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Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time • Vol. IV, Psalter Week II



[Detail](#) of Hans Memling's *Earthly Vanity and Divine Salvation* (c. 1485). *Rama via Wikimedia Commons (CC BY-SA 2.0 FR)*.

Today's Mass

First Reading: Daniel's somewhat mysterious description of the coming of the Son of Man was taken up by the New Testament writers as a title for Jesus Christ, whose 'sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away'.

Psalm: Let us sing to the Lord, ascended and enthroned in Heaven.

Second Reading: Alpha and omega are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. So, Jesus is the first and the last, the beginning and the end.

Gospel: Pilate asks Jesus about his kingship. Jesus' kingship, while it concerns what goes on in this world – we must not forget that – is not derived from this world but from beyond it. And Christ's kingship is about witnessing to the truth. Those who have a sense of truth respond to Him.

Canon David

Second Collection: Catholic Youth Services

Today is World Youth Sunday, and our second collection is for Catholic Youth Services. Please give generously to support youth work in the diocese and beyond. Southwark Catholic Youth Service provides a variety of activities for youth and young adults; for more information, please visit tinyurl.com/scys1. The Catholic Youth Ministry Federation has produced additional World Youth Sunday resources at wys.cymfed.org.uk.

Parish Pastoral Team

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

	This Sunday	Next Sunday
First Reading	Daniel 7:13–14	Jeremiah 33:14–16
Resp. Psalm	Psalm 92(93):1–2,5	Psalm 25(24)
Second Reading	Revelation 1:5–8	1 Thessal. 3:12–4:2
Gospel	John 18:33–37	Luke 21:25–28,34–36



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, 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!

This week

No adoration on Wednesday and Friday mornings

Because of a funeral and service rehearsal, there will be no adoration on Wednesday and Friday mornings this week. Adoration continues as usual on Wednesday and Friday afternoons from 5.25pm to 6.25pm.

Carmel Fahey RIP

Funeral Mass at 10.00am on Wednesday, followed by cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium.

7.00pm Friday Annual Deanery Requiem Mass

All are welcome to attend this service at Christ the King, Wimbledon Park (Crescent Gardens, SW19 8AJ).

10.00am Saturday 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.

First Sunday of Advent New lectionary begins

Next Sunday 1 December is the First Sunday of Advent, when we start the new ecclesiastical year and move to Year C, the Year of Luke.

Starting from the 6.30pm Mass, we also move to the new lectionary. This change was mandated by the Bishops' Conference.

New versions of the Missalettes, with some differences, will be available for anyone's use during Mass.

Readers at Mass, please read through the readings in advance to avoid being caught out by small changes in the text.

Parish notices

Feedback requested: Children's Mass sheets

Instead of ordering extra copies of *Look!*, we accidentally ordered a different set of children's sheets, called *Today is Sunday*. To help us decide which ones we should order, children, please tell Sr Dorothy which ones you prefer.

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, or complete a form at the back of the church, returning it to the Parish Office this Sunday.

Feedback requested: Newsletter

Many thanks to everyone who has expressed their views on our weekly parish newsletter's new look and editorship. Please keep the feedback coming as we work to ensure that our communications remain relevant, attractive, and accessible.

The editor invites all comments, no matter how small or critical, at wimbledonnewsletter@rcaos.org.uk.

Confirmation 2025

Applications are open for young people to make their Confirmation in 2025! View the programme dates and sign up before Monday 6 January via our website (under 'Faith and the Sacraments').

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

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School tours

Looking for a nursery or reception place for 2025? Come and discover what makes Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School special. Please visit sacredheart.merton.sch.uk/school-tours or call 020 8942 0215.

Spotlight on...



The **Winter Night Shelter** offers overnight stays in the Lower Hall for six weeks, and requires volunteers who can empathise with and respond to the needs of rough sleepers for hosting our guests, catering, and overnight supervision. There is a particular need for male volunteers willing to cover overnight supervision. For more information, please contact Nandita Nelson at sacredheartwns@rcaos.org.uk.

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 (wimledonsg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk) • Siobhán Heffron (wimledonsg3@safeguardrcaos.org.uk)

Forthcoming parish liturgies and events

7.00am Monday 2 December and
7.00am Friday 13 December
Advent Rorate Mass

A big tradition in Germany, Rorate Masses are dawn Masses of Our Lady by candlelight. Come along to these special Masses in the Lady Chapel. The Masses will be celebrated in Latin.

12 noon – 3.00pm Sat. 14 December
Make the church festive!

Erratum: The date has been corrected from last week's newsletter.

Help us to decorate our Christmas trees and dress our crib! Come to the church and hang a bauble or wrap tinsel. All are 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 or pay on the door.

Musical groups and choirs participating in the event include Katy's Songbirds, the Ursuline & Lantern Arts Youth Choir, Sacred Heart Choir, Putney & Wimbledon Brass Band, Edge Hill Players, and Dessert Lounge Singers.

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.

Other notices

1.30pm – 4.30pm Sat. 30 November
Divine Mercy Apostolate
Lenten Retreat

Led by the Marian Fathers at St Scholastica, Clapton (Kenninghall Road, 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 (Durham Road, SW20 0DE). Tickets £12 (£8 concessions), and under-14s free; profits to the Jack Lonergan Foundation.

10.15am – 5.15pm Sat. 14 December
A Day with Mary

Hosted at St George's Cathedral, Southwark (Lambeth RoSE1 7HY), with Mass celebrated by Archbishop John Wilson. For more information, please visit adaywithmary.org.

**Vacancy: Director at
Jesuit Refugee Service**

The Jesuit Refugee Service seeks an expert leader and manager who brings knowledge and experience of the refugee sector. £80,000–£85,000 per annum, permanent full-time. Learn more and apply by Friday 6 December at tallroots.co.uk/jrs-director.

Spotted in another parish newsletter

We remember in our prayers all those who are sick of our parish and wider community.



This is an important, urgent notice.



Paul Kohler, MP for Wimbledon, has organised a public discussion on the bill to legalise assisted suicide. It will take place at **6.00pm this Sunday 24 November at the Merton Arts Space** in Wimbledon Library (Wimbledon Hill Road, SW19 7NB). Tickets are now sold out at tinyurl.com/yc86fv6u.

'It is likely Paul will make a decision on how he votes based on the turnout and input from each side at this meeting. It is therefore vital that as many people as possible who oppose assisted suicide attend the meeting.'

'It is likely going to be a very close vote on the assisted suicide bill. As a likely swing voter, how Paul votes could make the difference in ensuring this dangerous Bill is voted down on 29 November.'

Diocesan notices

Praying the Mass with the Archbishop

Advent is a time people return to Mass, sometimes after many years – for others Mass is the cornerstone of their spiritual lives.

Wherever you may be on your spiritual journey, to help you connect more prayerfully with the Lord Jesus, Archbishop John Wilson has recorded a message guiding us on how to pray through the Mass. The Archbishop said: 'The Eucharist is at the very heart of the Mass, but also the Church. It is an invitation from the Lord Jesus to participate in His sacrifice'. Listen at tinyurl.com/prayingthemass.

Cartias Southwark News Bulletin

The Archdiocese's social action agency has published its Autumn 2024 news bulletin at tinyurl.com/csautumn24.

Spirituality Commission Advent reflections

During Advent, the Archdiocese of Southwark's Spirituality Commission will be publishing daily reflections featuring Scripture, thoughts, and prayers. Sign up to receive these reflections directly into your inbox at: tinyurl.com/adventreflections2024.

Right Reverend John Hine RIP

We are sorry to report the death of Bishop John Hine, former Vicar General and Auxiliary Bishop of this diocese, who died peacefully on Saturday, fortified by the sacraments of the Church. He was 86. He was the Area Bishop in Kent for many years. *Requiescat in pace.*

Celebrants this Sunday

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

We remember in our prayers

Those who have died recently

Anna Tolley • Rena DeSouza
Carmel Fahey • Rt Rev'd John Hine

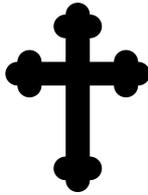
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

John Granahan • James Westbrook • Terry Coyle

Those who are sick

Penny Sewell • Corné Rossouw • Finley Kennedy
Samar Staussi • Thelma Lobo • Maria Tinker
Dorothy Ramos • Armando Ramos • 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

10.30am – 12 noon and
5.25pm – 6.25pm
Wednesdays and Fridays
7.00pm – 9.00pm
First Friday of each month

Reconciliation

6.00pm – 6.20pm
Mondays to Saturdays
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 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/donate. Thank you.



Weekday Mass intentions

Saturday 23 November • of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10.00am Departed of Almeida/Pereira Family (RIP)
6.30pm Veronica Mirandah (RIP)

Monday 25 November

10.00am Olive Cassidy (RIP)
6.30pm Medjugorje Approval (Thanksgiving)

Tuesday 26 November

10.00am Martina Levtkins (RIP)
6.30pm James Westbrook (RIP)

Wednesday 27 November

10.00am Funeral of Carmel Fahey (RIP)
6.30pm Maria Keaveney-Jessiman (RIP)

Thursday 28 November

10.00am Edward Hogan (RIP)
6.30pm Deceased of Medjugorje Prayer Group (RIP)

Friday 29 November

10.00am Maria, John, and Carla Denardi (RIP)
6.30pm Denis Quinn (RIP)

Saturday 30 November • St Andrew

10.00am Fr John Maria (RIP)
6.30pm John Byrne (RIP)

Music at the 12 noon Mass

Entry: (116) *Christus vincit* • **Kyrie/Gloria:** (459)/(467)

Offertory hymn: (239) Hail Redeemer, King Divine

Communion motet: *O Rex Gloriarum* (L. Marenzio)

Communion hymn: (113) Christ Triumphant

Music at the 5.00pm Mass

Scan the QR code or visit
sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/5pm



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.

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.