



THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO

In this difficult time of the Covid pandemic, a lot of very good things have been happening across the parish and we want to thank all the kind and selfless people and celebrate those who have been shopping, phoning and visiting others since lockdown started five long months ago in March.

THE HEART PROJECT

to sponsor a Syrian refugee family has a volunteer team and we want to thank them for their time and efforts. We have now been offered a suitable house to rent, our application has been approved by Merton Council and is now being reviewed by the Home Office before a family is allocated to our parish, although allocations are currently on hold due to travel restrictions caused by Covid.

Sincere thanks to all of our volunteers and, if you want to find out how you can volunteer in any parish area, please email dthurst52@gmail.com or visit the website at

Love Heals Body Mind and Spirit Ministry

We are a friendly and social group who have bi/monthly retreats at Sacred Heart Church Wimbledon. Our ministry is a very spiritual one and it's growing in numbers all the time, we find that many people here in the UK are searching for a new way of reaching their inner being to their very core. We believe that this ministry along with the spiritual teaching of the Medical Sisters of St Joseph, captures people's hearts and minds and takes them on the inner journey they are so desperately seeking.

The ministry also plans to purchase a retreat house in Castelo De Vide Portugal for pilgrims from the UK and Europe and to open up further as a drug and alcohol rehabilitation centre and respite centre for marginalised families from the UK. A fuller version of this article is available for download at '[Love Heals Body Mind and Spirit](#)' on the parish website <https://www.sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/>

If you wish for any further information or are interested in helping us in any way please telephone: 0208 542 2476 David & Eileen.
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The EXPLORING THE GOSPEL GROUP meets every second Monday from 11.00-12.00am – at present, meetings are held on Zoom. We explore together various books of the New Testament, each of us in turn preparing and leading the discussion. It has proved to be a real joy to share the scriptures with each other, to spend time to consider the Word in depth, to hear the insights of each group member as we deepen our understanding of the texts and how they relate to our own lives and to the world we are living in. New members would be very welcome – please contact sadiesmith3@talktalk.net, or phone 07752 831 304.

Bible Study Group

This group started over 10 years ago for people who had practically never read the Bible, and so do not fit into other groups whose members are all well versed in the Scriptures. We soon realised we were floundering and needed the support and insights of someone more experienced and in 2019 Sr Dorothy Perrott took us under her wing. We meet for about an hour on 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month. So far, we have covered the 4 Gospels in great detail.

We stopped meeting at the lockdown, but have resumed meeting on Zoom since June.

Enquiries to: Maggie Woo 020 7041 6115 or woo574@talktalk.net

MONEY MATTERS!

The finance committee have introduced contactless card payments. The process is very simple. There are two card readers at the back of the church. You simply tap the amount you want to contribute and then touch your debit or credit card on the reader. It is as simple as that. If you wish to register for Gift Aid press the relevant button and register your details. You only need to

register once. After that each contribution you make will be paired with your Gift Aid Registration.

As always, I must thank you all for your continued generosity at a time of restricted finances.

Our valiant collection counting teams are now back in service after lockdown. A couple of pleas to our donors; firstly, we cannot bank foreign currencies (not even Euros!) so they are passed on to Jesuit missions and secondly, please do not fold or roll up banknotes – our new banknote counting machine just does not like them!

IN NEED OF PRAYERS

Please pray for those who are sick; We pray for all affected by the Coronavirus and Samar Staussi, Angela Byrne, Harriette Cahill, Olga Herbert, Catherine Gapp, Peter Kosciolk, Brendan Hollingsworth, Ian Parr, David Carrier, Maria Keaveney-Jessiman, Annette Wheatley, Paul Jong, Sheila Soodin, Maureen Searle, Kieran Walsh, Paul Saunders, Carol Donnelly, Damji Vadhia, Manjula Topno, Alina Hancock, Lalita Nagar, Cath O'Neill, Andrew Tan, Tom Searle, Donald Derx, Electa Almeida, Philip Chapell, Alec Smith, Patricia and Harold Codd, Edward Brauer, Michael Paice and Oscar Carrier-Sippy.

We pray for those who have died including all killed by the Coronavirus, We pray for Anne Grant and Philomena Byrne.

We remember all whose anniversary occurs at this time. Veronica (Rita)DeCavilla, Michael Barrett, Jocelyn Merivale, Bernard John Hayhoe, Vera Cooper, Donald Miler Keith, Dorothy Czapl, John Balmer, Ellen Targett, Marie-Charlotte Hudson, Thomas Riordan, Fr Thomas Burke, Brian Creedan, and Lucy Dantas, may their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace amen.

ARRANGEMENTS IN THE CHURCH AND MASS TIMES

FACE COVERINGS:

Following the most recent instructions from the government may I remind you that face coverings must now be worn in places of worship whenever you visit. The stewards do have spare masks available at the back of the church if you have forgotten to bring one with you today. Thank you for your co-operation in this.

When you arrive for Mass you will be given a short enquiry form provided by the NHS Test and Trace. These forms must be completed and returned to one of the stewards at the door. They will be retained for 21 days and then

destroyed. Additional forms will be available after all Masses for you to take home with you and complete anytime you visit the Church during the week.

The collection will not take place during the Mass. Boxes will be made available near the exit points of the church where the people's contribution can be left. Alternatively, there is the facility to donate on line through the parish website and now we have the opportunity of using card payments

At all times during the Mass people are encouraged to ensure good social distancing, 2m in the church and 1m + in the Hall. In the hall you must have face covering as well.

During the week Mass will be said for 72 people each day at 10am and at 6:30pm on Monday and Friday. If numbers require it we will increase the number of masses both on Sundays and weekdays

SERVICES THIS WEEK:

Mass will be celebrated each day at 10am with additional evening Masses at 6:30pm on Monday and Friday. Masses on Sunday will be at 10am, 12noon, 5pm and 8pm. Confessions will be on Saturdays at 10:30am to 11:30am and 1:30pm to 2:00pm

The church will be open for private devotions **Monday to Friday from 11am to 2:00pm**, subject to the funeral arrangements mentioned below. There will be exposition during that time. Because of the weddings and baptisms there will be no exposition and private prayer on Saturday and Sunday, though the church will be open for confessions, and services.

Friday 18th September: Funeral for Ann Grant in the Sacred Heart Church.

Friday 25th September: Funeral for Philomena Una Byrne in the Sacred Heart Church

Private Prayer will begin after the funeral Mass on both Fridays from 12:30pm to 2:00pm on those days.

Please remember that numbers of guests at funerals and weddings are limited to 30. So, unless invited by the family to attend the service please do not attend funeral services. The funerals in the church will normally be streamed.

CAFOD OPEN AIR MASS: This will be held on Thursday 24th September at 6:00pm in front of the Church to mark the anniversary of the publication of Pope Francis' letter Laudato Si. Places will be limited to comply with the requirements of the present social spacing. There will be further details in next week's News and Views.

We offer our congratulations to Alastair and Colette Bownas and to Neil Rogers and Sarah-Louise Burgess who were married in the Sacred Heart Church last week.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES.

First may I thank the children and parents on this year's first communion programme for their patience as we manage the issues around the Coronavirus. The limitations imposed on us have caused some difficulty in enabling our children receiving their first holy communion.

We are now in a position to announce the arrangements for this year. There will be special Masses for the 140 children. These will take place from Monday 28th September to Friday 2nd October and from Monday 5th October to Friday 9th October. All Masses will be at 6:30pm, and parents will be advised as to which Mass their child has been invited to. Each child will be able to have their two parents with them and two other guests. Regrettably, these masses will not be open to the parishioners as we are limited to the numbers that can attend each of the Masses. Further details will be published in next week's News and Views.

Re-OPENING THE PARISH HALLS:

The Parish is keen to re-open the halls as soon as it is safe to do so. We are currently putting together a Covid-19 Risk Assessment for each of the halls, as required by the Government and the Diocese. If you would be interested in finding out more, or would like to get involved in shaping this for your group's activity, please email sarah.tobin@btconnect.com

HOSPITAL CONTACTS

If you or a member of your family are admitted to one of the local hospitals do please let the hospital catholic chaplain know. Our main hospital is St Georges and the chaplain Fr Mark Higgins can be contacted on 0208 725 3069.

Every blessing on you all.

Canon John