



# THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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## Newsletter

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2024 Year of Prayer • Third Sunday of Advent (C)  
Third Week of Advent • Vol. I, Psalter Week III

**TUES 17 DEC 2024 7.45PM**  
Sacred Heart Church, Edge Hill,  
Wimbledon, SW19 4LU

MULLED WINE & MINCE PIES  
6.30PM UPPER HALL

RAFFLE AND BAR

Invite you to their  
**Christmas Celebration**  
AN EVENING OF TRADITIONAL CAROLS  
& FESTIVE SONGS

Katy Lees, Katy's Songbirds, Giles Kennedy  
Robert Rathbone, Jason Ching, Tom Lees  
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Sacred Heart Choir  
Putney & Wimbledon Brass Band  
Edge Hill Players  
Dessert Lounge Singers

When people come together, incredible things happen

Tickets £10 by emailing [ksongbirds656@gmail.com](mailto:ksongbirds656@gmail.com) or on the door  
Children under 14 free

The ROYAL MARSDEN Cancer Charity

### Today's Mass

**Gaudete Sunday** (named from the first word of the Entrance Antiphon in Latin, which is taken from today's Second Reading) or 'Rejoice Sunday', permits a slight diminution of our Advent discipline, in token of which rose-coloured vestments are worn.

**First Reading:** Beset by personal problems, economic hardships, and anxieties about refugees, terrorism, and war, we can easily become fearful and 'let our hands grow weak'. But rather, we should rejoice and exult, for the Lord will come again: God himself has promised it.

**Psalms:** Unusually, this is not a psalm, but a psalm-like extract from Isaiah, which echoes the First Reading: 'Shout aloud and sing praise.'

**Second Reading:** We should not be anxious about anything, says St Paul, but instead, we should rejoice in the Lord, be reasonable, and show prayer and thanksgiving to the Lord who 'is at hand'.

**Gospel:** Like the other Gospels, Luke portrays St John the Baptist as a forerunner of Jesus Christ ('he who is mightier than I is coming'), but alone of the Gospels, Luke also recounts John's ethical teaching, including sharing resources and food, not extorting money by threats or false accusation, and being content with what one has.

*Canon David*



Now available in the parish bookshop: Christmas cards from Jesuit Missions and 2025 Marion Calendars.

### 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>	Zephaniah 3:14-18a	Micah 5:2-5a
<b>Resp. Psalm</b>	Isaiah 12:2-6	Psalm 80(79)
<b>Second Reading</b>	Philippians 4:4-7	Hebrews 10:5-10
<b>Gospel</b>	Luke 3:10-18	Luke 1:39-45

## This Sunday

### Second Collection: Christmas Lunch Appeal

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, and a visit from Father Christmas himself.

Please give generously to support this wonderful parish initiative.

### Continental breakfast in the Lower Hall

Join us after the 8.00am and 10.00am Masses for bacon, sausage rolls, pastries, teas, and coffees, as well as excellent conversations! Any donations will be 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.

## Parish notices

### Christmas leaflets and flyers

Leaflets with full details of Christmas Masses, etc., are available at the back of the church. Flyers have also been distributed throughout the parish: if you live in the parish but didn't receive one, please notify the Parish Office.

### November second collections

November second collections, besides the ACN collection previously notified, totalled £1,207.89 for the Archbishop's Appeal and £618.47 for Catholic Youth Services. James Marshall and Richard Zhang's music concert raised £259.19 for the Crib Appeal. Thank you.

## This week

### Tuesday: Second phase of Advent

From Tuesday, the Liturgy is more directly addressed to the celebration of the birth of Our Lord. At Mass and the Divine Office, texts from the Third Week of Advent are replaced in favour of those for 17 December and following. The famous 'O Antiphons' are used at Evening Prayer (Vespers) and at the Gospel Acclamation at Mass.

### 6.30pm for 7.45pm Tuesday 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.

### Confirmation 2025

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

### No Adoration on Wednesday and Friday mornings

This is due to a funeral and a school carol service. Adoration continues as normal between 5.25pm and 6.25pm on both days.

### Elaine Sancho RIP

Funeral Mass at 11.30am on Wednesday, followed by cremation at the North East Surrey Crematorium.

### 8.00pm Wednesday Advent Penitential Service with individual Confessions

A short communal Service of Penitence will be followed by individual Confessions, with visiting priests as well as our own. During the Confessions, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration. Come and confess early for Christmas!

### 9.00am Thursday: Mass in the Hall of Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

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

### Vacancy: Kitchen supervisor at Wimbledon College

Wimbledon College is recruiting a full-time kitchen supervisor, 7.00am to 2.00pm weekdays during term-time. For more information and to apply, please visit the school's website: [wimbledoncollege.org.uk/jobopportunities](http://wimbledoncollege.org.uk/jobopportunities). Applications close this Monday.

## Other notices

### Merton Growbaby Appeal

Merton Growbaby provides essential equipment to families in need living in Merton. They are currently in need of donations of second-hand baby bouncers, high chairs, and suction bath seats for babies that have outgrown baby baths. If you are able to help, please contact Susan at [mertongrowbaby@gmail.com](mailto:mertongrowbaby@gmail.com).

### Festive wishes from Marymount

Mrs Margaret Giblin, Headmistress, writes: 'On behalf of everyone at Marymount International School London, we wish all the parishioners of Sacred Heart Wimbledon a peaceful Christmas and a blessed New Year.'

**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 at [sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/safeguarding](http://sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/safeguarding).

### Parish Safeguarding Representatives:

Victoria Wheatley ([wimbletonsg1@safeguardraos.org.uk](mailto:wimbletonsg1@safeguardraos.org.uk)) • Siobhán Heffron ([wimbletonsg3@safeguardraos.org.uk](mailto:wimbletonsg3@safeguardraos.org.uk))

## Forthcoming parish liturgies and events

### 10.45am Monday 23 December Crib Service Children's Rehearsal

There will be a rehearsal for the Crib Service from 10.45am 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](mailto:rachel@marshallemail.net). Offers of help from parents are also most welcome.

### 2.30pm Friday 3 January Friendship Group New Year's Party

Come along to the Lounge for a New Year drink and party games with tea and cakes. Everyone is welcome.

### 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 with 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](mailto:wimbledonnewsletter@rcaos.org.uk) or complete the registration form at [forms.office.com/e/Sa3AzC3yaX](https://forms.office.com/e/Sa3AzC3yaX).

## New to the parish?

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

## Spotlight on...



The **School of Community** is a friendly and welcoming group that meets at 7.30pm every Friday in the Lounge to discuss faith in their daily lives. To join, please contact Giovanni at [giovanniperuzzo@gmail.com](mailto:giovanniperuzzo@gmail.com).

**Exciting news about the Jubilee Year 2025 'For Pilgrims of Hope':** In his decree *Spes non confundit*, the Holy Father calls on all Christians to become 'pilgrims of hope'. This is a virtue which must be sourced above all in the grace of God and in the fulness of his mercy. During the Jubilee Year, all the faithful who are truly repentant and free from affection for sin, who are moved by a spirit of charity, who are purified through the Sacrament of Penance, who devoutly participate in Holy Mass, and who pray for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff, will be able to obtain a Plenary Indulgence, with remission and forgiveness of all their sins if they visit a Jubilee Church or Shrine. Sacred Heart Wimbledon has been designated by the Archbishop as a Jubilee Church during the Ordinary Jubilee of 2025. This is a marvellous opportunity for you to deepen your faith and hope by coming to Mass and Confession more often in Sacred Heart Church.

## Christmas 2024 at Sacred Heart Wimbledon

### Wednesday 18 December

8.00pm **Advent Penitential Service with individual Confessions** (see 'This week')

### Saturday 21 December

10.30am Confessions (heard until 11.30pm)

### Sunday 22 December • Fourth Sunday of Advent

Usual Sunday Mass schedule: 6.30pm (Saturday), 8.00am, 10.00am, 12 noon, 5.00pm, and 8.00pm

### Monday 23 December

10.00am Mass  
6.30pm Mass

*Crib Service rehearsal  
10.45am - 12 noon:  
see above*

### Tuesday 24 December • Christmas Eve

10.00am Mass (of 24 December)  
3.30pm **Children's Christmas Crib Service**  
5.00pm **Vigil Mass**  
5.00pm **Vigil Mass** at St Teresa's Home  
[12 Lansdowne Road, SW20 8AN]  
7.30pm **Vigil Mass**  
preceded by **Carols** from 7.10pm  
Midnight **Midnight Mass**  
preceded by **Carols** from 11.30pm

### Wednesday 25 December • Christmas Day

8.00am **Mass of the Dawn**  
10.00am **Mass of the Day**  
12 noon **Mass of the Day**

**Weekday Masses after Christmas Day:** On Thursday 26 December and Wednesday 1 January, Mass will only be celebrated at 10.00am. On other weekdays, Mass will be celebrated at the usual schedule of 10.00am and 6.30pm.

**Reserved seats for Christmas Eve Masses:** The front four rows of seats on the left-hand centre aisle (Ambo-side) of the church will be reserved for frail and elderly persons and wheelchairs, until 5 minutes before the carols begin. Thereafter, they will be available to all.

**Parking on Christmas Day:** Additional car parking spaces will be available at Wimbledon College from 3.00pm on Tuesday 24 December to 2.00am on Wednesday 25 December.

**Collection at Christmas Masses:** By diocesan rule, the Collection at all Christmas Masses is your gift to the priests of the parish.

**Crib Offerings:** The Christmas Crib will be displayed in the St Ignatius Chapel. Please take care when lighting votive candles. The Crib Offerings will be sent to the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, earmarked for medical and humanitarian needs, via the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, of which Canon David is a Knight Commander. They will support the humanitarian aid convoys to Gaza, enable the provision of schooling and clinics, and help to rebuild the communities devastated over the last two years in the Holy Land.

## Celebrants this Sunday

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

## We remember in our prayers

### Those who have died recently

Gina Williams • Margaret Farley • Elaine Sancho  
Stella Hooper • Guerrino Angelini • Christopher Earley

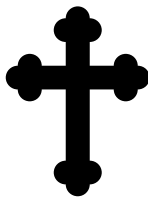
### Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Neil Calvert • Shirley Ward • John Abbiss • William Sullivan  
Joseph Hanna • Dr Eleanor Brown • Mary Razvi  
Ernest Prescott • Francie, Andy, and Hugh McHugh  
Dr Antoinette (Sylvia) Peters

### 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  
*no morning Adoration this  
Wednesday 18 and  
Friday 20 December*

## 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/donate](https://sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/donate).  
Thank you.



## Weekday Mass Intentions

### Saturday 14 December • St John of the Cross

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

### Monday 16 December

10.00am Virginia Moore (RIP)  
6.30pm Teresa Absalom (RIP)

### Tuesday 17 December

10.00am Medjugorje Approval (Thanksgiving)  
6.30pm Eileen Hogan (RIP)

### Wednesday 18 December

10.00am Electa Friends (Ints)  
11.30am Funeral Mass of Elaine Sancho (RIP)  
6.30pm Teresa Doran (RIP)

### Thursday 19 December

9.00am School's Ints [Mass at Sacred Heart Catholic  
Primary School, Burlington Road, KT3 4ND]  
10.00am Christopher Cooper (RIP)  
6.30pm Maria Keaveney-Jessiman (RIP)

### Friday 20 December

10.00am Medjugorje Approval (Thanksgiving)  
6.30pm Bryan Snalune (RIP)

### Saturday 21 December

10.00am John Fennelly (RIP)  
6.30pm Maurice & Molly Mealin (RIP)

## Music at the 12 noon Mass

**Entrance hymn:** (522) O come, O come Emmanuel

**Kyrie:** (459)

**Offertory motet:** Rejoice in the Lord alway (attr. J. Redford)

**Sanctus:** (433)

**Communion motet:** *Dicite pusillanimes* (J.J. Rux)

**Communion hymn:** (133) Come thou long-expected Jesus

## Music at the 5.00pm Mass

Scan the QR code or visit  
[sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/5pm](https://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](mailto:presidentA190704@svp.org.uk).