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Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time • Vol. IV • Psalter Week II



The Healing of the Blind Bartimaeus (c. 1480–88) by the workshop of Fernando Gallego (Castille, c. 1440–1507)

Today's Mass

“What do you want me to do for you?”

First Reading: Eucharistic Prayer III asks God to ‘gather to yourself all your children scattered throughout the earth’, and Eucharistic Prayer IV prays for those ‘gathered into one body by the Holy Spirit’. This theme of gathering the scattered is taken from today's First Reading from Jeremiah.

Psalm: Today's psalm is a song of joy, sung by those scattered into exile in Babylon but now gathered back in Jerusalem (Zion).

Second Reading: Only the high priest offered the sacrifice for sins on the Day of Atonement. Christ is, in fact, made the true high priest by the Father, and so Christ alone can offer the sacrifice which takes away our sins.

Gospel: The healing of blind Bartimaeus is the last healing miracle in Mark. Notice that Bartimaeus is not initially a disciple of Jesus: he comes to faith after his encounter with Jesus. The Lord's question – ‘What do you want me to do for you?’ – is perhaps the way we should start in seeking to evangelize and win disciples for Christ.

Canon David

Parish Pastoral Team

Parish Priest Canon David Gibbons KCHS
Parish Clergy Fr David Hunter
Fr Jackson Sebastian
Deacon Julian Burling
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Café in the Lounge

after the 10.00am Mass

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

Readings at Mass

	This Sunday	Next Sunday
First Reading	Jeremiah 31:7–9	Deuteronomy 6:2–6
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 125(126)	Psalm 17(18):2–4,47,51
Second Reading	Hebrews 5:1–6	Hebrews 7:23–28
Gospel Acclamation	John 8:12	cf. John 6:63,68
Gospel	Mark 10:46–52	Mark 12:28–34

This week

Friday: All Saints' Day Holy Day of Obligation

The Solemnity of All Saints is a Holy Day of Obligation, when Catholics should attend Mass if possible. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 6.30pm on Thursday, and at 10.00am, 6.30pm, and 8.00pm on Friday. Please note that there will be no First Friday evening Adoration on this occasion.

2.30pm Friday 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: 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 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Plenary Indulgence

A Plenary Indulgence, applicable only to the Holy Souls, may be gained once in any church either on All Souls' Day, the preceding or following Sunday, or on All Saints' Day, on the usual conditions: recital of the Our Father and Creed in church, sacramental Confession, Holy Communion, and prayer for the Pope's Intention.

Those who visit a cemetery between Fridays 1 and 8 November and pray for the Faithful Departed may obtain a Plenary Indulgence, applicable to the Holy Souls, (and at other times a Partial Indulgence).

2.30pm next Sunday: Blessing of Graves

The customary Blessing of Graves will take place at the Merton & Sutton Cemetery, Garth Road, at 2.30pm next Sunday 3 November.

Parish notices

Altar servers training

The first of two altar server training sessions will be over the weekend of 16/17 November as follows:

- 5.45pm Saturday 16 November (before the 6.30pm Mass)
- 9.15am Sunday 17 November (before the 10.00am Mass)
- 1.05pm Sunday 17 November (after the 12 noon Mass)
- 6.05pm Sunday 17 November (after the 5.00pm Mass)

Each session lasts 30 minutes. Children must have made their First Holy Communion. Just turn up to one of these times: meet in the Sacristy.

Holy Souls in November

If you would like to have your deceased family members remembered in Masses during November, write their names on a piece of paper and put it 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.

5.30pm Wednesday 13 November Holy Hour for the Dignity of the Human Person

During their November Plenary Assembly, the Bishops of England and Wales will gather for a Holy Hour to pray for the promotion of the dignity of the human person and the culture of life in our countries. This is a response to the assisted suicide legislation currently before the UK Parliament. Can YOU come to Adoration at Sacred Heart Church at the same time, to be united with the bishops in a powerful moment of prayer?

Baptism of infants

If you would like your child to be baptised, please download an application form from [www.sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/Groups/293160/Baptism of Infants.aspx](http://www.sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/Groups/293160/Baptism%20of%20Infants.aspx) and return it to Thelma in the Parish Office.

Countersigning school application forms

To make an appointment for Canon David to sign certificates for applications to Catholic schools, please contact Thelma in the Parish Office (contact details are on the back cover). Please bring the relevant form(s), with your part completed, and the child who is applying.

Parish Safeguarding Representative

Kate Kirkland has stepped down as one of our Parish Safeguarding Representatives. We thank her for undertaking this role. We shall soon look for a new member to join our parish safeguarding team.

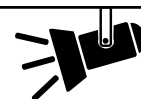
Vacancy: Teaching Support Assistant at Wimbledon College

For further information, please visit www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk/jobopportunities or apply online via eteach at www.eteach.com/job/teaching-support-assistant-1448569. Applications close at 12 noon on Monday 4 November.

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.

Spotlight on...



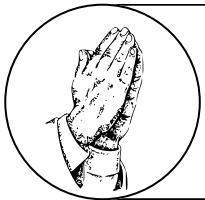
Could you inspire our parish's young people? Rob Hitchcock, our Faith Minister, is looking to recruit helpers with a willingness to discuss our faith in an open way with young people. Activities include catechesis and helping the parish youth group.

For more information, email Rob at wimbledonpfm@rcaos.org.uk. This volunteering requires a DBS check.

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)



Have you ever prayed at our church on a weekday evening? The **Blessed Sacrament** is exposed for Adoration every Wednesday and Friday from 5.25pm to 6.25pm. **Confessions** are heard Monday to Saturday from 6.00pm to 6.20pm. The **Rosary** is recited before **Holy Mass**, which begins at 6.30pm.

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.

A spiritual visit to the sick

'I was sick and you visited me' (Matthew 25:36). The Catholic Chaplaincy at St George's Hospital invites those who are willing to join in praying for the sick on Thursday morning in the Chapel. Quiet Adoration begins at 10.30am, with Benediction at 11.30am, followed by Rosary and 12 noon 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. Luke 10:41). If you can, of your charity, please consider joining in these mornings of prayer for those in need.

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 give generously: visit jesuitmissions.org.uk/lebanon-crisis-response-2024.

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.

Wimbledon International Music Festival

'One of the capital's major autumn events – and it seems to get better and better' (*The Evening Standard*). The Wimbledon International Music Festival returns with over 20 first-class performances between 2 and 24 November, including three events hosted at Sacred Heart Church:

- 'Handel: Jephtha – A Dramatic Oratorio' at 8.00pm on Saturday 9 November in the church
- 'Ronnie Scott Jazz Players' at 8.00pm on Friday 15 November in the Upper Hall
- 'Purcell: The Fairy Queen' at 8.00pm on Friday 22 November in the church

For more information and to book, please visit: wimbledonmusicfestival.co.uk.

11.00am – 4.30pm Saturday 2 November LHBSM Retreat of Quiet Reflection

Love Heals Body Mind & Spirit Ministry invites you to a day retreat of quiet reflection at Our Lady of the Assumption and St Gregory, Warwick Street (W1B 5LZ), including Mass, a talk, and healing prayers. Please bring a packed lunch. For further information, please email lovehealsbodymindspirit@gmail.com.

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.

The saints of our church

A challenge to our newsletter readers for All Saints' Day! Can you spot where the following 19 saints and blesseds have their statues in our church? Have we missed any?

Starting easy, can you find **Our Lady of Lourdes** (Mary is foremost among the saints!), **St Mary Magdalene**, and **St John**? What about **St Joseph**?

Next, we have several martyrs of the English Reformation: **Bl. Margaret Pole** (1473–1541), whom King Henry VIII described as "the holiest woman in England"; **St John Houghton OCart** (d. 1535), a Carthusian priest; **St Thomas More** (1478–1535), formerly Lord Chancellor; **Bl. Thomas Sherwood** (d. 1578), a layman; **Bl. Thomas Percy** (d. 1572), who led the Rising of the North; **St Ralph Sherwin** (1550–81), the first martyr of the English College in Rome; and **St Edmund Campion SJ** (1540–81), who wrote pamphlets defending the Catholic faith.

We have some Jesuit saints who died young: **St Stanislaus Kostka SJ** (1550–68) was described by his novice master as "a model and mirror of religious perfection"; **St Aloysius Gonzaga SJ** (1568–91) died while caring for plague victims; and **St John Berchmans SJ** (1599–1621) was noted for his brilliant mind.

Among the founding Jesuits, we have **St Ignatius Loyola SJ** (1491–1556) and his companion **St Francis Xavier SJ** (1506–52), who led the first Christian mission to Japan. **St Francis Borgia SJ** (1510–72) was the third Superior General of the Jesuits.

Finally, **St Alphonsus Rodríguez SJ** (1532–1617) served as a porter at a college in Majorca for 46 years, while **St Peter Claver SJ** (1581–1654) worked with enslaved people in Colombia and is the patron saint of interracial justice.

Celebrants this Sunday

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

We remember in our prayers

Those who have died recently

Sheila Mary Connor

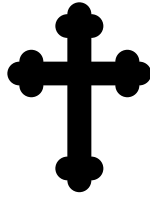
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Mary Robinson • Desmond McGrath • Angela Sims
Alina Hancock • Emily Thompson • Cecilia Higgins
Gerald Platts • Marie Vincent • Marius Kvedaras

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

no First Friday evening
Adoration on 1 November

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 26 October

6.30pm Tommy McManamon (Ints)

Monday 28 October • Ss Simon and Jude

10.00am Cecil Lobo (RIP)
6.30pm St Anthony (Thanksgiving)

Tuesday 29 October

10.00am Maria, John, and Carla Denardi (RIP)
6.30pm Gerry Boland (Ints)

Wednesday 30 October

10.00am Hazel Lawlor (Ints)
6.30pm Alina Hancock (RIP)

Thursday 31 October

10.00am Maria Keaveney-Jessiman (RIP)
6.30pm Gazzi & Elliott (RIP) [*Mass of All Saints' Day*]

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

10.00am Commander George Popescu (RIP)
6.30pm Nabil Dada (RIP)
8.00pm Zachary Staussi-Gomes (Birthday Ints)

Saturday 2 November • All Souls' Day

8.00am Holy Souls [*Latin, St Ignatius' Chapel*]
10.00am Nora Quinn (RIP)
12 noon Holy Souls [*St Ignatius' Chapel*]
6.30pm Mavis Meyer & Maisie Griffiths (RIP)

Music at the 12 noon Mass

Entry Hymn: (31) All Ye Who Seek a Comfort Sure

Kyrie: (459) • **Gloria:** (467)

Offertory motet: *Jubilate Deo* (O. di Lasso)

Communion motet: *O Sacrum Convivium* (L. Marenzio)

Communion hymn: (40) Amazing Grace

Music at the 5.00pm Mass

Scan the QR code or visit
[sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/
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Parish services and contacts

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Executive Assistant

Thelma D'Costa
Caretaker
George McLennan

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

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.