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Newsletter

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**Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

**Weekday Readings for
5th week in Ordinary Time
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Next Sunday's Readings

- Leviticus 13:1-2.44-46
- Ps 31:1-2.5.11. R.v7
- I Corinthians 10:31-11:1
- Mark 1:40-45

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Lent is approaching

Next Sunday there will be a pastoral letter from His Grace, Archbishop Peter in preparation for Lent. It is timely then to say a few words about that Holy Season if we are to make the most of it in our run up to Easter.

Originally, Lent was the time when converts to Christianity would make their final preparations for their reception into the Church on Easter Saturday evening. In time, the whole Christian community would join them in this preparation time, and so we have the Lent that we are more familiar with.

The Church offers us a unique time of growth and repentance, so that we will be spiritually ready for the great celebration of the Lord's resurrection at



Easter. It offers us three tools to help us form our spiritual lives during Lent. They are Prayer, Fasting and Good Works.

In this period before Lent we have the opportunity to decide how best we can make use of the period of Lent to deepen our relationship with God. We might decide to go to one of the daily masses during the weeks of Lent or give some time to adoration before the

Blessed Sacrament or say an additional decade of the Rosary, or give an additional five minutes or so to our morning or evening prayer. With fasting it is always healthy to cut down something that we have grown to depend on during the year. It might be that glass of wine or pint of beer at the end of the day. For those with a sweet tooth it might be sweets or cakes. For the really repentant it might even be the cigarettes! And Good Works, it might be giving a hand to an elderly neighbour, or giving something extra to your favourite charity, it might even be restraining the urge to gossip, as the Holy Father is always suggesting! Pick something from each of the tools and you will be ready for Lent.

THE PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Parish Priest: Canon John Clark MA
Parish Clergy: Fr Thaddeus Nwokeji and Deacon Julian Burling
Also Resident: Canon Elias Vojtech, Giovanni Prandini (Student)
Team Members: Sr Francis SSA, Sr Dorothy Perrott OSU and Cristina Connolly
Catechetical Co-Ordinator: David Wills

SECOND COLLECTION

Next Sunday's second collection will be for Poor Parishes: formerly Needs of the Diocese collection, this collection enables the Archbishop to make grants to some of the poorer parishes in the diocese.

CAR PARKING

The parking facilities on parish premises should only be used by 'authorised users'. 'Authorised users' are people visiting the church or parish premises. As a concession, parents delivering and collecting children from school are also permitted to use the car park. But parents visiting the schools for longer periods (e.g. for assemblies or meetings) are not permitted to use the parish parking facilities. Teachers at the schools are not permitted to use the car park.

Illegal use of the carpark results in authorised users being unable to park.

The parish caretaker, as part of his duties, is attempting to enforce the parking policy and he will continue to do so. It is our intention to rigorously enforce this policy and we will resort to clamping if necessary.

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Do come and have a chat with other parishioners over a delicious continental breakfast on Sunday 25 February from 8am - 1pm in the Lower Hall.

JESUIT MISSIONS

JM are starting to issue regular bulletins to inform people of the work they are doing. Their first 'On the Edge' bulletin is now available at the back of the church.

Parish News

AT HOME

There will be an 'At Home' on Monday 5 February from 6-8pm.

SCHOOL SLIPS

School slips will be collected again this weekend.

CONFIRMATION 2018

This is a reminder for all young persons in year 8 and above who wish to receive

the Sacrament of Confirmation celebrated on Saturday 30 June at 3pm to complete an application form (available at the back of the church) and return it to the Parish Office no later than next Sunday 11 February.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Can you spare a few hours to help out in the Parish

Reception? Please contact Thelma D'Costa in the Parish Office (020 8946 0305).

LOST PROPERTY

Our box with lost property is filling up, please come and collect your lost items from the Presbytery otherwise we will donate them to local charities.

Announcements

MEMORIAL MASS

The 11.15am Mass on Sunday 11 February will be celebrated in loving memory of one of our readers for many years Prof Hugh Lawrence who still read for us on Christmas Day. His family would like you to join them at this Memorial Celebration.

LENTEN TALKS 2018

The teaching of the Holy Father: the series of talks will focus on the theological

teaching of Pope Francis, come and hear what the Holy Father has to say about the Gospel, the Earth and the Joy of Love. Pick up a leaflet at the back of the church with full details. The first talk will be on Thursday 22 February on 'Theology of Pope Francis' held by Bishop Paul Hendricks. Talks will begin at 7.30pm and take place in the Upper Hall, light supper will be served from 7pm before each talk (further dates 1,8,15 & 22 March). Everyone is

welcome and encouraged to attend.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year, the Sacred Heart Church is hosting the *Women's World Day of Prayer*. The service starts at 11am on Friday 2 March and lasts about 40 minutes. We hope that as many parishioners as possible will join in prayer at this Parish Prayer Event. Refreshment are served after the service in the Lower Hall. All are welcome!

Parish Organisations

ART GROUP

The Art Group will meet again from 2.15 - 4.15 pm on Tuesdays 6 & 20 February. The theme: 'Observing colours in the local parks & gardens & winter landscape'. Some materials available or bring your own. All welcome.

MEMORY LANE CLUB

Every Wednesday morning from 10.30am onwards to 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. Contact: edgehillmemorylaneclub@gmail.com or Jenny (07906 856 183), Charlotte (07714 702 735).

WCFG

The Wimbledon Cancer Friendship Group offers friendship, information and a listening ear to anyone affected by any cancer. There will be an evening meeting on Thursday 8 February from 7.30-9pm when Sarah Lea - CNS Breast Screening at St George Helthcare - will speak about breast awareness and the signs and symptoms of breast cancer. She will discuss the risk factors

associated with breast cancer, the facts, figures and information about the screening programme. 30/32 Worple Road, SW19 4EF; 07948 767 936, wcfg@live.co.uk

SH CHORUS

The Sacred Heart Chorus would like to invite singers to join them for a performance of Elgar's *Dream of Gerontius* on 9 June 2018. If you are interested, please register via <http://www.sacredheartmusic.co.uk/concerts/the-dream-of-gerontius-chorus-call/>

Social, Cultural & Notices

GENERATIONS

TOGETHER IT CLINICS

This term's popular *Generations Together IT Clinics* continue at the UHS on Fridays 9 & 23 February; 2, 9, 16 & 23 March. Knowledgeable girls provide excellent mobile phone and computer tuition, including how to connect with family abroad or catch up with TV on line. All grades welcome; no charge. Contact Sheila Gent 020 8390 0119 to book a place.

ORGAN MUSIC

Saturday 10 February at 7.45pm in the church: 'Dances & Songs of Praise'. A colourful mix of inspirational music, sacred and secular, old and new played by our organist David Gammie. Video screen, free admission, retiring collection.

THE DREAM OF GERONTIUS

Elgar's finest choral masterpiece will be performed on Saturday 9 June in the church. Please put the date in your diary for a memorable evening, tickets are available at an early bird price on www.sacredheartmusic.co.uk

THE HURTADO JESUIT CENTRE

The Hurtado Jesuit Centre Wapping has 2 more talks in its 'Post Truth World' series for Tuesday 6 February 7-9pm when Baroness Susan Greenfield speaks about 'The 21st Century Mind: Blowing it, Expanding it, Losing it' and on Thursday 8 March with Pat Riordan SJ on 'Taking Back Control: Illusions of Autonomy'.

For more info visit <http://hurtadocentre.org.uk/upcomingevents/>

ST CATHERINE FAITH AND ART SERIES

On Tuesday 27 February at 7.30pm you are invited to a talk on 'What has Athens to do with Jerusalem?' (a line, taken from the writings of Tertullian, on the relationship between Greek philosophy and Revelation) by Sebastian Morello who will look at Raphael's The School of Athens fresco in the Apostolic Palace in Rome. For more info contact Centre for Catholic Formation, www.ccf.tootingbec.org.uk, 020 8672 7684.

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.

Exploring our Faith

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The SH Charismatic Prayer Group will be meeting in the church on Monday 5 February for prayer, praise and worship, starting at 7.30pm-9pm. Caroline Duncan will be leading the group in guided prayer and meditation followed by healing and intercessory prayers and worship. All are welcome! Any enquiries contact: 07958 782 779 Audra.

LOVE HEALS BODY MIND AND SPIRIT

You are invited to come to a half day retreat of quiet reflection on Saturday 10 February 10.30am – 1pm in the Lounge after the 10am

Mass starting with tea & coffee.

Love Heals Body Mind and Spirit ministry invite you to a 7-day retreat at Mem Soares, Castelo De Vide, Retreat House, Portugal. Two dates available: 10 – 16 May or 13 – 19 September; cost £620 include return flights: T.A.P. Portugal (LHR - Lisbon), return coach transfers from airport to retreat, full board, excursions to Fatima, to historical local towns of Castelo De Vide & Portalegre, visit to Blessed Chapel of Our Lady of Penha, Castelo De Vide, visit to lakes situated in the National Park, last day visit to Lisbon: St Anthony's birthplace and Lisbon Cathedral; full retreat programme, daily Mass. Please

secure your booking now, to make sure you get a place, email: lovehealsbodymindspirit@gmail.com. For more information contact: David or Eileen 020 8542 2476.

A DAY WITH MARY

Do come for a day of instruction, devotion and intercession on Saturday 17 Feb at St Bartholomew's, Ellison Rd, SW16 5DE from 10am-5.30pm. Entry Procession of Our Lady, Angelus, Crowning, Sung Litany, Mass in honour of Our Lady; celebrant and preacher Fr Innocent Ezeonyeasi, sermons on Our Lady by Fr Anthony Meredith IC. Please visit www adaywithmary.org for more info.

CELEBRATE YOUR MARRIAGE

A Lifetime of Loving is the title of a day in which married couples with average/good marriages can explore their relationship more deeply and gain valuable insights into their communications skills and the call of the Church to the married. The date is Saturday March 10; the time, 9.45am – 4.30pm. The venue is Holy Cross School, New Malden in south west London. Booking is essential and there is a suggested donation payable of £25. More information from Deacon Philip and Mrs Mary Pond on 020 8651 2477 or email philandmary@blueyonder.co.uk

CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

6.30pm (Sat) Canon V Elias	11.15am Fr T Nwokeji
8.15am Canon J Clark	12.45pm Fr Kinga SJ
8.30am* Fr M Kirwan SJ	5.00pm Canon V Elias
9.45am Canon J Clark	8.00pm Fr M Barnes SJ

* SH School Mass Centre

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat	3	6.30pm	David Curzon Ints.
Mon	5	7.30am	David & Lorenza Boyce RIP
		10.00am	Gabriel Lyons Ints.
		6.30pm	Jonathan O'Sullivan RIP
Tue	6	7.30am	Virginia Rodriguez RIP
		10.00am	Charles Earley Ints.
		6.30pm	Dced Members of McKenna Family RIP
Wed	7	7.30am	Shirley & Adrian Donaghue RIP
		10.00am	Rita de Lambert RIP
		6.30pm	Mark Stancil RIP
Thu	8	7.30am	Rapose Family Ints.
		10.00am	Mr & Mrs Philip Maguire Ints.
		6.30pm	Alex & Annabelle Fernandes Ints.
Fri	9	7.30am	John Carneiro RIP
		10.00am	Mr & Mrs Brendan Quigley Ints.
		6.30pm	Ana Rosa Fernandes RIP
Sat	10	7.30am	Regis & Elenor Dauney Ints.
		10.00am	Private Intentions

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Iris Desmier, Angelina Blythe, Claude Bonnichon, Frances Ryan, Diana Ferrari, Giuseppe Baldacchino, Marlene Hughes, Annette Wise, Jacqueline Coles-Austin, Cathy McEllroy

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Ranjit Croos-Fernando, Jennie Hawthorne, Barbara Cottrell, Howard Philpott

The sick: John Rothwell, Jeremy Broadhurst, Carine French, Ernest Bonner, Bertha D'Costa, Pauline Spooner, Oriel Kerr, Simon McPartlin, Carol Donnelly, Richard Hurst, Horace D'Cruz, Anne Olivier, Mike Revell, Paul Helm, Brian Sewell, Alina Hancock, Cath O'Neill, Lalita Nagar, Sheila Johnstone, Judex Celine, John Burke-Gafney, Richard Conceicao, Fr Michael O'Halloran SJ, Linda Day, Fr Phelim McGowan SJ, Eddie Power, Tom Searle, Sandra Broadbent, Daphne Minas, Gabriel Godfrey, Sr Charmaine, Yvonna Patton, Giena Worth, Ronnie Bradnick, Alexander Skachkov, Frank Micetich, Roberto Luigi Farina, Sophia Ridley, Avril Brown, Cindy Bayat, Bernadette McMurray, Anne Medicraft, Carol Escalona, David Fyfe, Mary Wallace, Rita Westbrook, Angela de Leon, Michael Hoskins, Electa Almeida, Caleb Edser, Julian Eddy, Troy Najair, Margaret Lumley and Andrew Tan

**COLLECTIONS**

Collection at Mass last Sunday came to £2,041 in loose plate giving and £384 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £2,425. This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.

The second collection in support of Racial Justice raised £1,147. Thank you for your generosity.

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Monday 5 February St Agatha, Virgin and Martyr, Memorial

Tuesday 6 February St Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

Thursday 8 February Day for Victims of Human Trafficking

St Josephine Bakhita, Virgin; St Jerome Emiliani

Saturday 10 February St Scholastica, Virgin, Memorial

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*Messa concertata*, Teodoro Casati*Laudate Dominum*, Felice Anerio*Senex puerum portabat*, William Byrd**PARISH SERVICES**

Parish Office/Reception Hours: 9am - 5pm (Mon-Fri) 9.30am - 1pm (Sat) 9am - 1pm (Sun) [A range of religious and greeting cards are on sale at very competitive prices - please feel free to call to view.]

Executive Assistant & Hall bookings: Thelma D'Costa (Mon - Fri 9.30am - 5pm) Caretaker: George McLennan

Parish Pastoral Council: sacredheartwimbledonppc@gmail.com

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.