



THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

020 8946 0305
wimbledon@rcaos.org.uk
sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk
@SHWimbledon /sacredheartwimbledon

Sacred Heart Wimbledon
Edge Hill
Wimbledon
London SW19 4LU

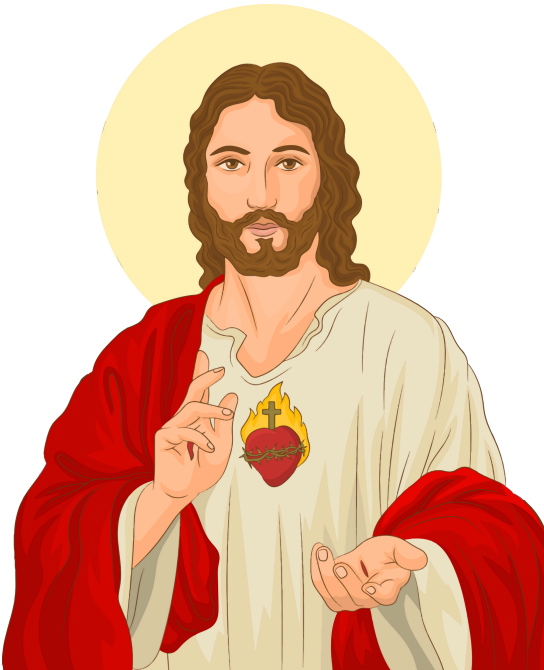
Sunday 3 November 2024

Newsletter

Vol. 10 • Issue 38

2024 Year of Prayer • Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time • Vol. IV • Psalter Week III



Pope Francis' fourth encyclical, *Dilexit nos* (2024), has just been published – and it's dedicated to the Sacred Heart. Read it now: [vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/20241024-enciclica-dilexit-nos.html](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/20241024-enciclica-dilexit-nos.html).

Parish Pastoral Team

Parish Priest Canon David Gibbons KCHS
Parish Clergy Fr David Hunter
Fr Jackson Sebastian
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
Headteacher: Lorraine Dolan-Walsh

Today's Mass

“ To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself – this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice. ”

First Reading: The essence of the Covenant between God and his people is contained in the historic expression of the Jewish faith, known as the *Shema yisrael* ('Listen, O Israel'), which is still part of the daily morning and evening prayer for observant Jews. Fear of God is not servile fear – like a servant grovelling in trepidation at a master's whim – but filial fear: the respect a child should show to a father.

Psalm: In response to the Deuteronomy reading, we sing back: 'I love you, Lord, my strength.'

Second Reading: As usual in readings on Sundays in Ordinary Time, the Second Reading has a different theme from the Gospel and First Reading. This reading, from Hebrews, speaks of God as our one, eternal High Priest.

Gospel: The scribe is close to the Kingdom of God because he grasped that God wants our love more than holocausts (burnt offerings). As Pope Benedict XVI said in his encyclical *Deus Caritas Est* (2005): 'Since God has loved us, love is now no longer a mere 'command'; it is a response to the gift of love with which God draws us near to him.'

Canon David

Readings at Mass

	This Sunday	Next Sunday
First Reading	Deuteronomy 6:2–6	1 Kings 17:10–16
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 17(18):2–4,47,51	Psalm 145(146):7–10
Second Reading	Hebrews 7:23–28	Hebrews 9:24–28
Gospel Acclamation	cf. John 6:63,68	Revelation 2:10
Gospel	Mark 12:28–34	Mark 12:38–44

This Sunday

2.30pm Blessing of Graves

There will be a short service outside the chapel at the Merton & Sutton Cemetery, Garth Road (SM4 4NW). Following the service, clergy will be available to bless individual graves there or in the nearby Morden Cemetery.

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 11 November and 1, 8, and 15 December.

Parish notices

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.

Call for Christmas Lunch volunteers

Every year, the parish organizes a Christmas Day lunch for those who may be alone during the festive season. The lunch is a joyous affair, including drinks and nibbles, carol singers and musicians, Christmas dinners with all the trimmings, and a visit from Father Christmas himself.

We greatly appreciate any contribution you can make, no matter how small. Can you enter data into a spreadsheet, make telephone calls, pack presents, offer a lift to or from Sacred Heart on Christmas Day, entertain our guests, serve food or drinks, or dress a Christmas tree?

If you would like to join us in one of the most enjoyable events in the Sacred Heart calendar, please fill out the Google form at tinyurl.com/yrrppyerr or contact 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. Please bring the relevant form(s), with your part completed, and the child who is applying.

Annual Mass count

Mass attendance at this year's annual count was 1,337. Pleasingly, this is a 12% increase on last year, so let us continue to pray and work for more people to come to encounter Jesus in Sunday Mass.

Next Sunday's second collection: Archbishop's Appeal

The second collection next Sunday 10 November will be for the Archbishop's Appeal. This fund supports three key areas: youth and evangelization, our faith in action, and clergy care and formation. Your support will enable the Archdiocese to support innovative projects in Catholic parishes and schools in south London and Kent that seek to invest faith, hope, and love into the communities that they serve.

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.

This week

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).

Elizabeth Duffy RIP

Funeral Mass at 10.00am on Tuesday, followed by burial at the Merton & Sutton Cemetery.

9.00am Thursday Mass at Sacred Heart Primary School

All parishioners, as well as parents and family members, are welcome to attend this All Saintstide Mass at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School (Burlington Road, KT3 4ND).

8.00am Friday: Convent Mass

All parishioners are welcome to the monthly Mass at the Daughters of the Heart of Mary Convent (41 Murray Road, SW20 4PD).

Spotlight on...



The **Parish Environment Group** is returning! Come along to the Youth Room at 11.00am on Sunday 17 November to look at how our parish won CAFOD's LiveSimply award in 2019 and discuss practical ways in which we can follow Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato si'* (2015).

For more information, please email David at dthurst52@gmail.com.

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

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?

Saturday 16/Sunday 17 November Altar servers training

The first of two altar server training sessions will take place at these times:

- 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.

7.45pm Saturday 16 November Free concert in the church

Violinist James Marshall and pianist Richard Zhang perform Antonín Dvořák's *Four Romantic Pieces* (1887), Johannes Brahms' *Sonata for Piano & Violin in G major, Op. 78* (1879), and Ludwig van Beethoven's *Kreutzer Sonata* (1803).

James has been part of the music team at the 10.00am Mass since he was six years old. A Donhead alumnus, he is currently in his final year at The Yehudi Menuhin School, a specialist music school in Stoke d'Abernon. He is joined by his friend Richard, a former pupil at YMS, now a student at The Guildhall School of Music and Drama.

Please come and support these talented young musicians and enjoy wonderful music in our beautiful church. There will be a retiring collection for the Crib Appeal.

10.30am – 12 noon Saturday 23 November Parish Flower Group coffee morning

The parish flower group is looking for new members! Join some of our team in the Parish Lounge for a coffee morning and demonstration to find out more about the group. To attend or for more information, please contact Patricia Turner at sacredheartflowers@outlook.com.

New to the parish?

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

Diocesan notices

Friends of St George's Cathedral

This Thursday marks the Dedication of St George's Cathedral. For more than 175 years, Friends of St George's Cathedral have cared for and supported our cathedral, so that today we can enjoy its beauty and magnificence. By becoming a Friend, you can support the maintenance and restoration of this Grade II listed building, the cathedral choirs, its social outreach, ministry, and mission, and its everyday life and work.

Please pick up a leaflet about making a donation from the back of the church, or visit rcsouthwark.co.uk/donate/become-a-friend-of-st-george-s-cathedral. Please only donate following instructions in the leaflet or on the website: don't donate through our ordinary parish collections.

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:

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

A special invitation: The Week of Guided Prayer

The parish's Week of Guided Prayer (Sunday 24 – Saturday 30 November) is a time of deepening one's personal prayer with the help of a prayer guide over the course of the week. This is offered in person or via Zoom. What better way to prepare for Christmas!

The opening meeting will be at 4.00pm on Sunday 24 November in the Lounge. It will be a time of guided prayer and an opportunity to meet your prayer guide to confirm the time and place of your daily meeting. You will be asked to set aside some time for prayer each day and also to meet with your prayer guide. A closing group meeting will take place at 4.00pm on Saturday 30 November.

Please complete the form at the back of the church, to be returned to the Presbytery no later than Tuesday 19 November.

Sister Anne

A new encyclical from Pope Francis dedicated to the Sacred Heart: *Dilexit nos* (2024)

Pope Francis has issued his fourth encyclical letter, *Dilexit nos*, on the human and divine love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ. While all papal encyclicals are, of course, important, this one is especially significant for us in a parish dedicated to the Sacred Heart. At a moment in history disturbed by so much turmoil and anxiety, Pope Francis invites us to fix our gaze on the Sacred Heart of Jesus and to find there the source of living water that moves us and enables us to reach out to others, to offer forgiveness, to make amends for our failings, and to seek to build healing relationships of faithfulness and service. Do make an effort to read the encyclical: vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/20241024-enciclica-dilexit-nos.html.

Celebrants this Sunday

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

Anne Alden • Elizabeth Duffy • Fotinia

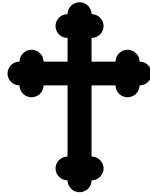
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Sr Dorothy Wilcock SSA • Philomena Dobinson • Mary Cosgrave
John Davies • John Hanrahan • Daniel Gould

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 2 November • All Souls' Day

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

Monday 4 November • St Charles Borromeo

10.00am	Bryan Ceney (RIP)
6.30pm	Holy Souls

Tuesday 5 November

10.00am	Funeral Mass of Elizabeth Duffy (RIP)
6.30pm	Stephanie Ayene Che (Ints)

Wednesday 6 November

10.00am	Monica Berkeley (RIP)
6.30pm	Eileen Helliwell (Ints)

Thursday 7 November • Dedication of St George's Cathedral

9.00am	School's Ints [<i>Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School</i>]
10.00am	Winifred Hogan (RIP)
6.30pm	Lucien Eteme Che (Ints)

Friday 8 November

8.00am	Sisters' Ints [<i>41 Murray Road, SW20 4PD</i>]
10.00am	Esther Ayene (Ints)
6.30pm	For peace

Saturday 9 November • Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

10.00am	Andrew Clark (RIP)
6.30pm	Timothy McBride (RIP)

Music at the 12 noon Mass

Solemn Latin Mass

Setting: *Missa in simplicitate* (Jean Langlais)

Offertory motet: *O quam gloriosum* (Tomás Luis de Victoria)

Communion motet: *Ave verum* (Marcel Dupré)

Music at the 5.00pm Mass

Scan the QR code or visit
[sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/
Publisher/File.aspx?ID=353166](https://sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/Publisher/File.aspx?ID=353166)



Parish services and contacts

Parish Office

020 8946 0305
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.

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.