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Newsletter

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2024 Year of Prayer

Second Sunday of Easter (B)

Second Week of Easter Vol. II psalter week 2

TODAY'S MASS

Second Sunday of Easter or of Divine Mercy

Note that all Sundays in this season are 'of' not 'in' Easter. This means that they should be treated with the same solemnity as Easter Sunday itself. Today bears a second title of 'Divine Mercy', given it by Pope St John Paul II.

First Reading (Acts 4:32-35): The progress of the Good News reflects the reality of the Kingdom of Heaven: everyone was united, heart and soul, and no one was in need.

Psalms (Ps 117:2-4, 15-18, 22-24): The psalmist, in the second verse, was in trouble and punished, but even so this is a psalm of rejoicing at a loving God's saving acts.

Second reading (1 John 5:1-6): Our love of God is shown by keeping his commandments, and these '*are not difficult*'. 'Water and blood' refers back to *John's* account of the Crucifixion, and refer to the Eucharist (blood) and Baptism (water).

Gospel (John 20:19-31): We hear the Gospel which corresponds to the week after Easter Sunday ('eight days' in Jewish counting = a week in our counting), namely the appearance of the risen Jesus to Thomas. There is an important message that Jesus gives in response to Thomas's acceptance of what he now sees and believes, and it is a message for us: blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.

Fr David

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

This is based on the devotion started by St Faustina Kowalska, who had various visions of and conversations with Jesus Christ. You can find the devotions online. A Plenary Indulgence can be obtained this day by participating in the Divine Mercy devotions and with the usual conditions (Sacramental Confession, Holy Communion, and Prayer for the Pope's Intentions).

MANNA COLLECTION

The Manna Centre is a centre for homeless people, started by a Catholic religious sister, near London Bridge. Please place dry or canned goods (eg pasta, sugar, tinned items, biscuits, etc) in the collection boxes in the Church porch. Please make sure the items are in date. If you haven't brought the items with you, you can always return later and place them in the boxes, as the Church is open all day. Thank you for your support.

THE PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Parish Priest: Canon David Gibbons, KCHS
Parish Clergy: Fr Matthew Donnelly, Fr Jackson Sebastian and Deacon Julian Burling
Team member: Sr Dorothy Perrott OSU
Faith Minister: Rob Hitchcock

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Burlington Road, KT3 4ND
school@sacredheart.merton.sch.uk
Headteacher: Lorraine Dolan-Walsh

This Week

SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

This Solemnity is transferred from its usual date of 25th March to the first available day after Holy and Easter Weeks. Holy Mass at 10.00am and 6.30pm. During the Creed we genuflect at the words 'and became man'.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE
Monthly meeting on Monday at 7.00pm.

DENISE RICHARDS RIP

Funeral Mass on Tuesday at 1.00pm, followed by Committal at the North East Surrey Crematorium.

WEDNESDAY: CONVENT MASS

The monthly Mass at the DHM Convent in Murray Road is on Wednesday, at 8.00am. All are welcome to attend.

SOCIAL EVENTS PLANNING

On Thursday at 7.45pm in the Lounge,

organised by the Parish Pastoral Council. Everyone who is interested in planning and organising social events in the parish is invited to come to this meeting.

NEXT SUNDAY

Continental Breakfast, Lower Hall, after the 8am Mass until noon.

Do come for tea, coffee, croissants and a chat!

Parish Notices

THANK YOU

An enormous thank you goes to everyone who helped make the Holy Week and Easter Liturgies go so well, especially the Parish Team, our Sacristans, musicians, Altar Servers, Ministers of Holy Communion, readers, welcomers, and particularly those who decorated the Church with flowers etc and those who cleaned the Church, as well as the Office staff and all who helped behind the scenes.

FINANCE

The total First Collection, for the Parish, in February was £33,753.81. The *Poor Parishes* Second Collection was £1,206.220. Thank you for your generosity.

It takes a while to calculate these totals (which include cash collections, card readers, bank transfers and Standing

Orders, and website donations), so we will report on the Easter Offering as soon as it is available.

CHURCH CAR PARK

Except for Sundays don't forget to register your car on the pad in the Church entrance or in the Halls if you park in the car park.

CANON DAVID

Canon David will be formally installed as Canon of the Cathedral at the Chapter Mass on Tuesday 23rd April, at 6.00pm in St George's Cathedral. All parishioners are very welcome to attend a ceremony which most people have probably never seen.

YOUTH 2000 COMES TO SACRED HEART

On 11th May Sacred Heart will host a Youth 2000 event. Youth 2000's-day

event is where young people (aged between 16-35) can experience an encounter with God. It will be supported by the young people at 9 Edge Hill, priests and religious and of course the parish. It is eucharistic centred, with a special Mass at 4.30pm, and with a devotion to Mary, and is a day filled with great content.

We are looking for anyone who would be willing to host some of the team, speakers and priests who will be coming for the event. It will just simply be a bed for the night on 11th May and we would greatly appreciate it. Anyone who can help please email Max Toone on mjrtoone@gmail.com.

Diocesan Notices

ARCHDIOCESE SPIRITUALITY COMMISSION

Training event: Using 'Ways into Prayer', a resource for parishes and groups. Online on Wednesday 15th May, 7.30-9.00pm, or Saturday 8th June, 10.30am-12.00noon. This is a simple to use resource that introduces people to different forms of prayer. You can find out more about this free workshop at <https://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/ways-into-prayer> and you can sign up at <https://forms.office.com/e/A6zm9YPU0S>.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS

Explore what it means to be filled with the Holy Spirit: weekly talks and discussions (starting on Tuesday 23rd April), daily reflections, all day Retreat (on Saturday 18th May at St George's Cathedral), across the Archdiocese, on Zoom and at various parishes. For more details and to register go to bit.ly/LISS2024.

DIOCESAN AGENCY FOR EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS

The good news is that there was a 168% increase in catechumens and candidates attending the Rite of Election this year over 2023.

The Agency is seeking to appoint a full time Evangelization and Outreach Advisor. For the Job Description and more information about how to apply go to <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/latest/job-vacancy-evangelisation>. The closing date is Monday 15th April.

Other Notices

MEMORY LANE CLUB

This popular club for people with dementia and their carers is open every Wednesday from 10.30am-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.

NEWMAN CIRCLE

Newman Circle Meeting on Tuesday 16 April at 7.30pm in the Parish Lounge. All are welcome to a talk by Fr Dominic Robinson SJ, Parish Priest at the Church of Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, and chair of the Westminster Diocesan Justice and Peace Commission on 'What is the Church's Teaching on Climate Change? Should we care? Do we care?'

THREAT OF ABORTION TO BIRTH BEING LEGALISED

The House of Commons will be voting on this frightening prospect in the coming weeks. Please contact your MP urgently,

asking them to oppose this extreme and barbaric proposal. You can do this using the SPUC's (Society for the Protection of Unborn Children) easy to use webtool, at <https://www.spuc.org.uk/abortion/amendments>.

Please pray for the defeat of this legislation, for protection of unborn babies, and for help and comfort for mothers in need!

RETRouvaille: A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Has your Marriage become stressed, unloving, cold? Do you argue often? Are you thinking of separation or divorce? Do you want to try again? The Retrouvaille programme may be just what you need! The next weekend is in Welwyn Garden City 14th-16th June. For more information phone or text 07887 296 983 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com; website: www.retrouvaille.org.uk. Complete confidentiality assured.

New to the Parish?

Please introduce yourself to a member of the Parish Team after Mass and register online at www.sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk

or by filling in a registration form, available at the back of the church.

A BIG THANK YOU

To the parishioners who attended the Easter Monday Mass for their overwhelming response to Canon David's request to clean the Church floor and benches covered in the candle wax after the Easter services.

Well done and keep up your good spirits!

KATY'S SONGBIRDS

Katy's Songbirds and guests are back to the Sacred Heart Church with an exciting Summer Celebration Concert on Thursday 23rd May from 7.30pm (refreshments in the Upper Hall from 6.30pm). Tickets are £10/£5, for booking, please scan the QR code or visit ks-summer24.eventbrite.co.uk.



OPEN DAY

Marymount Intl. School London, All-Girls Catholic Day and Boarding School is holding an Open Day on Saturday, 27th April. Please register online at www.marymountlondon.com.

Exploring our Faith

ONE HOPE PROJECT RETREAT

One Hope Project and Loretto UK are hosting a Worship Day on Saturday 13th April from 9.30am-9.30pm in St Paul's Church Hammersmith, London W6 9PJ: 'You are invited to spend a day with Jesus - lifting Him high and encountering His love.' The event will be unpacking Psalm 27 with each teaching and workshop going deeper into a verse. There is nothing better than dwelling in the Lord's presence, so do come and join them.

For more information and to book tickets please visit: <https://www.onehopeproject.co.uk/worshipday2024>

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The Wimbledon College Hospitalité, a group of recent and not so recent Old Boys, with their friends and families, who spend a week each year in the service of

sick and disabled pilgrims in Lourdes, will return to Lourdes from 23rd - 27th August. The pilgrimage will be led by Father Michael Holman SJ, a former Headmaster of the College. You can be sure of an informal and fulfilling pilgrimage as well as seeing something of the work that the College Hospitalité does in Lourdes. Everyone is welcome to join the pilgrimage, in particular families of boys at the College. For more information, please email Wimbledon-Lourdes100@gmail.com.

A DAY WITH MARY

Pilgrimage to Fatima, 7th-14th June; for the full pilgrimage outline and registration please visit adaywithmay.org; cost from £870 pp (twin room/£950 single room on request); BA return flight LHR-Lisbon-LHR, 6 days full board accommodation, 1 day half board.

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.

Parish Safeguarding Reps:

Victoria Wheatley (wimbledonsg1@safeguard.rcaos.org.uk)

Kathleen Kirkland (wimbledonsg2@safeguard.rcaos.org.uk)

Siobhán Heffron (wimbledonsg3@safeguard.rcaos.org.uk)

CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

6.30pm (Sat) Fr Matthew Donnelly
8.00am Fr David Gibbons
10.00am Fr Matthew Donnelly
12 noon Fr David Gibbons
5.00pm Fr Matthew Donnelly
8.00pm Fr David Gibbons

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: Bruce Naylor, Marlene Latham, Denise Margaret Ann Richards and Agnes Beni Thirugnanendran

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Bryan Snalune, Peter Stables, Jeannette Forrester, Justin Jessiman and Thomas McManus

The sick: Electa Almeida, Margaret Duffy, Karolina Masica, Felicitas Nerée, Finley Kennedy, Pauline Grimes, Sherlyn Tilton, Geoffrey Norris, Anne Lander, Olivia Chiemielska, Harriette Cahill, Hui Lee Ng, Audra Wamsteker, Paul Stromborg, 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.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 8 April The Annunciation of the Lord

10.00am Teresa Blackhall RIP
6.30pm Ramon & Pacita Osano RIP

Tuesday 9 April Feria

10.00am Maria Allen RIP
6.30pm Charles Thiru (Wellbeing)

Wednesday 10 April Feria

8.00am Mass at DHM Convent, Murray Road
10.00am Patrick Finn RIP
6.30pm Irene Goes Thanksgiving

Thursday 11 April St Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr

10.00am Anne Crossan RIP
6.30pm Maria Sybil Tavares RIP

Friday 12 April Feria

10.00am Trevor Clancy RIP
1.00pm Funeral Mass for Denise M. A. Richards
6.30pm Joyce Coelho RIP

Saturday 13 April Feria

10.00am Charles Thiru (Wellbeing)
6.30pm Patrick Leahy

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 Peter Littleton (020 8725 3069 or 020 8672 1255)

St Heliers and Epsom Hospital: Fr Philip Pak (020 8296 2000)

Kingston Hospital: Fr Tony Oleh (020 8546 7711)

MUSIC AT THE 12 NOON MASS

Solemn Latin Mass with Propers of the day

Setting: *Missa de Angelis*

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Third Sunday of Easter (B)

First Reading Acts 3:13-15.17-19
Responsorial Psalm Ps 4:2.4.7.9
Second Reading 1 Jn 2:1-5
Gospel Acclamation Lk 24:32
Gospel Lk 24:35-48

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.

