



# THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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## Newsletter

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### Fourth Sunday of Easter (B)

Fourth Week of Easter Vol. II psalter week 4

#### TODAY'S MASS

**First Reading** (Acts 4:8-12): St Peter, arraigned before the High Court, is not afraid to take the opportunity to proclaim the Good News of the Resurrection of Christ to the highest authorities in the land.

**Psalm:** Psalm 117 again, but today's extract is a statement of faith and a manifesto for living in the Lord.

**Second Reading** (Ps 117:1.8-9.21-23.26.28-29): Through Baptism we share in the life of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and therefore are properly called 'children of God'.

**Gospel** (Jn 10:11-18): Jesus Christ describes Himself as the good shepherd. In His day Palestinian shepherds lived with the sheep, knew them by name, defended them from wolves and robbers. This image is found in the Old Testament, but Jesus takes the image further, by saying that *"I lay down my life for my sheep"*.  
*Fr David*

#### ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL

We welcome Fr Martin Goba, CSSp, making the annual Mission Appeal on behalf of the Spiritans or Holy Ghost Fathers. Visit <https://spiritans.co.uk> for information about the British Province. If you use the card reader select 'Second Collection' to donate to this appeal. Because of this Appeal the scheduled Second Collection for the *Priest Training Fund* will be rearranged for a later date.

#### 61st WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

This Sunday is traditionally known as *Good Shepherd Sunday*. The theme this year is *Called to sow seeds of hope and to build peace*. The message of His Holiness Pope Francis for this day can be found on the Vatican website ([www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va)). He ends his message with these words to younger people to commit to their vocation: *"In this light, I would say once more, as I did at World Youth Day in Lisbon: "Rise up!" Let us awaken from sleep, let us leave indifference behind, let us open the doors of the prison in which we so often enclose ourselves, so that each of us can discover his or her proper vocation in the Church and in the world, and become a pilgrim of hope and a builder of peace! Let us be passionate about life and commit ourselves to caring lovingly for those around us, in every place where we live. Let me say it again: "Have the courage to commit!"*

#### YOUTH 2000 EVENT

One of the young people from the community at Number 9 will speak at the end of Masses this weekend about the Youth 2000 day in the parish on Saturday 11th May. This event is for young people aged 16-35.

#### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

At the 10.00am Mass: please follow the instructions at the beginning of Mass.

#### ST GEORGE'S DAY SCOUT SERVICE

We welcome Wimbledon & Wandle District Scouts to Sacred Heart for their annual St George's Parade and Service this afternoon.

#### 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](mailto:school@sacredheart.merton.sch.uk)  
Headteacher: Lorraine Dolan-Walsh

## This Week

### TUESDAY: CANON DAVID'S INSTALLATION AS CANON

You are invited to St George's Cathedral on Tuesday for the Chapter Mass at 6.00pm, at which Fr David will be formally installed as a Canon of the Cathedral. (Please note that there is no parking available at the Cathedral.) Holy Mass in Sacred Heart for the Solemnity of St George, Patron of England, at 6.30pm (Monday) and 10.00am and 6.30pm on Tuesday.

### MARLENE LATHAM RIP

Marlene's body will be received into Church on Tuesday at 5.00pm. Her Requiem Mass is on Wednesday at the 10.00am Mass, followed by Cremation at Mortlake Crematorium.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will commence after the Funeral Mass.

### THURSDAY: URSULINE HIGH SCHOOL MASS

The School is celebrating a Sacred Music Mass in Church on Thursday at 2.15pm.

### FRIDAY: DONHEAD SCHOOL MASS

On Friday at 11.00am in Church. We welcome back Fr Michael Barnes SJ to celebrate this Easter Mass.

There is no Exposition Friday morning.

### FRIDAY: CHOIR RECITAL

3.00pm in Church given by A-level music students at Wimbledon College as part of their performance exam. All are welcome. It is being recorded, so please be there promptly as latecomers can't be admitted.

### SATURDAY: BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

10.30-11.30am in the Parish Lounge on Saturday. On the last Saturday of every

month a group of people who have befriending and listening skills meet to minister to each other; it is confidential. Your loss may have happened recently, or months or years ago. No appointment needed, just come as you are.

### SATURDAY: HOLY MATRIMONY

On Saturday the Wedding of Edward Ian Southall Fitzgerald and Natasha Sai-Tze Barrington is at 1.00pm; the Wedding of Matthew Baddeley and Yunjung Choi is at 4.00pm.

### NEXT SUNDAY

The Second Collection next Sunday will be for the Maintenance of St George's Cathedral. This collection helps to meet the cost of the upkeep of the Mother Church of the Diocese.

## Parish Notices

### ADVANCE NOTICE: THURSDAY 9th MAY - ASCENSION DAY

This Solemnity is a Holyday of Obligation, that is a day when all Catholics should attend Holy Mass if at all possible. Holy Mass will be at 9.00am (in Sacred Heart School), 10.00am (attended by boys from Donhead School), 6.30pm and 8.00pm. In addition, there will be school Masses in the Ursuline Prep and Ursuline High Schools, and Wimbledon College will celebrate Masses in the Church.

### MISSIO DONATIONS

Fr Anthony Chantry, National Director of *Missio*, has written to thank parishioners for donations totalling £966 in 2023, through the red boxes and individuals giving directly.

### SAVE THE DATE: SACRED HEART FEAST DAY CELEBRATION - 9th JUNE

The actual Feast Day is Friday 7th June, with Holy Mass at 10.00am, 6.30 & 8.00pm. At the 8.00pm Mass the choir will sing the world premiere of a Litany of the Sacred Heart by modern English composer Mark Bellis, specially commissioned by Canon David. Spread the

word to anyone you know who is interested in sacred music.

We shall continue the festivities on Sunday 9th June, when the choir will sing at the 12.00noon Mass the world premiere of an Offertory for the Feast of the Sacred Heart by another modern church composer Simon Mold.

Afterwards we shall have our Feast Day Celebration in the grounds outside the Church, from 12.30-4.00pm. There will be free food & drink, stalls, games, music and much else. This will be a wonderful opportunity for the whole parish to come together, celebrate, get to know one another, and have fun. Ruth Naylor, the Chair of the Parish Council, is the co-ordinator; please contact her ([ppc@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](mailto:ppc@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk)) if you can help to

- set up gazebos and stalls on the day erect tables and chairs
- provide a barbecue
- run the (free) bar
- offer to run a strawberries & cream or ice cream, or cakes stall
- bring salads to accompany the barbecue
- run a bottle stall or a toy stall (please donate a new toy and/or bottle for the bottle stall)

- offer another stall or children's games
- provide music/entertainment
- run a raffle
- clear away afterwards and dispose of rubbish.

The choir from Sacred Heart School will sing on the day.

Put the date in your diary or calendar now so you don't miss it.

Donations towards costs will be gratefully received.

### CAR PARKING

Don't forget to register your car number plate if you park in the church car park, to avoid receiving a Parking Charge Notice. This doesn't apply on Sundays.

NEVER park in front of the priests' garages; they may need to get out urgently to give someone the Last Rites or they may be going to celebrate Mass elsewhere.

Please remember to use the correct entrance and exit to the car park. This is for your safety and the safety of others. Please do not park in the disabled parking bays unless you have the appropriate disabled badge.

## Diocesan & Other Notices

### ARCHDIOCESAN VIRAL PRAYER CAMPAIGN

As part of the Year of Prayer, the Archdiocese is running a campaign called #GivePrayerAGo (<https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/faith/giveprayerago/>). The campaign produced and shared prayer videos on social media every day during Lent, which went viral and had a reach of over 12 million people on Facebook alone. After the campaign hit 1.5 million in just a week, it was picked up by the media, including the [Catholic Herald](#).

### MARCH FOR LIFE UK

Outdoor candlelight Vigil outside Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 27th April to remember those negatively impacted by the Abortion Act which was implemented on this date in 1968. *March for Life UK* will supply candles and any posters needed so there is no need for anyone to bring any. There will be leaders from various churches speaking about this issue including a Catholic priest, an Anglican priest, an Evangelical leader and a representative from

the Orthodox Church, with hymns and pray together. Please contact [info@marchforlife.co.uk](mailto:info@marchforlife.co.uk) for more information.

### MIGRANT WORKER MASS

The annual Migrant Worker Mass will take place at St George's Cathedral on Monday 6th May at 12.30pm. It will be led by the Archbishop and is in partnership with Westminster and Brentwood dioceses, and supported by Justice and Peace and the Ethnic Chaplaincies. It is expected it to be well attended, so please arrive by 12.00noon to secure a seat.

### ARCHBISHOP TO LEAD PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Join the Archbishop and Bishop Paul Hendricks on a pilgrimage to Lourdes from 23rd-30th August. Details on the pilgrimage, including volunteering and accommodation options can be found on the diocesan website. Experience the unique spirituality of Lourdes, along with people from parishes around the Archdiocese.

### New to the Parish?

Please introduce yourself to a member of the Parish Team after Mass and register online at [www.sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](http://www.sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk)

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

### ST GEORGE'S DAY AT ST GEORGE'S HOSPITAL

Fr Peter Littleton, Healthcare Chaplain at St. Georges Hospital invites you to come and pray for the patients, staff and students of St. George's Hospital and Medical School on their feast day - St. George's Day, Tuesday 23rd April:

10.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
11.30am Benediction  
11.40am Rosary  
12.00pm Mass

Hospital Chapel, Ground Floor Grosvenor Wing, St. George's Hospital, Tooting.

### VACANCIES

Wimbledon College:

Casual Exams Invigilator vacancies (£14.73/hr); further info at [www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk](http://www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk) under 'aboutus'/job opportunities' or apply online via [eteach](http://eteach) website.

Marymount Intl. School:

Vacancy for Chair & Teacher of Religious Studies, more information about the role and how to apply available at <http://www.marymountlondon.com/>. Closing date 30th April.

## Exploring our Faith

### A DAY WITH MARY

You are invited to a *Day with Mary*, a day of instruction, devotion and intercession, on Saturday 27th April, at St Joseph's Church, Orchard Road, Bromley, BR1 2PR, from 9.30am-5.00pm; Mass in honour of Our Lady at 10.00am, celebrant & preacher Fr Peter Murphy, sermons on Our Lady: Fr Serafino M. Lanzetta; Exposition & Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, Silent Adoration and Prayers.

*A Day with Mary* Pilgrimage to Fatima: 7th-14th June; for the full pilgrimage outline and registration please visit [adaywithmary.org](http://adaywithmary.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.

### WHY BELIEVE? DEFENDING AND EXPLAINING THE FAITH

The London Jesuit Centre offers a 5-week course on Wednesdays (starting on 1st May) from 7.00-8.00pm, focusing on some of the most difficult questions that are asked of the Christian faith, so as to understand it more deeply, explain it more persuasively and defend it more effectively. In each week of the course a closer look is taken at one problematic question or an objection to Christian belief and see how it might ask us to deepen our understanding of our faith. For more detailed information and to register please visit <https://www.londonjesuitcentre.org/whats-on/courses>; London Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street, London W1K 3AH.

### 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](mailto:wimbledonsg1@safeguard.rcaos.org.uk))

Kathleen Kirkland ([wimbledonsg2@safeguard.rcaos.org.uk](mailto:wimbledonsg2@safeguard.rcaos.org.uk))

Siobhán Heffron ([wimbledonsg3@safeguard.rcaos.org.uk](mailto:wimbledonsg3@safeguard.rcaos.org.uk))

### CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

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

### WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

**Those who have died recently:** Linda Burgess, Rita D'Aguiar, Charles Thirugnanendran, John Mills, Eamonn Granahan, Catherine (Kay) Silke, Robin Campbell, Sheila Spaight, Bruce Naylor and Marlene Latham

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Carmen Emilia Anaya Reyes, Catherine McManus, Georgina Russell, Maria Josefa Kuczynska, Matthew Abbey, Ettore Nicolosi and Lourenco Fernandes

**The sick:** Joseph Philpott, Electa Almeida, Margaret Duffy, Karolina Masica, Felicitas Nerée, Finley Kennedy, Pauline Grimes, Sherlyn Titton, Geoffrey Norris, Anne Lander, Olivia Chiemieliska, Harriette Cahill, Hui Lee Ng, 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

#### Saturday 20 April

6.30pm Antonio D'Souza RIP

#### Monday 22 April Feria (10.00am Mass only)

10.00am Rosalind Davis RIP

6.30pm Malachy Cavanagh RIP

#### Tuesday 23 April St George, Martyr and Patron of England

10.00am Jerzy Owoc RIP

6.30pm Helen Elisabeth Bond RIP

#### Wednesday 24 April Feria

10.00am Requiem Mass for Marlene Latham

6.30pm Michael Maidment RIP

#### Thursday 25 April St Mark, Evangelist

10.00am Queen of Peace

2.15pm Sacred Music Mass Ursuline High School

6.30pm Mose Lucchetta RIP

#### Friday 26 April Feria

10.00am Thelma D'Costa (Wellbeing)

6.30pm Holy Souls

#### Saturday 27 April Feria

10.00am Loretto Adkin RIP

### 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

Entry hymn: 22 *All people that on earth do dwell*

Kyrie/Gloria: 459/460

Offertory motet: *Surrexit pastor bonus*, Orlando di Lassus

Sanctus: 433

Communion motet: *Pastor bonus*, Thomas Tallis

Communion hymn: 475 *Loving shepherd of thy sheep*

Post-blessing Marian hymn: 616 *Regina coeli*

### 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

Fifth Sunday of Easter (B)

First Reading Acts 9:26-31

Responsorial Psalm Ps 21:26-28.30-32

Second Reading 1 Jn 3:18-24

Gospel Acclamation Jn 15:4-5

Gospel Jn 15:1-8

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](mailto:newsletter@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk) / [wimparish@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

