



# THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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## Newsletter

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**2024 Year of Prayer • Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**  
Thirty-Third Week in Ordinary Time • Vol. IV • Psalter Week I



Our church lit red in support of persecuted Christians worldwide for Red Wednesday 2022.

### Today's Mass

**First Reading:** This vision of the end of time and what we would call the Day of Judgement contains the earliest reference in the Old Testament to belief in the resurrection of the dead. The book of Daniel was composed two centuries before Christ.

**Psalm:** Union with God will prove stronger than death.

**Second Reading:** Given this text, why do Catholic priests stand at the altar each day offering the sacrifice of the Mass? Because they are offering the one sacrifice of Christ, which alone can forgive sins. They are not offering sacrifices of animals, etc., which 'are quite incapable of taking sins away'.

**Gospel:** Chapter 13 of Mark is often called the 'Little Apocalypse' as it looks to the end of time. In today's Gospel, using language from the Old Testament (such as today's First Reading from Daniel), Jesus teaches about the coming of the Son of Man, and the need for watchfulness (the parable of the fig tree). That the end will come is certain; but when the Son of Man will return we do not know.

*Canon David*

### Second Collection: Aid to the Church in Need

This weekend, we welcome speakers from Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) UK. Please use their Gift Aid envelopes for cash donations or donate through their card reader. They will also have items for sale. Learn more about ACN overleaf!

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

#### Readings at Mass

	This Sunday	Next Sunday
<b>First Reading</b>	Daniel 12:1-3	Daniel 7:13-14
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	Psalm 15(16):5,8-11	Psalm 92(93):1-2,5
<b>Second Reading</b>	Hebrews 10:11-14,18	Revelation 1:5-8
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	Matthew 24:42-44	Mark 11:10
<b>Gospel</b>	Mark 13:24-32	John 18:33-37

## What is Aid to the Church in Need?



Aid to the Church in Need supports persecuted Christians in over 140 countries around the world and is currently involved in 5,000 projects. ACN works directly with bishops, priests, and religious sisters and brothers to make sure that aid goes directly to those for whom it is intended. Many of these religious risk their own lives every day to provide help and spiritual support to our suffering brothers and sisters. Your kind prayers and support would be greatly appreciated. Find out more about ACN at [acnuk.org](http://acnuk.org).

## Confirmation 2025



Applications are open for young people to make their Confirmation in 2025! View the programme dates at [tinyurl.com/shconfirmation25pd](http://tinyurl.com/shconfirmation25pd) and sign up before Monday 6 January at [tinyurl.com/shconfirmation25](http://tinyurl.com/shconfirmation25).

As part of the application process, you will need to upload a copy of your child's baptismal certificate if they were not baptised at Sacred Heart Church.

## This Sunday

### World Day of the Poor

Today is the eighth World Day of the Poor, with the theme from Sirach 21:5: 'The prayer of the poor rises up to God.'

In his message for the day, Pope Francis reminds us that this year is dedicated to prayer in anticipation of the Ordinary Jubilee of 2025. Christian hope, the theme of the Jubilee Year, is grounded in the certainty that our prayer reaches God's presence, 'not just any prayer but the prayer of the poor.'

Please visit [csan.org.uk](http://csan.org.uk) to learn more about the diocesan Caritas agencies and independent charities that are members of Caritas Social Action Network. These charities are engaged in different ways in tackling the causes of poverty, promoting justice and restoring dignity. You will find much inspiration from them as you continue to 'do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God' (Micah 6:8).

### Altar servers training

The first of two altar server training sessions will take place on Saturday at 5.45pm (before the 6.30pm Mass) and on Sunday at 9.15am (before the 10.00am Mass), 1.05pm (after the 12 noon Mass), and 6.05pm (after the 5.00pm Mass).

Each session lasts 30 minutes. Children must have made their First Holy Communion. No need to book: just turn up in the Sacristy.

### 7.45pm Saturday 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).

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.

### Continental breakfast in the Lower Hall after the 8.00am and 10.00am Masses

Come along and get to know fellow parishioners over bacon, sausage rolls, pastries, teas, and coffees! Any donations are gratefully received.

### 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 1, 8, and 15 December.

### 11.00am in the Youth Room Parish Environment Group

The Parish Environment Group is returning! Come along to look at how our parish won CAFOD's LiveSimply award in 2019 and discuss practical ways in which we can follow Pope Francis' *Laudato si'* (2015). For more information, please email David at [dthursts2@gmail.com](mailto:dthursts2@gmail.com).

## This week

**Canon David** and **Deacon Julian** will be away from Monday to Friday at the Diocesan Clergy Gathering in Merville.

### Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

We welcome pupils from Year 5 to the 10.00am Mass on Tuesday, followed by a workshop on marriage.

### Red Wednesday

In support of persecuted Christians worldwide, our church will be illuminated red from Wednesday to Sunday evening. Please remember them in your prayers and give generously to ACN (*see above*).

### 10.30am – 12 noon Saturday Parish Flower Group coffee morning

The Parish Flower Group is looking for new members! Join some of our team in the 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](mailto:sacredheartflowers@outlook.com).

### Spotlight on...



Anthony Lee is a fully-qualified counsellor and psychotherapist, who is available for free in the parish. To book a session with Anthony, please contact Thelma in the Parish Office. Some people find the Christmas period particularly stressful, so please make use of this opportunity if you would benefit from it.

**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](mailto:wimbledonsg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk)) • Siobhán Heffron ([wimbledonsg3@safeguardrcaos.org.uk](mailto:wimbledonsg3@safeguardrcaos.org.uk))

## Parish notices

### November Edgeways

Read the latest issue of your parish magazine at [tinyurl.com/shedgeways](http://tinyurl.com/shedgeways). A limited number of printed copies are available at the back of the church for those without internet access.

### Travelling Crib 2024

Have you any room at your inn for Mary and Joseph as they travel to Bethlehem?

We are looking for volunteers to give them a room and a moment of prayer with your families. To sign up, please speak to Rob Hitchcock, our Faith Minister, or email him at [wimbledonpfm@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:wimbledonpfm@rcaos.org.uk), or complete a form at the back of the church, returning it to the Parish Office by next Sunday 24 November.

## Forthcoming parish liturgies and events

### Sunday 24 – Saturday 30 November Week of Guided Prayer

Deepen your personal prayer with the help of a prayer guide over the course of a week, meeting daily in person or via Zoom. What better way to prepare for Christmas! The opening meeting, at 4.00pm on Sunday 24 November in the Lounge, will be a time of guided prayer, where you will meet your prayer guide to confirm the time and place of your daily meeting. A closing group meeting will take place at 4.00pm on Saturday 30 November.

Please complete the form at the back of the church and return it to the Presbytery no later than Tuesday 19 November.

### 10.00am Saturday 30 November Mass for the Bereaved

The Mass will be followed by refreshments in the Lounge. Everyone is welcome, no matter how long ago you lost a loved one.

### New email addresses

Please use these new email addresses for future correspondence:

- Thelma D'Costa, Parish Office: [thelmadcosta@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:thelmadcosta@rcaos.org.uk)
- George McLennan, Parish Caretaker: [wimbledoncaretaker@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:wimbledoncaretaker@rcaos.org.uk)
- Matteo Baccaglioni, Newsletter Editor: [wimbledonnewsletter@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:wimbledonnewsletter@rcaos.org.uk)

### Second collection next Sunday 24 November: Catholic Youth Services

Please give generously to support youth work in the diocese and beyond.

### October second collections

October second collections were £1,075.89 for CAFOD, £2,673.48 for the Winter Night Shelter, and £938.65 for Missio. Thank you.

### 2.30pm Friday 6 December Friendship Group Christmas Singalong

Come to the Lounge for a Christmas Singalong with Songs on Wheels, sherry, tea, and Christmas treats! All welcome.

### 12 noon – 3.00pm Saturday 15 December Make the church festive!

Help us to decorate our Christmas trees and dress our crib! Come to the church and hang a bauble or wrap tinsel. All welcome; festive refreshments will be served.

### 6.30pm for 7.45pm Tuesday 17 December Katy's Songbirds' Christmas Celebration Concert

An evening of traditional carols and festive songs in the church, beginning with mulled wine, pies, and the bar in the Upper Hall from 6.30pm, raising funds for Rose's Gift and the Royal Marsden Cancer Charity. Tickets are £10 (under-14s free); please email [ksongbirds656@gmail.com](mailto:ksongbirds656@gmail.com) or pay on the door.

## New to the parish?

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

## Diocesan notices

### From your bishops: Take action!

We are calling on Catholics in England and Wales to unite in prayer and compassionate action to oppose assisted suicide, and we need you to contact your MP to voice your opposition.

We are seriously concerned about the implications of the current two-child policy on Universal Credit payments for vulnerable, larger families. Please contact your MP to outline your concern.

Please also contact your MP to encourage them to secure the future of the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme. This scheme is vital to protect historic places of worship [including our own Sacred Heart Church]. Please visit [cbcew.org.uk](http://cbcew.org.uk) for more information on these issues.

## Other notices

### 11.00am – 3.00pm Saturday Christ the King Parish Christmas Fair

Hosted at the parish hall at Crescent Gardens, Wimbledon Park (SW19 8AJ), adults' entry is £1, 13- to 16-year-olds 50p.

### 1.30pm – 4.30pm Saturday 30 November Divine Mercy Apostolate Lenten Retreat

Led by the Marian Fathers at St Scholastica, Clapton (E5 8BS), the retreat will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction, and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. Please call Millie on 07957 594646 for more information.

### 6.00pm Saturday 30 November Community Chorus Winter Warmer

Join Wimbledon Community Chorus, Merton Music Foundation's Young Voices, and VoiceBox choirs for heartwarming choral pieces and carols at St Matthew's Church, Raynes Park (SW20 0DE). Tickets £12 (£8 concessions), and under-14s free; profits to the Jack Lonergan Foundation.

## Your invite to Christmas Lunch!

Canon David, Fr Jackson, and Fr David invite you to make Christmas a very special parish day. Come and enjoy lunch on 25 December from 12.30pm (carriages at 3.30pm). Don't spend Christmas Day on your own: spend it with clergy and other parishioners. You will receive a warm welcome and have lots of fun. To RSVP for the day or donate to fund it, please visit [tinyurl.com/shchristmaslunch24](http://tinyurl.com/shchristmaslunch24), or complete a form from the back of the church and return it to the Presbytery. Please reply by Friday 13 December. Limited places are available, so secure your place ASAP!



## Celebrants this Sunday

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

## We remember in our prayers

### Those who have died recently

Anna Fahey • Barbara Ramsey  
Thomas Searle • Lucile Nonrouzi • Anna Tolley

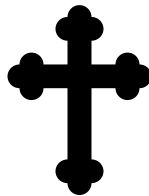
### Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Edgar Cooper • Bernard Kirby • Joseph Osamor  
Fr John Fairhurst SJ • Amiee Lydon • Michael Swanson  
Althea Coleman • Veronica Mirandah • Luka Stroh

### Those who are sick

Penny Sewell • Corné Rossouw • Finley Kennedy • Samar Staussi  
Thelma Lobo • Maria Tinker • Dorothy Ramos • Armando Ramos  
Rena DeSouza • Geoffrey Norris • 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 [wimbledonnewsletter@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:wimbledonnewsletter@rcaos.org.uk) by Tuesday evening.

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](https://sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/Groups/339238/Donate.aspx). Thank you.



## Weekday Mass intentions

### Saturday 16 November • of our Lady

10.00am Merlin Pinto (RIP)  
6.30pm Thomas Gabriel (RIP)

### Monday 18 November

10.00am Lise Cotte (100th Birthday Ints)  
6.30pm Rita Westbrook (RIP)

### Tuesday 19 November

10.00am Joseph & Daughter Rosa & Family (Ints)  
6.30pm O'Neill Family (Ints)

### Wednesday 20 November

10.00am Geraldine Colleary (RIP)  
6.30pm Michael Healy (RIP)

### Thursday 21 November • The Presentation of the B.V. Mary

10.00am Catherine Morgan (RIP)  
6.30pm Maureen Casey (RIP)

### Friday 22 November • St Cecilia

10.00am John Curran (RIP)  
6.30pm Paul Nguyen (RIP)

### Saturday 23 November • of our Lady

10.00am Almeida/Pereira deceased family members (RIP)  
6.30pm Veronica Mirandah (RIP)

## Music at the 12 noon Mass

**Mass of St Michael** (Kyrie/Gloria/Sanctus; H. Wardale)

**Entry hymn:** (535) O Jesus Christ Remember

**Offertory motet:** And the Glory of the Lord (GF Handel's *Messiah*)

**Communion:** *Agnus Dei* (from Mass)

**Communion hymn:** (633) Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

## 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).

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](mailto:presidentA190704@svp.org.uk).