. Then with Jesus we will spend the final days with his friends until his arrest on Holy Thursday night, his trial and condemnation and execution on Good Friday. It is his joyous resurrection on Easter Day at the Easter

Vigil, that marks the end of our Passiontide celebrations.

If you have failed to keep your Lenten resolutions, renew them now for the last two weeks of Lent. The events of the next two weeks should provide a great incentive for us to keep to our resolutions and to gain the maximum benefit from them as we approach the feast of Easter. Remember we are encouraged to deepen our relationship with God through prayer, fasting and good works. The Stations of the Cross are a most appropriate devotion for these days of Passiontide, as is making an offering to one of the many charities looking for our support. These days are there to enrich us.

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)

CHILDREN'S GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

A special service of the Stations of the Cross for children will be held at 11am on Good Friday 14th April. A rehearsal for all actors and readers will take place on Good Friday at 9.15-10.30am in the church. Please email Rachel Marshall on rachel@marshallemail.net if your child would like to take part. Adult help welcomed!

OFFICE & RECEPTION OPENING HOURS

The Parish Office and Reception will be closed from Friday 14th April and open again on Thursday 20th April.

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. (For more info: Pauline Barry 020 8715 6095 or email 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 an 'At Home' on Monday 3rd April from 7.30-9.30pm.

SCHOOL SLIPS

School slips will not be collected until the weekend of 29/30th April.

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 on Friday 7th April at 7.15pm with Taizé chants.

Announcements

R.C.I.A.

During the 9.45am Mass again this Sunday, members of our parish who celebrated the Rite of Election at the Cathedral in March 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 continue to keep them in your prayers.

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.divinemercuryapostolate.co.uk for other local churches and venues. Please remember to start the Novena of the Divine Mercy on Good Friday.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER BOOKLETS

Please refer to the Holy Week and Easter booklet (available at the back of the church) for times of Confessions, Expositions and Masses up to and including Easter and Easter Monday 17th April.

PARISH ACCOUNTS

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.

FIRST FRIDAY VIGIL OF PRAYER

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for vocations to the priesthood and religious life and for World Peace will be on Friday 7th April starting after the Stations of the Cross following 6.30pm Mass continuing to midnight. Silent prayer to 8.30pm followed by meditations and prayers. Please come if only for a short visit.

Parish Organisations

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Quiz afternoon on Friday 7th April 2.30pm in the Lounge: sharpen your wits and knowledge on diverse subjects! Extravagant prizes, bring your friends, cake & tea will be available.

WIMBLEDON CANCER FRIENDSHIP GROUP

There will be an evening meeting on Thursday 13th

April from 7.30-9pm when Beth Brown (Macmillan Move More Programme) will be talking about the benefits of physical activities and will be giving some advice as to what activities are available and suitable for people living with cancer and beyond. Please call 07948 767 936 or email wcfg@live.co.uk for more information; 30/32 Worple Rd, SW19 4EF.

MANNA SOCIETY

The Manna Centre at Melior Street supports the many homeless in that area with the opportunity to get food, clothing and medical care. Any donations of dried or canned food, toiletries, men's clothing etc. can be left in the green bins inside the Lower Hall.

Social, Cultural & Notices

EASTER MUSIC

David Gammie is playing 2 special programmes of inspirational organ music this month: Tuesday 11th April at 7.30pm - A Musical Meditation for Holy Week (details on the fliers at the back of the church) and Thursday 27th April at 7.30pm - 'Transports de Joie' (on the 25th anniversary of his death, a Magical Mystery Tour through the multi-coloured musical universe of the 20th century's most inspirational Catholic composer, Olivier Messiaen). Admission free.

BRAHMS REQUIEM

Good choral singers are still welcome to join the rehearsals for Brahms' *Ein deutsches Requiem* on Mondays 3rd & 24th April, 8th, 15th & 22nd May, 5th & 12th June, from 7.30-9.30pm in the church, (afternoon rehearsal on 17th June). Concert will be on Saturday 17th June in the church.

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

SH PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

Sacred Heart Photography Group outing on Saturday 22nd April at 2pm; Kingston Riverside, meet on Kingston Bridge. Please contact Alison Lobo 07711 583 414/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 free) available at the door.

LANTERN ARTS CENTRE

The Lantern Arts Centre is the only full time Christian Arts Centre in the country, and they stage 3 big productions/year. Their next production in July will be the classic musical *My Fair Lady*. Open auditions (no booking, just turn up) are held on Monday 3rd April at the Arts Centre from 7.30pm. Anyone who you think would be interested, be it in a named role, or just in the chorus is invited. We are especially keen to get more men involved in our productions. For more details call 020 3761 7070, Lantern Arts Centre, Tolverne Rd, SW20 8RA.

Exploring our Faith

LOVE HEALS BODY MIND AND SPIRIT

The Love Heals Body Mind and Spirit Team welcomes you to a morning of quiet reflection, Catholic Christian Meditation and healing prayers on Saturday 8th April from 10.30am-1pm in the Lounge after the 10am Mass, starting with tea and coffee. (Info: Eileen & David Brum 020 8542 2476, body_mind_spirit-meditation@hotmail.com).

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 for more information.

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 or call 020 7495 1673. Cost - suggested donation £25 for the workshop. 114 Mount Street W1K 3AH.

MEDJUGORJE PRAYER GROUP

The group's regular meetings have now resumed on Wednesdays at 7.30pm at the Sacred Heart. Call for details on 020 8947 0310, www.medjugorje.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.

NEWS FROM THE EDGE HILL PLAYERS

Following the huge success of the recent *Mish Mash Panto*, the Edge Hill Players have been able to donate £2,000 to the Royal Marsden Hospital and £500 to the Parish funds as a thank you for all their support. In the meantime, the Edge Hill Players are planning to put on a one-act *Memory Play* in mid to late June. The play deals with the subject of dementia and there are just three characters, a middle-aged woman, a middle-aged man and an older woman. We will be reading through the play in the Lounge on Wednesday 12th April at 7.30pm and if you are interested please do come along. Tea, coffee and cake provided! You can keep up with news from the Edge Hill Players at our website: www.edgehillplayers.com.

DONHEAD

Donhead Preparatory School: FT Reception Form teacher and FT Year 3 Form teacher required for September 2017. Full details are available from the school website www.donhead.org.uk. It will be necessary for successful applicants to undertake an enhanced DBS check.

CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

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

* SH School Mass Centre

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat	1	6.30pm	Aaron & Vida Pereira Ints.
Mon	3	7.30am	Thanksgiving Ints.
		10.00am	James McCairn RIP
		6.30pm	Peter Bustin Ints.
Tue	4	7.30am	Peter Bustin Ints.
		10.00am	Fr Gunaseelan Ints.
		6.30pm	Sheddina Cross Fernando RIP
Wed	5	7.30am	Peter Bustin Ints.
		10.00am	Bernard O'Keefe Ints.
		6.30pm	Sheila Whitaker RIP
Thu	6	7.30am	Mary Nolan RIP
		10.00am	Funeral Mass for Christopher Cooper
		6.30pm	Kit O'Brien RIP
Fri	7	7.30am	Ilma Tong RIP
		10.00am	Cristina, Septa & John Abberton RIP
		6.30pm	Pat Browne RIP
Sat	8	7.30am	Special Intention
		10.00am	David Darlington RIP

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Christopher A. Cooper, Pat Burling, Thulasi Pillay, Gayle Moretti, Maurice Xiberras, Mary O'Hara, Hazel Mary Beckingham, Charles Anthony Baccanello

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Francis Martin Finnerty, Bernard Elliot SJ, Colin Alfred Higbee, Mary James, Lloyd Palmer, Jeffrey Dandford, Christopher Jones, Jeannette Forrester

The sick: Grant Jepsom, Eddie Power, George Manara, Tom Searle, Iris Desmier, Paul Shannon, Brian Bladen-Hovell, 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, 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 £1,835 in loose plate giving and £696 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £2,531. This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.

The second collection for CAFODS's East Africa Appeal raised £4,052. Thank you for your generous support!

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 4th April St Isidore of Seville, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Wednesday 5th April St Vincent Ferrer, Priest

Friday 7th April St John Baptist de la Salle, Priest

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 orbis factor, Plainsong

Ego sum panis vivus, Juan Esquivel

O bone Jesu, Marco A Ingegneri

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.