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Newsletter

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Today is World Mission Day. Our second collection is for Missio, which supports churches, hospitals, schools, and vocations in areas where the Church is new, young or poor. More details overleaf. *Photograph from Missio's website.*

Today's Mass

First Reading: The suffering servant will, in the end, get his reward from God. The suffering servant could be an individual (such as someone who cares for others), or the community (such as the churches in the Middle East), or Jesus Christ Himself.

In all the Eucharistic Prayers, the institution narrative quotes Jesus saying that He poured out His blood 'for many', as He said at the Last Supper. He was probably consciously fulfilling the prophecy in today's First Reading, in which Isaiah says that God's servant would 'justify many'.

Psalm: Let us recite this psalm truly trusting and hoping in God, 'our help and our shield'.

Second Reading: Jesus, being a man like us but without sin, is the true high priest who alone can bestow mercy and grace for timely help.

Gospel: There are a number of different implications we could take from this Gospel. One (but not the only one) is as a challenge to complacency or apathy amongst church members. Being a disciple of Jesus means not an easy life, but a life of service to others, which can come at personal cost.

Canon David



**Café in the Lounge
after the 10.00am Mass**

You are warmly invited to join us for tea, coffee, biscuits, etc.!

Parish Pastoral Team

Parish Priest Canon David Gibbons KCHS
Parish Clergy Fr David Hunter
Fr Sebastian Jackson
Deacon Julian Burling
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Readings at Mass

	This Sunday	Next Sunday
First Reading	Isaiah 53:10–11	Jeremiah 31:7–9
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 32(33):4–5,18–22	Psalm 125(126)
Second Reading	Hebrews 4:14–16	Hebrews 5:1–6
Gospel Acclamation	John 14:6	John 8:12
Gospel	Mark 10:35–45	Mark 10:46–52

This Sunday

World Mission Day

Today is a Day of Prayer for the Evangelization of the World. The theme this year is: 'Go and invite everyone to the banquet' (cf. Matthew 22:9).

Please click [here](#) for Pope Francis' Message for World Mission Day 2024 and [here](#) for further reading on the Bishops' Conference website.

Second collection for Missio

Missio is the Church's official organ for supporting foreign missions. Our collection at Masses this Sunday will support churches, hospitals, schools, and vocations in areas where the Church is new, young or poor: local church directly helping local church. For more information, please visit missio.org.uk.

Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 10.00am Mass

Children in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 are invited to attend with their parents.

The children's liturgy continues during the 10.00am Mass on Sundays 3 and 11 November, and 1, 8, and 15 December.

New card readers

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New card readers have been installed at the back of the church. If you Gift Aid your donations, please re-enter your details to register your card with our new provider, Stripe. This is only necessary on your first donation. Thank you for your continuing generosity!

Parish notices

Volunteers wanted!

Many thanks to all those who volunteered for the parish involvement in the Merton Winter Night Shelter. There has been a very encouraging response.

There are many other opportunities for you to volunteer or engage in parish activities. A list of these opportunities has been emailed to those on the newsletter distribution list and is also available in hard copy at the back of the church. Please respond either directly to the contact shown or by completing a reply form.

October 2024 Edgeways

The October 2024 issue of Edgeways was distributed by email last weekend and is also available on the parish website. A limited number of printed copies are available at the back of the church for those without internet access.

Final Mass count

Mass attendance last Sunday was 1,411.

Fr Matthew's farewell collection

Fr Matthew's farewell collection totalled £1,533.79. He has written to express his gratitude: 'Wow, really wasn't expecting that! Many thanks to all at Wimbledon!'

Holy Souls in November

If you would like to have your deceased family members remembered in Masses during November, write their names on a paper and put them into the Holy Souls envelopes provided at the back of the church. They will be placed in a box at the altar during Masses in November. Any donations enclosed will go towards Masses for the Holy Souls during the year.

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School tours

If you are looking for a nursery or reception place for 2025, please join a school tour to discover what makes Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School special. We have tours on 8, 12, 18, and 27 November and 5, 9, 12, and 17 December. Visit sacredheart.merton.sch.uk/school-tours or call 020 8942 0215.

This week

Fr David Hunter is away on retreat this week.

Maria Mammolito RIP

Funeral Mass at 10.00am on Monday, followed by Cremation at North East Surrey Crematorium.

Donhead Preparatory School

Year 5 will attend the 10.00am Mass on Wednesday.

7.30pm Wednesday Newman Circle Talk & Film

Join us in the Lounge for a film screening of *The Letter: A Message for our Earth* (2022), which documents the journey to Rome by frontline leaders to discuss Pope Francis' environmental encyclical *Laudato Si'* (2015), and glimpses into his personal history before and after becoming pope.

The climate situation is becoming very grave and we all need to do our bit. What can we do now to protect our common home? What policies are our parish, diocese, and government promoting? Come and join in the discussion!

9.30am – 4.30pm Saturday Building a Better Marriage Day

Taking place in the Lower Hall, this is a day in which married couples can *privately* explore their relationship more deeply and gain valuable insights into their communication and the Church's call to the married. The day is for all married couples, whether married one year or sixty years. There is no charge for the course.

Booking is required: please contact Thelma D'Costa by email at wimbledon@rcaos.org.uk or by phone on 020 8946 0305. Refreshments will be provided but please bring a packed lunch. Leaflets and registration forms are available at the back of the church.

End of British Summer Time

The clocks go back at 2.00am next Sunday 27 October – don't get caught out!

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 Representatives:

Victoria Wheatley (wimbledonsg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk) • Siobhán Heffron (wimbledonsg3@safeguardrcaos.org.uk)

Forthcoming parish liturgies and events

Friday 1 November: All Saints' Day (Holy Day of Obligation)

The Solemnity of All Saints is a Holy Day of Obligation. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 6.30pm (on Thursday 31 October), 10.00am, 6.30pm, and 8.00pm. Please note that there will be no First Friday evening Adoration on this occasion.

2.30pm Friday 1 November Friendship Group film screening

The Friendship Group will meet in the Lounge for a film screening of *The Lady in the Van* (2015), starring Dame Maggie Smith, accompanied by ice creams, teas, and biscuits. Everyone is welcome to join.

Saturday 2 November: All Souls' Day

Holy Mass of Requiem for all the Faithful Departed will be offered at 8.00am (Latin, in St Ignatius' Chapel), 10.00am, 12 noon (in St Ignatius' Chapel), and 6.30pm. Please note that the Saturday evening Mass, although it fulfils your Sunday obligation, will be a Mass of All Souls, not of the Sunday.

2.30pm Sunday 3 November Blessing of Graves

The customary Blessing of Graves at the Merton & Sutton Cemetery, Garth Road, will be at 2.30pm on Sunday 3 November. Those who visit a cemetery between 1 and 8 November and pray for the Faithful Departed may obtain a Plenary Indulgence applicable to the Holy Souls.

Diocesan notices

Oppose the Assisted Dying Bill

The Bishops of England & Wales are calling on all Catholics to unite in prayer and compassionate action to oppose assisted suicide (or assisted dying).

Please visit cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide urgently to see how YOU can contact your MP to voice your opposition to assisted suicide being rushed into law. Please make every effort to express your opposition to your MP.

Vincent Cardinal Nichols has summarised the three main reasons for our opposition:

1. it is a slippery slope
2. a right to die can become a duty to die
3. being forgetful of God belittles our humanity.

St George's Cathedral Choirs

The Cathedral Choirs have released video recordings of beloved hymns to promote the power of worship through music and song. Visit the '[Choir of St George's Cathedral, Southwark](#)' YouTube channel.

Spotlight on...



For those with dementia and their carers, the **Memory Lane Club** meets for chat, refreshments, and activities from 10.30am to 12.30pm every Wednesday in the Lounge. Email edgehillmemorylaneclub@gmail.com for more information.

New to the parish?

Welcome! Please introduce yourself to a member of the parish team after Mass and register online at www.sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk or by filling out a registration form, available at the back of the church.

Other notices

Jesuit Missions' Urgent Lebanon Appeal

Jesuit Missions has launched an appeal to support their longstanding partners in Lebanon. The UN reports that more than 1.2 million people have been displaced and the Lebanese Health Ministry reports that over 2,000 people have been killed, including many children and women, while thousands have fled their homes, seeking refuge in temporary facilities such as schools.

Jesuit Missions has supported work in the country for several years. Their partners on the ground are already responding by distributing basic hygiene items, mattresses, and food. The needs are enormous. Please donate at jesuitmissions.org.uk/lebanon-crisis-response-2024.

12.30pm for 1.00pm Friday 25 October St John's Lunchtime Concert

Isobel Gathercole (vocalist) and Michael Horner (piano) perform songs from the Great American Songbook at St John the Baptist (SW19 4NZ). Entry is free, with refreshments from 12.30pm and a retiring collection to support St John's Music Fund.

9.45am – 5.15pm Saturday 26 October A Day with Mary

Come along for a day of instruction, devotion, and intercession with Mary at Our Lady of Sorrows, Peckham (SE15 1RH).

CAFOD Nativity Fun Run and Advent Service

Sign up to CAFOD's Nativity Fun Run on Clapham Common at 11.00am (10.00am registration) on Saturday 7 December at cafod.org.uk/news/events/nativity-fun-run. The CAFOD Advent Service will take place at Farm Street Church at 7.00pm on Wednesday 11 December.

Church newsletter blooper

Seen in a church newsletter: 'For those of you that have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.'

Celebrants this Sunday

6.30pm (Sat)	Fr David Hunter
8.00am	Fr Jackson Sebastian
10.00am	Canon David Gibbons
12 noon	Fr David Hunter
5.00pm	Fr Jackson Sebastian
8.00pm	Canon David Gibbons

We remember in our prayers

Those who have died recently

James Tait • David O'Keeffe • Maria Mammolito • Alan Nicholas

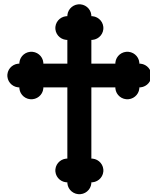
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Donald Derx • Hildgarde Dom Paul • Anthony Kennedy
Patrick Scanlon • John Shannon
Anastasia McGurk • Patricia McGurk

Those who are sick

Penny Sewell • Corné Rossouw • Finley Kennedy • Samar Staussi
Thelma Lobo • Maria Tinker • Dorothy Ramos • Armando Ramos
Rena DeSouza • Geoffrey Norris • Ryan Lyndsey • Emily Grey
Electa Almeida • Margaret Duffy • Karolina Masica

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. For data protection reasons, individuals must explicitly agree for their names to be mentioned in our newsletter.



Exposition

Wednesdays and Fridays
10.30am – 12 noon and
5.25pm – 6.25pm
First Fridays 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Reconciliation

6.00pm – 6.20pm
Mondays to Saturdays and
10.30am – 11.30am Saturdays

Hospital contacts

If you or a member of your family are admitted to a local hospital, please let the hospital's Catholic chaplain know.

St George's: Fr Peter Littleton (020 8725 3069 or 020 8672 1255)

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

Kingston: Fr Tony Oleh (020 8546 7711)

Any notices for the weekly newsletter should be emailed to newsletter@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk by Tuesday evening. Please keep notices brief – no more than 40 words.

Your generosity helps to fund our parish's wide range of liturgical, spiritual, and cultural activities.

To donate, scan the QR code or visit: sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/Groups/339238/Donate.aspx. Thank you.



Weekday Mass intentions

Saturday 19 October

6.30pm St Anthony (Thanksgiving)

Monday 21 October

10.00am Funeral Mass of Maria Mammolito (RIP)
6.30pm Eileen Helliwell (Ints)

Tuesday 22 October • Pope St John Paul II

10.00am Church of Aungpadang & Mogok Community (Ints)
6.30pm Mary Brogan (Ints)

Wednesday 23 October

10.00am Anne Coughlan (Ints)
6.30pm William Griffiths & Family (Ints)

Thursday 24 October

10.00am Anthony Docherty (RIP)
6.30pm John Shannon (RIP)

Friday 25 October

10.00am Medjugorje Approval (Thanksgiving)
6.30pm Teresa Boland (Ints)

Saturday 26 October

10.00am Mary Alphonse (Ints)

Music at the 12 noon Mass

Introit: *Ego clamavi* (choir)

Kyrie: Mass in C (J. Ireland) • **Gloria:** (460)

Offertory hymn: (606) Praise to the Holiest

Sanctus: (433) Gathering Mass

Communion motet: *Adoramus te, Christe* (G. Perti)

Communion hymn: (801) When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Parish services and contacts

Parish Office

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9.00am – 4.00pm
Monday – Friday

Executive Assistant

Thelma D'Costa
Caretaker
George McLennan

Please contact the Parish Office for all enquiries, hall bookings, baptisms, marriages, first sacraments, and funerals.

The **Bereavement Support Group** provides one-to-one support or bereavement drop-in. For more information, please contact: bereavement.group@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk.

The **Sacred Heart SVP Conference** meets to help those living locally in need. All enquiries are dealt with confidentially. Please leave your contact details with the Parish Office or email presidentA190704@svp.org.uk.

Please remember always to register your car number when using the church car park (except Sundays). Registration tablets can be found in the church entrance, the presbytery reception, and the hall entrances.