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Newsletter

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Second Week of Advent • Vol. I, Psalter Week II

WIMBLEDON YOUNG ADULTS



An informal social for young adults. A place to build community, pray, have a pint, play piano, sing, play pool and darts.

7:30pm - 9pm

Parish Lounge

Sacred Heart Church

Cash bar

Any questions contact the faith minister; Rob: wimbledonpfm@rcaos.org.uk

Today's Mass

First Reading: *Baruch*, here making a rare appearance in the Lectionary, was probably written during the exile in Babylon. This reading is a very poetic and prophetic message of consolation, foretelling the restoration of Jerusalem, the holy city.

Psalm: This is the song of the exiles returned from Babylon. For us, it foreshadows the song we shall sing when we return from our exile 'in this vale of tears' to our true homeland: heaven.

Second Reading: We prepare for the Second Coming ('the day of Christ') by spreading the Good News, increasing in love for each other, and improving our knowledge (of the things of God), so as to become 'pure and blameless'. Our need to be 'pure and blameless' to enter heaven gave rise to the doctrine of Purgatory.

The **Gospel** for each year on this Sunday focuses on St John the Baptist. Notice how Luke firmly places John both in history (with the rather detailed dating) and in theology (with the reference to Isaiah 40:3-5). John is the one who prepares the way for the Lord.

Canon David

12 noon – 3.00pm Saturday 14 December

Help us to 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 are welcome; festive refreshments will be served.

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

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Headteacher: Lorraine Dolan-Walsh

Readings at Mass

	This Sunday	Next Sunday
First Reading	Baruch 5:1-9	Zephaniah 3:14-18a
Resp. Psalm	Psalm 126(125)	Isaiah 12:2-6
Second Reading	Philippians 1:3-6,8-11	Philippians 4:4-7
Gospel	Luke 3:1-6	Luke 3:10-18

This Sunday

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 Sunday 15 December.

Café in the Lounge after the 10.00am Mass

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

Parish notices

Aid to the Church in Need Appeal

Aid to the Church in Need UK has written to offer their heartfelt thanks for our response to their recent appeal, which raised an astounding £5,630.19.

As part of ACN's Red Wednesday campaign, benefactors will double this amount for a final total of £11,260.38. Trading items raised an additional £906 for ACN. Learn more about ACN at acnuk.org.

Next Sunday's second collection: Christmas Lunch Appeal

Every year, the parish organizes a Christmas Day lunch for those who may be alone during the festive season (see next page). The lunch is a joyous affair, including drinks and nibbles, carol singers and musicians, Christmas dinners, and a visit from Father Christmas himself. Please give generously to support this wonderful parish initiative.

Christmas cards

Christmas cards and cards by Moya are available in the Reception, as well as pocket-size diaries with the Order of Mass.

Spotlight on...



Would you like to read at Mass? Please contact Tara Philpott at tara.philpott@outlook.com.

Changes to Adoration times

Because of school carol services, there will be no Adoration on the mornings of Wednesday 11 December and Fridays 13 and 20 December. On these days, Adoration continues as normal between 5.25pm and 6.25pm.

Vacancies at Wimbledon College

Wimbledon College is recruiting for the following support staff positions:

- Full-time Learning Support Assistant SEN (closes this Monday)
- Kitchen supervisor (closes Monday 16 December)

For more information and to apply, please visit the school's website: wimbledoncollege.org.uk/jobopportunities.

Vacancy: Kitchen Assistant at St Teresa's Home

St Teresa's Home CIO seeks a full-time Kitchen Assistant, four or five days out of seven on alternate weeks, 7.00am to 3.00pm, Sundays included. Experience is preferable and a DBS check is requested. For full details and to apply, please call 0208 879 7366 (option 3) or email info@stteresashome.co.uk.

Confirmation 2025

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

This week

Monday: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This Solemnity is of a Principal Patron of the Archdiocese, and is transferred from Sunday 8 December. The *Gloria* and Creed are recited at Mass.

8.00am Monday: DHM Convent Mass

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

No Adoration on Wednesday and Friday mornings

Please see 'Parish notices'. Adoration continues as normal between 5.25pm and 6.25pm on both days.

Thursday: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Our Lady of Guadalupe is the patroness of the unborn child. Please pray for the protection of unborn children and also consider how we can make our parish a place of welcome and assistance to mothers in need.

7.30pm Thursday: Prayer and a Pint Young Adults Group

A new young adults group will meet on the second Thursday of every month for formation and a social. See the front cover for more details!

7.00am Friday: Advent Rorate Mass

A big tradition in Germany, Rorate Masses are dawn Masses of Our Lady by candlelight. If you have never experienced this special Advent Mass, do make an effort to come along and help prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas. The Rorate Mass will be celebrated in the Lady Chapel, and in Latin.

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

Please see the front cover.

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@safeguardraos.org.uk) • Siobhán Heffron (wimbledonsg3@safeguardraos.org.uk)

Forthcoming parish liturgies and events

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.

10.40am Monday 23 December
Crib Service Children's Rehearsal

There will be a rehearsal for the Crib Service from 10.40am to 12 noon for children aged 4+ who would like to be involved as actors and children aged 8+ wishing to read. Please contact Rachel Marshall at rachel@marshallemail.net. Offers of help from parents are also most welcome.

The Crib Service will take place at 3.30pm on Christmas Eve.

7.00pm via Zoom
Mondays 6 January to 3 February
Dilexit nos Parish Reading Group

Start your 2025 on the right foot with a parish reading and discussion group. Over five Monday evenings, we'll read and unpack Pope Francis' latest encyclical, *Dilexit nos* (2024), dedicated to the Sacred Heart, and discuss its relevance to our lives of faith, parish community, and wider world.

Each session will last one hour and be hosted via Zoom. Participants will be expected, but not required, to read a chapter each week. Email Matteo at wimbledonnewsletter@rcaos.org.uk or complete the registration form at forms.office.com/e/Sa3AzC3yaX.



During the week, the Rosary is recited before the 10.00am and 6.30pm Masses. Will you come early to Mass and join us in this great prayer?

Diocesan notices

Free catechetical workshops

Thanks to the generosity of donors to the Archbishop's Appeal, every parishioner, as well as teachers and parents in our schools, now has free access to workshops created by the Catechetical Institute at the world-renowned Franciscan University until 30 September 2025.

From Scripture to parenting workshops, to catechetical training and mentoring, there is something for everyone. For more information and instructions to access the workshops, please visit aec.rcaos.org.uk/franciscan.

2.00pm Tuesday: Funeral Mass of Rt Rev'd John Hine RIP

Bishop John Hine's Funeral Mass will be held at St George's Cathedral (Lambeth Road, SE1 7HY).

Archdiocese of Southwark Rosary Prayer Project

Everyone is warmly invited to join this Archdiocese-wide prayer initiative, praying a decade of the Rosary each day for priests and parishes in their deanery. For further details, please see the poster at the back of the church or email southwarkrenewal@gmail.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.

Archbishop's Statement on the Assisted Suicide Bill

The Archbishop's statement, in which he warns of the 'seismic and concerning shift' in how we care for the vulnerable, can be read at tinyurl.com/mrzw6ca4.

We thank all parishioners who lobbied their MP, and we are pleased to report that Paul Kohler, MP for Wimbledon, voted against the bill.

Other notices

7.30pm Saturday 14 December
West Barnes Singers'
Christmas Concert

West Barnes Singers will sing George Frideric Handel's *Messiah* (part 1) and Christmas carols at St Saviour's Church (Grand Drive, SW20 9DG). Tickets cost £17.50 (children free), including mulled wine and mince pies.

Manna Society Christmas Appeal

Will you give the Manna Society a boost this Christmas with a matched donation? Manna's day centre supports homeless people near London Bridge. The Aviva Community Fund will kindly match any donations to the Manna Society until Christmas Day. Double your charitable donation: please visit mannasociety.org.uk and donate today.



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, scan the QR code, or complete a form from the back of the church and return it to the Presbytery. Please reply by this Friday. Limited places are available, so secure your place ASAP!



Celebrants this Sunday

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

We remember in our prayers

Those who have died recently

Margaret Farley • Christopher Earley
Elaine Sancho • Tullio Cervelli

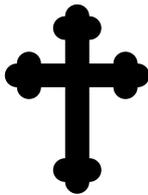
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Joan Desbruslais • Jacqueline Newsom • Donna Lakey
Alfred Fanciulli • Dominic Sammons • Treasa Hearty
Tom Kinsella • Mary Healy • Edward Holden

Those who are sick

Penny Sewell • Corné Rossouw • Finley Kennedy
Samar Staussi • Thelma Lobo • Maria Tinker
Dorothy Ramos • Armando Ramos • Emily Grey
Geoffrey & Eileen Norris • 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
after the 6.30pm Mass
First Monday of each month
7.00pm – 9.00pm
First Friday of each month

Reconciliation

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

some changes this month:
see 'Parish Notices'

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 7 December • St Ambrose

10.00am Susan Wilson (RIP)
6.30pm Bertha D'Costa (RIP)

Monday 9 December • Immaculate Conception of the BVM

8.00am Sisters' Ints [41 Murray Road, SW20 4PD]
10.00am Teresa Absalom (RIP)
6.30pm Jeronimo Fernandes (RIP)

Tuesday 10 December

10.00am Peter McGrath (RIP)
6.30pm Joaquin Pires & Anna Rosa Carneiro (RIP)

Wednesday 11 December

10.00am Nigel D'Souza (RIP)
6.30pm Francie, Andy, and Hugh McHugh (RIP)

Thursday 12 December

10.00am Maria Keaveney-Jessiman (RIP)
6.30pm Michael & Kathleen Boyce (Wedding Ann.)

Friday 13 December • St Lucy

10.00am Patrick Hearty (RIP)
6.30pm Teresa Absalom (RIP)

Saturday 14 December • St John of the Cross

10.00am Thanksgiving to the Infant Jesus
6.30pm John & Mary, Edward & John Granahan (RIP)

Music at the 12 noon Mass

Introit (choir): O People of Sion

Kyrie: Mass 18 (plainchant)

Offertory motet: *Jerusalem surge* (G. Battista Martini)

Sanctus/Benedictus/Agnus Dei: Missal tones of Mass 18

Communion: *O sapientia; O Adonai; O radix Jesse* (from the 'O' Antiphons, plainchant)

Communion hymn: (243) Hark! A herald voice is calling!

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.