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Newsletter

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**Fourth Sunday
of Lent
Laetare Sunday**

**Weekday Readings for
4th week of Lent
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Next Sunday's Readings

- Jeremiah 31:31-34
- Ps 50: 3-4, 12-15 R. v12
- Hebrews 5:7-9
- John 12:20-33

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Laetare Sunday

The middle Sunday of Lent is traditionally called Laetare Sunday, or Rejoice Sunday. It takes its name from the Latin word for rejoice which is the first word of the entry antiphon for this Sunday. Traditionally, it was the day when the rigours of Lent could be eased just for a day. It is not insignificant that it is also 'Mothering Sunday' The day we think and thank our mums for all they have done for us



and continue to do for us. Mothering Sunday had its foundation in the celebration of the annunciation of our Blessed Lady. As with everything else, it has

become commercialised and we are in danger of losing the true meaning of the day. Among all the gifts we can give to our mums on Mothering Sunday is to say some prayers for them, that they may continue to be blessed for all that they do. That is also something that all of us whose mums have gone to God can do for their mums. Our prayers can continue to show our love and commitment to them.

Prayer for the Church in Southwark

Loving God, help us to be open to the freshness of your Spirit. Fill us with enthusiasm for the Good News. Invite us into a deeper relationship with your Son, Jesus Christ, truly present in the Eucharist. Make us more aware of where there is need for new life. Help us to reach out to those who feel lost or abandoned, those who are searching and questioning, those who have walked away from you and those who are eager to know your love. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

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

MEN WANTED!!

Memory Lane Club for people with dementia and their carers (10.30am-12.30pm every Wednesday morning) is very well attended and half of our clients are men. But 90% of our volunteer helpers are women! More male company and chat would be most welcome. If you have a friendly disposition and a willingness to help by providing company and helping with activities such as snooker and dominoes, please get in touch - even if you can only offer once a month. To find out more ring Jenny 07906 856 183 or Charlotte 07714 702 735.

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Do come and have a chat with other parishioners over a delicious continental breakfast on Sunday 18 March from 8am - 12noon in the Lower Hall.

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!

JESUIT MISSIONS

The latest issue of 'On the Edge', JM's regular bulletin, is available at the back of the church, informing about Phil Harrison SJ who is running this year's London Marathon for Jesuit Missions, inspired by their work which he saw when visiting Guyana.

LIFE GROUP

There will be a meeting of the Wimbledon & District LIFE Group at 8pm on Wednesday 14 March. For details of venue, please contact Christine Davis on 020 3602 9213.

Parish News

AT HOME

Please note that there will be **no** 'At Home' on Monday 12 March.

SCHOOL SLIPS

School slips will be collected again this weekend.

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).

SIGNED AND SPOKEN MASS

A signed and spoken Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 25 March at 4pm in the Sacred Heart Chapel in the church. All with hearing difficulties are welcome!

Announcements

LENTEN TALKS 2018

Our next Lenten Talk will be on Thursday 15 March when Dr Nicholas Austin SJ, Heythrop College, will speak about Pope Francis' *'Amoris Laetitia, The Joy of Love'*. Come and hear what the Holy Father has to say about marriage and the Joy of Love. Pick up a leaflet at the back of the church with full details. Talks begin at 7.30pm and take place in the Upper Hall, light supper will be served from 7pm before each talk (the last talk will be on 22 March). Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

R.C.I.A.

Members of our parish celebrated the Rite of Election at the Cathedral on 17 February. During the 5pm Mass for the next two Sundays, they will receive a special anointing and blessing as part of their final preparation. Gayle, Simon and Suzanna will be received into full communion of the Catholic Church at Easter. Dawn, Jonathan, Russell, Stephen and Warwick will be received into the Catholic Church at Pentecost, May 20th. Let us keep them all in our prayers!

VOLUNTEER FUNDRAISING CO-ORDINATOR

We are looking for someone who would be willing to coordinate a series of fundraising events to be held over the next two years to raise funds for repairs to the church. The task is to ensure that events don't clash and those aimed at a particular audience, e.g. young families, are spread evenly through the period. If you think you can help, please contact Julian Burling at julian.burling@yahoo.com.

Parish Organisations

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Please note that there will be **no** meditation meetings until further notice.

TRADCRAFT

Traidcraft goods will be on sale this Sunday. This is *Fair Trade Fortnight*, so please support the producers who are working so hard and using their skills to support their families and educate their children.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Friday 6 April 2.30-4pm
Talk on the Society of Catholic Artists by Mary Davey:

'Ninety Years of Catholic Art - Giving back the Gift'. Tea and cakes as always. All welcome. Dates for your diaries:

Friday 4 May: Outing to Hever Castle or Penshurst Place
Friday 1 June: Summer Lunch (Royal Wedding Celebration)
More details to follow.

WCFG

The Wimbledon Cancer Friendship Group offers friendship, information and a listening ear to anyone affected by any cancer.

This month's drop-in will be on Thursday 22 March from

3.15-4.30pm. 30/32 Worple Road, SW19 4EF (entrance in the side door on the right hand side of the building); 07948 767 936, wcfg@live.co.uk

MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP

The prayer group meets every Tuesday at 10.30am for approx. 1 hour. A simple set of formal prayers is used. This is a great opportunity to pray in a committed way for children. Contact Polly Harrison for more info (07815 855 469).

Social, Cultural & Notices

EDGE HILL PLAYERS

The Edge Hill Players are planning their next production which will be the musical 'Anything Goes', to be directed by Marie-Claire Lindsay. Provisional performance dates are for the middle of September 2018. In the meantime, there will be 2 opportunities to find out more about the show - a workshop on Tuesday 13 March from 7.30-10pm and a singing & dancing audition on Sunday 18 March from 2.30-5pm. Both events will take place in the Parish Upper Hall. All are very welcome. For more info please contact Marie-Claire: marie.claire.lindsay@gmail.com or 07961 445 001.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

A musical meditation for Lent and Passiontide: Tuesday 20 March at 7.30pm in the church. David Gammie plays 'Job' by Petr Eben, with bible readings by Dr William Griffiths. Admission free. For more details, see www.sacredheartmusic.co.uk/concerts

IT CLINICS

The last two sessions of *Generations Together IT Clinics* at the UHS will be on Fridays 16 & 23 March. Knowledgeable girls provide excellent mobile phone and computer tuition. All grades welcome; no charge (booking: Sheila Gent 020 8390 0119).

CEAD MILE FAILTE

St Patrick's Irish Night on Saturday 17 March  from 7.30-10.30pm; wear something green & bring your dancing shoes! Tickets £15 (includes Irish Supper, licensed bar, raffle & superb live entertainment) from the Presbytery (020 8964 0305) or williamrhind@hotmail.com, louise@ginghamhearts.plus.com.

LES MISERABLES

Wimbledon College's production of 'Les Misérables', featuring a cast from the College and the Ursuline High School, will take place on March 21, 22 & 23 at 7.30pm in the College Hall. Prices £8 (adults) and £5 (under-18s). Tickets

available from the school website (www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk) or box office (020 8879 9323).

THE DREAM OF GERONTIUS

Elgar's finest choral masterpiece will be performed on Saturday 9 June in the church. Early bird tickets are available on www.sacredheartmusic.co.uk

STONYHURST

John Browne, Headmaster at Stonyhurst College - the oldest Jesuit school in the world, is hosting a reception in London and would like to invite prospective parents to come and find out more about the work they are doing. Tuesday 20 March at 7pm, East India Club, 16 St James's Square, London SW1Y 4LH, please RSVP by email rsvp@stonyhurst.ac.uk

VACANCY

St Mary's Catholic Primary School is requiring a Clerk to Governors. Please email Mrs Rhule on admin@st-marys.merton.sch.uk for more info, closing date 14 March.

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.

A WEEKEND FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Enrich your marriage with a Marriage Encounter weekend. This non-residential event, taking place on April 28/29 in Purley, Croydon, is designed for couples married a few years or some decades. Those who attended this weekend in the past have all spoken very highly about their experience. Here is your chance to improve your communication skills and your relationship (there is no group work). More details from Philip and Mary Pond on 020 8651 2477 or email marriage2014@virginmedia.com

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES - WMOF 2018

Dublin, Ireland, has been chosen by Pope Francis to host the next World Meeting of Families from 21-26 August, guided by the theme 'The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World'. Held every 3 years, this major intl. event brings together families from across the world to celebrate, pray & reflect upon the central importance of marriage and the family as the cornerstone of our lives, of society and of the Church. WMOF 2018 will be a joyful and enriching occasion for adults, young people and children. To find out more about and to register, visit www.worldmeeting2018.ie

Exploring our Faith

SPIRITUALITY & ECOLOGY

You are invited to a lecture by Ursula King, Professor Emerita of Theology and Religious Studies, on 'Spirituality and Ecology in an Evolutionary World - living the New Story with Teilhard de Chardin and Thomas Berry' on Thu 15 March from 7-9pm at The Barn, 24 Greencoat Place, SW1P 1RD, please visit www.silenceinthecity.org.uk for booking.

A DAY WITH MARY

A day of instruction, devotion and intercession on Saturday 17 March from 9.45am-5pm at St John Fisher Church, SW20 9DB; www adaywithmary.org

LOVE HEALS BODY MIND AND SPIRIT

You are welcome to a one-day retreat of quiet reflection on Saturday 24 March 11am - 5pm, Catholic Church of our Lady of Assumption & St

Gregory, Warwick Street, W1F 9JR; Programme: Rosary, Traditional Latin Mass (Celebrant: Fr Mark Elliot-Smith), lunch break (bring your own lunch, refreshments available), talk based on Scripture, Catholic Christian Meditation, Blessed Adoration, Individual Healing Prayers; enquiries: Eileen & David Brum 020 8542 2476 or lovehealsbodymindspirit@gmail.com

CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

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

* SH School Mass Centre

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 10 6.30pm Dr Sylvia Peters RIP
 Mon 12 7.30am Marlene O'Neill RIP
 10.00am Fr Gunaseelan RIP
 6.30pm Robert Nutty RIP
 Tue 13 7.30am Mr Grainger RIP
 10.00am Peter Connellan RIP
 6.30pm Mary Scannell Ints.
 Wed 14 7.30am John & Mary Vaughan-Neil Ints.
 10.00am Luke Reid RIP
 6.30pm Rapose Family Ints.
 Thu 15 7.30am Michael Carolan RIP
 10.00am Jose Gollaba RIP
 6.30pm Peggy Hegarty RIP
 Fri 16 7.30am Thomas Deegan RIP
 10.00am Oriel Kerr Ints.
 6.30pm Maureen Hyland RIP
 Sat 17 7.30am Margeret Mary Haggarty RIP
 10.00am Christopher Cooper RIP

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Paula Diggle, Pauline Spooner, Kitty Finnegan, Jeremy Broadhurst, Kate Ogonovsky, Marlene Hughes

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: George Belcher, Michael O'Riordan, Majorie O'Reilly, Hazel Mary Beckingham, Josephine Sanico, Kevin O'Sullivan, Nora Downey

The sick: Marie-Jeanne Bheemul, Ann Oliver, Simon Hull, William North, Len Hay, John Rothwell, Ernest Bonner, Bertha D'Costa, 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, Mary Reynolds, Richard Conceicao, Eddie Power, Fr Michael O'Halloran SJ, Linda Day, Fr Phelim McGowan SJ, Tom Searle, Sandra Broadbent, Daphne Minas, Gabriel Godfrey, Sr Charmaine, Yvonna Patton, Giena Worth, Ronnie Bradnick, Alexander Skachkov, Frank Micetich, Roberto Luigi Farina, 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 £2,370 in loose plate giving and £406 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £2,776. This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Monday 12 March St Luigi Orione, Priest
Saturday 17 March St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland

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, Giovanni P. da Palestrina
Ave Maria, Igor Stravinsky

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.