

Saturday 24th February	10am Teresa O'Donnell RIP 6pm People of the Parish
Sunday 25th February SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT	10am Mary Janaway Birthday Ints 4pm Stations of the Cross 5.30pm Rita D'Cruze
Monday 26th February	No Mass
Tuesday 27th February St Gregory of Narek	10am Charles, Sarah, Sven and Lloyd Wellbeing
Wednesday 28th February	10am Jenny Schlegel
Thursday 29th February	10am Catherine Sheridan 10:30am To 1pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday 1st March St David	10am Emily Connolly 10:30am To 1pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:30pm (Latin Mass) Peter Thomas RIP 10pm All night vigil Mass
Saturday 2nd March	10am Paulin Toha Meba SDB 6pm Valerie Percy RIP
Sunday 3rd March THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT	10am Mona Pearson RIP 4pm Stations of the Cross 5:30pm People of the Parish

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK INCLUDING:
Jaime Molina, Jennifer Kirwin, Fr. David, Natalie Pell, Michael Hoskins, Colin Smitherman, James Gledhill, Bernadette Marchetti, Nigel Pell, Paul Gismondi, Victoria Monaco, Callum Jamieson, Tom Bailey, Jason Moreno, Shirley Monaco, Gemma Morgan and Jenny Schlegel.

Please pray for all those who have died recently.

Together the Catholic parishes of Barnes, East Sheen, Ham, Kew, Mortlake, Putney, Richmond, Roehampton and Wimbledon Common form Mortlake Deanery.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

To meet our budget we need £1,600 each week

Sunday's offering was	£684.45
Contactless	£327.04
Standing Orders	£400.00
Total	£1411.49

Thank you for your generosity

This is a School Voucher Sunday

OUR LADY QUEEN OF HEAVEN PRIMARY SCHOOL
Victoria Drive, London SW19 6AD
Tel: 020 8788 7420
Head Teacher: Jeremy Tuke BA Hons PGCE
www.ourladyqueenofheaven.wandsworth.sch.uk

PARISH VOUCHER SYSTEM

Those people who will require a school reference when applying to a Catholic School need to participate in this. By signing the vouchers the parish keeps a record of your mass attendance which is referred to when signing school reference forms.

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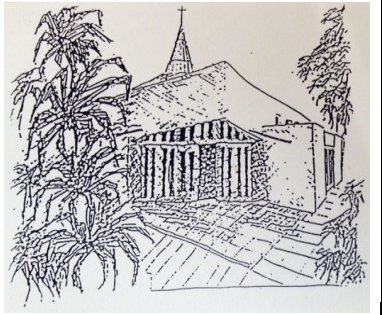
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WIMBLEDON COMMON

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

Every Sunday in the Creed as we profess our faith we say,
"I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, God from God, *Light from Light*, true God from true God..."
Jesus is *Light from Light*. He is the Light from the Father who is Light. Peter, James, and John saw Jesus as Light from Light, on the mountain when Jesus was transfigured, Light from the Father who is Light. Jesus' transfiguration was not just for Peter, James, and John. Jesus' transfiguration is also for us. So, what does Jesus' transfiguration mean for us? The words the Father spoke to Peter, James, and John tell us what the transfiguration means for us:
"This is my Beloved Son. Listen to Him." (Mark 9:7) Listen to Jesus. The transfiguration, like Jesus' resurrection, confirms that Jesus is God and that we are to listen to him. Listen to Jesus. Jesus does not want us at a distance but close to him and listening to him. We do that when we pray to him. Many times in the Gospels we see Jesus inviting us to be close to him and not distant. In John's Gospel, Jesus says,
"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me." (John 14:1)
Later again in John, Jesus says,
"I shall no longer call you servants because a servant does not know the master's business; I call you friends because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father." (John 15:15)
Jesus wants us to be close to him, to listen to him, to spend time with him, to pray to him.
In our first reading (Gen 22) we heard Abraham listening to God, that is, obeying God. God's command to Abraham shocks us. However, Abraham had already learned a number of times before then that if you don't listen to God, it does not go well. He had learned that lesson the hard way, not just once, but a number of times. So, when God asked the big sacrifice in our first reading (Gen 22), even though Abraham did not know how God would provide a solution, by then Abraham did know that it was better to trust in God because life works out better when you obey God. So, as we heard in the reading, Abraham set about obeying God and God provided the solution: the ram for the sacrifice. That was anticipating the greatest sacrifice of all, God giving his Son for us on Calvary. Our second reading said God, "did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all." (Rom 8:32) Abraham saw that it is better to listen to God. It was better for Abraham to listen to God, and it is better for us when we listen to God.
As we listen to Jesus, pray to him, and spend time with him, we can have confidence because Jesus knows all about what it is like to be human. In the transfiguration we see Jesus' divinity, but in his agony in Gethsemane we see his humanity. We see his humanity asking the Father to let the chalice of his suffering pass him by before he accepted it (Matt 26:39; Mark 14:36; Luke 22:42, [John 12:27]). We see Jesus' humanity when Luke tells us his sweat fell to the ground like great drops of blood (Luke 22:44). Perspiring what looks like blood is a very rare medical condition called hematomidrosis that occurs when one is under extreme stress. (The word "hematomidrosis" is formed from two Greek words: blood + water) For example, it occurred in soldiers in the trenches in World War I. **PTO...**

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live simply that others may simply live

PARISH NEWS

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Here is one description of it by a physician that I found:

What happens is that severe anxiety causes the release of chemicals that break down the capillaries in the sweat glands. As a result, there's a small amount of bleeding into these glands, and the sweat comes out tinged with blood. We're not talking about a lot of blood; it's just a very, very small amount ... What this did was set up the skin to be extremely fragile so that when Jesus was flogged by the Roman soldier the next day, his skin would have been very, very sensitive. (Lee Stroebel, *The Case for Christ: A Journalist's Personal Investigation of the Evidence for Jesus* p195)

Jesus knows all about stress and being human. The transfiguration shows us Jesus' divinity, but Jesus certainly knows what it is like to be human. Because Jesus is human as well as God, he knows and understands our struggles, crosses, and troubles and we can pray to him with confidence. Listen to him. Pray to him. Spend time with him. In our psalm today we heard the prayer of someone trusting in God in a time of trouble:

I trusted even when I said: I am sorely afflicted (Ps 116:10)

That was someone listening to God even when the world was falling apart. Our second reading reminded us that Jesus is at the right hand of the Father pleading for us (Rom 8:31-34). Abraham learned a number of times that if you don't listen to God, it doesn't go well. It was better for Abraham to listen to God, and it is better for us when we listen to God. Although Jesus is Light from Light, his humanity gives us the confidence to pray to him and spend time with him. Listen to Jesus.

Fr Tommy Lane

Hail Holy Queen Prayer

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope.

To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve.
To you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping
in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate,
your eyes of mercy toward us, and after this exile show
unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. Amen

First Friday All Night Vigil and Devotions this Friday

The Vigil Mass will be at 10pm on Friday night.

Legion of Mary

Junior Praesidium Our Lady of Morning Star meet on
Tuesdays at 3:50pm.

Junior Intermediate Praesidium Our Lady of Guadeloupe
meets on Sundays at 11.15am.

Parish Hall—Bookings

If you are planning an event and would like to use the
Parish Hall, bookings can be made by emailing
bookingsolsp@gmail.com

GIFT AID SCHEME

If you are a taxpayer, for every £1 you give to the
parish, we can get another 25p.

Please speak to:
John O' Reilly 07977 538671.

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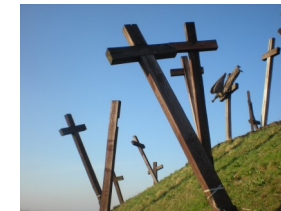
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This weekend we welcome Fr Emmanuel who is visiting
the parish and will be hearing confessions during the
Masses.

Teas/Coffees after 10am Mass

There will be tea and coffee in the hall after the 10am
Mass on Sunday

Lent Stations of the Cross



We pray The Stations of the Cross in the church every
Sunday during Lent at 4pm.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church

What forms does penance take in the Christian life?

Penance can be expressed in many and various ways but
above all in fasting, prayer and almsgiving. These and
many other forms of penance can be practiced in the dai-
ly life of a Christian, particularly in the time of Lent and
on the penitential day of Friday.

MASS INTENTIONS AND THE GIFT AID SCHEME

Please remember to Gift Aid your Mass Intention
donations if you are a taxpayer.

For every £1 you give to the parish, we can get another
25p.

NOTICE BOARD

Southwark Catholic Youth

The Southwark Catholic Youth Service has relaunched several activities in 2024 for those aged 10-35. For more details
about what is on offer, please sign up to our network at tinyurl.com/scysnetwork.

Youth Days at Richard Challenor School, New Malden

Activities include Catechesis, Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions and Football/Crafts.

Richard Challenor School, New Malden will be holding Youth Days on 9th March and 9th July for ages 10 to 14
Cost £5 Lunch Included.

Retrouvaille – : A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages

Do you need help in your marriage? Retrouvaille has helped many couples find new hope, nourishment and growth in
their marriages. If you want to uncover or reawaken the love, trust and commitment that brought you together and
work through difficult times in your marriage contact Retrouvaille confidential for more information about our 2024
programmes. There is no group therapy or group work. Our next programme commences with a weekend in Welwyn
Garden City on 14-16 June 2024. Call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443, email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or
visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

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