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## Newsletter

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### Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time Vol. III psalter week I

#### TODAY'S MASS:

**First Reading** (Ws 2:12.17-20): A description of the ungodly and how they attack believers. This resonates very strongly nowadays with frequent attacks in the mass media and elsewhere on Christians, Moslems and others who have religious beliefs.

**Psalm** (Ps 53:3-6.8): A prayer for help from God when assailed by attacks from the ungodly.

**Second Reading** (Jm 3:16-4:3): Disunity and disharmony stem from failure to pray properly. How does our parish measure up in this respect?

**Gospel** (Mk 9:30-37): After the Transfiguration we hear the second prediction of Christ's passion at Capernaum (the first was in last week's Gospel, at Caesarea Philippi) and Christ's teaching on discipleship. 'He sat down' indicates formal teaching by a rabbi. He takes a child: this is an acted parable. Remember that children had a low status in Jesus' time; the point is that the disciple should be humble, like the lowliest person.  
*Fr David*

#### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR MIGRANTS & REFUGEES

This Day is an occasion to express concern for different vulnerable people of the move, to pray for them as they face many challenges, and to increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers. The theme chosen by Pope Francis this year is *God walks with His people*. The Pope's message for today can be found at [www.cbcew.org.uk/wdmr24-pope-francis/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/wdmr24-pope-francis/) and more information and resources at the Vatican dedicated website: [migrants-refugees.va/world-day-of-migrants-refugees/](http://migrants-refugees.va/world-day-of-migrants-refugees/).

#### ANNUAL MASS COUNT

The First Mass count takes place today.

#### CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

After both the 8.00am and 10.00am Masses, in the Lower Hall. Bacon and sausage rolls, pastries, tea, coffee .....

#### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

There will be a Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 10.00am Mass for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2; Year 3 can attend until they start their First Holy Communion Classes. Please follow the instructions at the beginning of Mass.

## This Week

#### TUESDAY: OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

The Vatican has agreed to the request from our Bishops' Conference that Our Lady of Walsingham be celebrated as a new Feast in the dioceses of England, starting this year. The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham was established in 1061, according to the text of the Pynson Ballad, when devout noblewoman Richeldis de Faverches asked in prayer for inspiration so that she could carry out a special work in honour of Our Lady. The Pynson Ballad says that Our Lady appeared to Richeldis and showed her in spirit the House of the Annunciation where the Angel greeted Mary in Nazareth and asked her to build a replica in Walsingham as a perpetual memorial of the Annunciation.

Arthur Cardinal Roche, Prefect of the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, said he hoped that *PTO*

#### THE PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Parish Priest: Canon David Gibbons, KCHS  
Parish Clergy: Fr David Hunter, 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

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the new Feast day would strengthen the faithful: 'May this yearly celebration be a source of renewed grace and evangelical endeavour for the Church in England and Wales, as, imitating Mary, the faithful may ever more become disciples of her Son, receive the message of the Gospel, treasure it in their hearts and reflect on it in their minds.'

### THURSDAY:

#### SACRED HEART SCHOOL MASS

The Harvest Mass at 9.00am on Thursday in the School Hall. All parents and family members and all parishioners are welcome to attend this Mass.

#### FRIDAY: MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNINGS

Parishioners are cordially invited to a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday at

8.15-9.00am, in the Refectory at Donhead Prep School or from 9.00 - 10.00am at Sacred Heart School.

#### FAREWELL EVENING FOR FR MATTHEW

Fr Matthew Donnelly's farewell party is on Friday at 7.30pm in the Lower Hall, a get-together with music, food & drinks. We would be grateful for vegetarian food (Friday) and drink contributions. Please leave them in the Lower Hall from 6.00pm onwards on the day. Please contact Sarah (07885 267 509) for more information.

#### A DAY WITH MARY

In Sacred Heart Church on Saturday 28th September, a day of instruction, devotion and intercession, based on the message given at Fátima in 1917. Start

at 10.45am: Entry Procession of Our Lady, Mass in honour of Our Lady the five Joyful Mysteries; lunch break (please bring a packed lunch) at 1.00pm. At 2.00pm Exposition and Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary of the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady, Silent Adoration; 4.30pm Sermon on Our Lady, the five Glorious Mysteries, Act of Consecration, Benediction. Confessions during the day ([www.adaywithmary.org](http://www.adaywithmary.org)).

If you have never attended a Day with Mary do make the effort to attend all or part of it; you will not be disappointed!

#### NEXT SUNDAY

The Second Collection will be for a leaving present for Fr Matthew.

## Parish Notices

### WELCOME TEA

New parishioners are warmly invited to a Welcome Tea next Sunday 29th September at 3.00pm Lounge. We would love to meet you, tell you more about our activities and hear your thoughts on what you want from your community. Please RSVP by reply as soon as possible to [ppc@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](mailto:ppc@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk). If you haven't yet done so, please register as a parishioner on the parish website: [www.sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](http://www.sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk) (scroll down the Home Page for the link).

### SUNDAY READERS AT MASS

We need a couple of more Readers at both the 5.00 & the 8.00pm Masses on Sundays, so that the duty only comes round every few weeks. If you can volunteer, please either email Thelma ([wimbledon@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:wimbledon@rcaos.org.uk)) or give your contact details to Sr Dorothy.

### ALTAR SERVERS

Fr Jackson and Fr David will shortly start a new training course for new Altar Servers. Parents, whose children have made their first Holy Communion and are interested in joining the training course, please pass names and contact details to one of the Clergy. We need more Altar Servers at all Sunday Masses.

### BECOMING A CATHOLIC

If you, or someone you know, is interested in becoming a Catholic - either someone who is not Baptized and wishes to be, or someone Baptized in a non-Catholic Church who is interested in being Received into Full Communion with the Church - now is the time to apply for our RCIA course. Either give the name and contact details to Sister Dorothy or to Thelma in the Parish Office. At this stage there is no commitment: it is just 'come and see'.

### WIMBLEDON COLLEGE OPEN EVENING

Prospective parents and pupils for admission into Year 7 in September 2025 are welcome to the Open Evening on Thursday 26th September, 5.30-8.00pm. See the booking information at [www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk/open\\_events](http://www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk/open_events). There are Open Mornings for current Year 6 pupils only, by appointment. Deadline for applications (entry/September 2025) is 31st October. See below for details of the Parish Priest's sessions for his countersignature.

### SCHOOL FORM SIGNING

Canon David will be available on Tuesday 1st October in the Lower Hall, at both 4.30-5.00pm and 7.30-8.00pm,

to countersign school application forms for application to Catholic schools only. Please obtain the necessary form/s from the school and bring them (with the parent's part completed) along with the child concerned. Please bring the child's Baptism certificate if you can. Parents should ensure that they have registered as parishioners on the Parish website.

### THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Fr David (Hunter) has taken on the responsibility of co-ordinating visits to parishioners who are sick or housebound. If you know of someone who isn't receiving Holy Communion at home, please contact Fr David via the Parish Office. We are grateful to Cathy Dickenson and her team of Extraordinary Ministers for undertaking this important ministry.

### SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

All parish volunteers who have a DBS certificate are required to complete an online training module, which has been sent out by email. Those who prefer to do it as part of a group can attend one of two sessions on Thursday 10th October at 10.30am or 7.30pm, in the Lounge.

## Parish Notices

### GREGORIAN CHANT DAY

A Gregorian chant workshop day will be held by the Schola Gregoriana of Cambridge on Saturday 12th October, 10.45am-6.15pm at Sacred Heart, culminating in the celebration of Vespers in the church, sung by the participants. All, including beginners, are welcome. For details and booking places

see <https://www.scholagregoriana.org>. For queries please contact Deacon Julian.

### FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Friday 4th October at 2.30pm in the Lounge: Talk by Hannah Lumley, Principal Trading Standards Officer, Merton, on 'Protecting Ourselves from Scams'. Everyone is welcome. Tea and cakes as always.

## Diocesan & Other Notices

### BISHOP PHILIP MOGER

Bishop Philip Moger - until now Auxiliary Bishop in this Archdiocese since February 2023 - has been appointed as the 10th Bishop of Plymouth by Pope Francis. He will be Installed as Diocesan Bishop on Saturday 9th November at the Cathedral Church of St Mary & St Boniface, Plymouth. He has visited us a couple of times, including for Canon David's Induction and our Confirmation Mass. We thank him for his (all too brief) ministry among us and pray for him in his new apostolate.

### 'IN THE PSALMS YOU WILL FIND THE LORD JESUS'

The Archbishop has launched a campaign encouraging people to turn to the Psalms. The new online prayer campaign is intended to encourage people to make praying the Psalms a part of their daily lives. The Archbishop says 'Questions about prayer, whether about the purpose of prayer, its power, beauty or even how to pray can be answered in the Psalms'. Prayer videos of the Psalms will be released across the Archdiocese's social media channels regularly in the coming weeks and months.

### DAY OF RETREAT & REFLECTION

For all Mass Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in the SW-London Area, on Saturday 19th October in our Upper Hall, 11.00am-4.00pm. Registration, tea and coffee at 11.00am. All our Mass Readers and Ministers are asked to participate in this Day if you can. Register

at [wimbledon@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:wimbledon@rcaos.org.uk); please bring a packed lunch. The day will include sessions on the Word of God in the Life of the Church, using Scripture in our spiritual lives, the new Lectionary translation and other practical matters.

### A SPIRITUAL VISIT TO THE SICK

'I was sick and you visited me' (Mt 25:36). The Catholic Chaplaincy at St. George's Hospital invites those who are willing to join in praying for the sick on Thursday mornings, in the Chapel at 10.30am Quiet Adoration, 11.30am Benediction, followed by Rosary and 12.00pm Mass for the Patients, Staff, Students, Volunteers and Visitors of St. George's. Major Hospitals are a kind of liminal space where heaven comes close to earth as many people face their mortality at the altar of suffering. Here, so many are rightly 'anxious and troubled about many things'. Yet, 'one thing is necessary' still - prayer (cf Lk 10:41). If you can, of your charity, please consider joining in these mornings of prayer for those in need.

### VACANCY

Love Heals Body Mind and Spirit Ministry: Vacancies for a Treasures/Trustee and Minutes Secretary/Trustee have become available; these are voluntary/unpaid positions for a very good cause. Please contact 020 8542 2476 or email [lovehealsbodymindspirit@gmail.com](mailto:lovehealsbodymindspirit@gmail.com) for further information.

### 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.

### TWO-PIANO RECITAL

Saturday 5th October at 7.45pm in the Church: a two-piano recital given by Tschonghie and Alexis Affonso with music by Lutosławski, Ravel, Rachmaninov and Stravinsky. Bookings not required, retiring collection in aid of Cancer Research UK.

### ELECTRICITY UPDATE

The electricity supply from Drax was finally reconnected last Monday, after over four weeks. During this time the parish has suffered financial losses of over £20,000 (loss of hall lets, cost of accommodating the Clergy elsewhere, value of food having to be thrown away from the fridges and freezers, and hiring a generator to function). Has anyone any experience in this area, how to obtain compensation from Drax Group Plc?

### OPEN EVENTS

Ursuline High School: Year 7  
Wed 25th Sept.: 6-8.30pm, Y5&6 students & parent/carer  
Mon 30th Sept. - Fri 4th Oct.: 9am OR 11am Y6 students & parent/carer  
Sixth Form: Wed 9th Oct.: 5-7.30pm Y11 students & parent/carer ([www.ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk/admissions/](http://www.ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk/admissions/)).

### 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))

Kate 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) Canon David Gibbons  
8.00am Fr Jackson Sebastian  
10.00am Fr David Hunter  
12 noon Canon David Gibbons and Deacon Julian Burling  
5.00pm Fr Jackson Sebastian  
8.00pm Fr David Hunter and Deacon Julian Burling

### WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

**Those who have died recently:** Andrew Hastings, Patrick Hearty, Catherine Morgan, Martina Luetkens, Michael Vaughey and Mary Hayes

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Susan Dale, Fr Michael O'Halloran SJ, Kenneth Eager, Ashley Nicholas, Vladimir Pavlinic and Fr Patrick Cooper SJ

**The sick:** Penny Sewell, Corné Rossouw, Finley Kennedy, Samar Staussi, Thelma Lobo, Jim Tait, Maria Tinker, Dorothy Ramos, Armando Ramos, Rena DeSouza, Electa Almeida, Margaret Duffy, Karolina Masica, Geoffrey Norris, Ryan Lyndsey and Emily Grey

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 21 September

6.30pm Nicholas Simon RIP

#### Monday 23 September St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Priest

10.00am Tony & Sally D'Costa (Thanksgiving)  
6.30pm Emma Brauer Family (Healing)

#### Tuesday 24 September Our Lady of Walsingham, Memorial

10.00am Percy & Margaret James Ints.  
6.30pm Hugh McCluskey RIP

#### Wednesday 25 September Feria

10.00am Pamela Hannigan RIP  
6.30pm For Peace

#### Thursday 26 September Feria

9.00am Harvest Mass at Sacred Heart School  
10.00am Douglas McDonald RIP  
6.30pm Christine Bickerstaff RIP

#### Friday 27 September St Vincent de Paul, Priest

10.00am Aubrey James RIP  
6.30pm Eileen Helliwell Ints.

#### Saturday 28 September The Blessed Virgin Mary

10.00am Private Intentions

### 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: 559 O worship the King

Kyrie/Gloria: 459/460

Offertory motet: Almighty God, who hast me brought, Thomas Ford

Communion motet: Richard de Castre's Prayer to Jesus, Richard R. Terry

Communion hymn: 351 Lead us heavenly Father

### 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

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

First Reading Num 11:25-29  
Responsorial Psalm Ps 18:8.10.12-14  
Second Reading Jm 5:1-6  
Gospel Acclamation Jn 17:17  
Gospel Mk 9:38-43.45.  
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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.

