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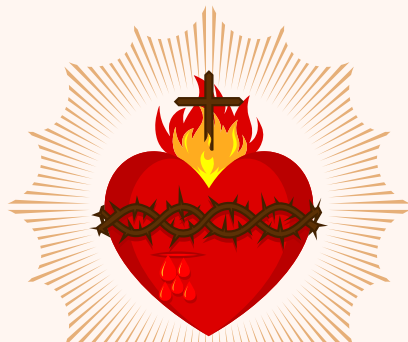
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Sacred Heart Wimbledon
Parish Reading & Discussion Group

7.00pm via Zoom
Mondays 6 January to 3 February

To register, email Matteo at
wimbledonnewsletter@rcaos.org.uk

Today's Mass

First Reading (Micah 5:2-5a): We hear Micah's eighth-century BC prophecy that the future ruler of Israel would be born in the humblest place: Bethlehem Ephrathah, the place where King David was anointed (see 1 Samuel 16).

Psalms 80(79): For Christians, 'the son of man you have confirmed' in verse 3 inevitably refers to Jesus Christ.

Second Reading (Hebrews 10:5-10): The epistle invites us to hear the quoted verses from Psalm 39 as if Christ Himself were speaking them. Hebrews is saying that Christ became man in order to replace the men who served as priests in the Temple: His self-sacrifice on the cross replaces once and for all their Temple sacrifices.

Gospel (Luke 1:39-45): Mary visits Elizabeth when both are pregnant, Mary with Jesus and Elizabeth with John, part of Luke's account of Christ's nativity. Elizabeth's words, of course, form the basis of our prayer, the Hail Mary.

Canon David

Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers

In the Bishops' Cycle of Prayer, today is a Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers. May all expectant mothers be encouraged by the example of Mary and Elizabeth and receive support and grace in lovingly welcoming their children into the world.



The Parish Clergy and Parish Team wish everyone – visitors, friends, and particularly parishioners – a very happy and holy time at Christmas, and a very happy New Year.

Our thoughts and prayers go especially to the sick and the housebound, to all who have suffered bereavement, and to all those in need.

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

This week (commencing Sunday 22 December)

Fr David Hunter will be away from Christmas Day (Tuesday) to Saturday on a post-Christmas break.

10.45am Monday 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. Offers of help from parents are also most welcome.

Next week (commencing Sunday 29 December)

Holy Matrimony

The Wedding of Jessica Munday and Akin Lord is at 1.30pm on Monday.

Wednesday: Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Mass will be at 10.00am only, as it is a bank holiday. Come to Mass and, aided by Mary's intercession, dedicate your forthcoming year to God!

8.00pm Thursday Parish Pastoral Council

Every parishioner is warmly welcome to join us in the Lounge to discover what's happening in the parish.

The week after that (commencing Sunday 5 January)

7.00pm Monday: Adoration

Starting after the 6.30pm Mass, this time of community worship will be led by musicians from the Jesuit young adult community at No. 9 Edge Hill.

7.00pm Monday: *Dilexit nos* Parish Reading and Discussion Group

Join us as we read Pope Francis' latest encyclical and uncover its meaning for our lives. To register, email Matteo at wimbledonnewsletter@rcaos.org.uk or complete the registration form at forms.office.com/e/Sa3AzC3yaX.

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).

No 6.30pm Mass on Thursday

Mass will be at 10.00am only, as it is a bank holiday.

Friday and Saturday Masses, Confessions, and Penance

On Friday and Saturday, Masses, Confessions, and Adoration (on Friday) are at the normal times. As Friday is in the Octave of the Solemnity of the Nativity, the usual rule of a meatless Friday does not apply.

2.30pm Friday

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.

First Friday Adoration

Join us for Adoration between 7.00pm and 9.00pm for our monthly devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Christmas Earley RIP

Funeral Mass at 11.30am on Friday, followed by burial at the Merton & Sutton Cemetery.

Margaret Farley RIP

Funeral Mass at 12 noon on Thursday, followed by cremation at the North East Surrey Crematorium. Margaret sang in the choir for many years, and was also a member of the diocesan Art and Architecture Committee, where she represented the Society of Catholic Artists.

Guerrino Angelini RIP

Funeral Mass at 11.45am on Friday, followed by cremation at the North East Surrey Crematorium.

Holy Matrimony

The Wedding of Lambart and Emma McLeod is at 1.00pm on Saturday.

Parish notices

Parish Office and Newsletter

The Parish Office will be closed from this Monday 23 December to Monday 6 January. This is the last newsletter until Sunday 11 January 2025.

Edgeways December 2024

You can now read the latest issue of *Edgeways*, YOUR parish magazine, at sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/edgeways/! Printed copies are available at the back of the church.

Dona card readers

Donations offered via the card readers at the back of the church between 19 November and 11 December may be delayed in your bank statement. No further action is required your end.

Confirmation 2025 deadline

Don't forget to sign up before Monday 6 January via our website (under 'Faith and the Sacraments').

Diocesan notices

4.00pm Wednesday 1 January St John Fisher Justice & Peace Group Peace Service

Followed by refreshments, the service will be held at St John Fisher Church (207 Cannon Hill Lane, SW20 9DB).

Archbishop's Christmas message 2024

It is by placing our hope in the Lord that we can find the answer to peace, in our hearts and in our world. Watch or read Archbishop John's message at tinyurl.com/christmasmessage2024.

Jubilee Year 2025

The theme of the Jubilee Year is 'Pilgrims of Hope'. Jubilees are a time to re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another, and with all of Creation.

From the Sunday after Christmas, the Feast of the Holy Family, our parish will be a designated Jubilee Church, where you can obtain the special Jubilee Indulgence. A pastoral letter from His Grace the Archbishop will be read at all Masses that Sunday.

Liturgies in the week commencing Sunday 22 December

Saturday 21 December

- 10.00am Mass [John Fennelly (RIP)]
- 6.30pm Mass [Maurice & Molly Mealin (RIP)]

Sunday 22 December

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

Monday 23 December

- 10.00am Mass [Patricia Woodward (RIP)]
- 6.30pm Mass [Medjugorje Approval (Thanksgiving)]

Tuesday 24 December

- 10.00am Mass (of 24 December) [Holy Souls]
- 3.30pm **Children's Christmas Crib Service**
- 5.00pm **Vigil Mass** [Holy Souls]
- 7.30pm **Vigil Mass** [Holy Souls]
preceded by Carols from 7.10pm
- Midnight** **Midnight Mass** [People of the Parish]
preceded by Carols from 11.30pm

Wednesday 25 December • The Nativity of the Lord

- 8.00am **Mass of the Dawn** [Holy Souls]
- 10.00am **Mass of the Day** [Holy Souls]
- 12 noon **Mass of the Day** [Holy Souls]

Erratum: The Vigil Mass at St Teresa's Home, advertised in last weekend's newsletter, is for home residents only.

Parking: Additional car parking spaces will be available at Wimbledon College from 3.00pm on Tuesday 24 December to 2.00am on Wednesday 25 December. You will not need to register to park in the parish car park between Tuesday 24 and Thursday 26 December.

Crib Offerings: Offerings from the Crib in the St Ignatius Chapel will be sent to the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem via the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. They will support the humanitarian aid convoys to Gaza, enable the provision of schooling and clinics, and help to rebuild the communities devastated in the Holy Land.

Thursday 26 December • St Stephen

- 10.00am Mass [Private Intention]

Friday 27 December • St John

- 10.00am Mass [Fr John Nguyen (RIP)]
- 6.30pm Mass [Helena Pires (Thanksgiving)]

Saturday 28 December • The Holy Innocents

- 10.00am Mass [Cela Covickovic (RIP)]
- 6.30pm Mass [Eileen Helliwell (Ints)]

Liturgies in the week commencing Sunday 29 December

Sunday 29 December • The Holy Family

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

Monday 30 December

- 10.00am Mass [Mario Dresseno (RIP)]
- 1.30pm Wedding of Jessica Munday and Akin Lord
- 6.30pm Mass [Peace and Reconcil. in the Holy Land]

Tuesday 31 December

- 10.00am Mass [Mary Hayes (RIP)]
- 6.30pm Mass [Edward McGovern (RIP)]

Wednesday 1 January • Mary, the Holy Mother of God

- 10.00am Mass [Wang Family, present & deceased]

Thursday 2 January • Ss Basil the Great

- & Gregory Nazianzen
- 10.00am Mass [Aurica Grisenthwaite (RIP)]
- 6.30pm Mass [Teresa Doran (RIP)]

Friday 3 January

- 10.00am Mass [Papal Envoy Cavalli (Thanksgiving)]
- 11.30am Funeral Mass of Christopher Earley (RIP)
- 6.30pm Mass [Anne Gay (Recovery)]

Saturday 4 January • The Beatified Martyrs of the Diocese

- 10.00am Mass [David Boyce (RIP)]
- 6.30pm Mass [Catherine Morgan (RIP)]

Liturgies in the week commencing Sunday 5 January

Sunday 5 January • The Epiphany of the Lord

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

Monday 6 January

- 10.00am Mass [David White (RIP)]
- 6.30pm Mass [Bob Matthews (RIP)]

Tuesday 7 January

- 10.00am Mass [Departed of the Helliwell Family (RIP)]
- 6.30pm Mass [Michael Moloney (RIP)]

Wednesday 8 January

- 10.00am Mass [Fr Michael O'Halloran SJ (RIP) & John Pinto (RIP)]
- 6.30pm Mass [St Jude (Thanksgiving)]

Thursday 9 January

- 9.00am Mass [Schools' Ints, at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, Burlington Road, KT3 4ND]
- 10.00am Mass [Gomez Family (Ints)]
- 12 noon Funeral Mass of Margaret Farley (RIP)
- 6.30pm Mass [St Anthony (Thanksgiving)]

Friday 10 January

- 10.00am Mass [Patrick Hearty (RIP)]
- 11.45am Funeral Mass of Guerrino Angelini (RIP)
- 6.30pm Mass [Hamish Robertson (RIP)]

Saturday 11 January

- 10.00am Mass [Gerri Beckley (RIP)]
- 1.00pm Wedding of Lambart and Emma McLeod
- 6.30pm Mass [Pauline Muscat (RIP)]

Celebrants this Sunday 22 December

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

Please consult the booklet for celebrants over Christmas.

We remember in our prayers

Those who have died recently

Margaret Farley • Stella Hooper
Christopher Earley • Trixie Magennis (née Hodson)
Guerrino Angelini • David Richard Pinfield

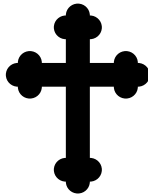
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

John Diogo Abreo • Maureen May • Gerard Evans
Christine Walker • Marion Blech • John Lush
Bridget Curly • Jeanne Garcia • Lee Abberton
Peter Abberton • Eileen Ridge • Beatrice Nyeko
John Byrne • Anthony Booth • Alastair MacDonald
Catherine Mullen • Edith Arendrup
James Conboy • Mary Bernadette Coyle

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 • Deborah Chalcraft

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

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)

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 from the back of the church.

Music at the 12 noon Mass (Sun. 22 December)

Introit (choir): *Rorate coeli desuper*

Kyrie: *Missa super Dixit Maria* (H.L. Hassler)

Offertory motet: *Dixit Maria* (H.L. Hassler)

Sanctus: Mass 18 (Plainsong)

Communion motet: *Ave Maria* (attrib. T. Luis de Victoria)

Communion hymn: (138) Creator of the stars of night

For other Sundays, please visit sacredheartmusic.co.uk.

Music at the 5.00pm Mass

Scan the QR code or visit
sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/5pm.
The QR code is updated weekly.



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. **The Parish Office will be closed from Monday 23 December to Monday 6 January.**

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.

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.

Parish Safeguarding Representatives

Victoria Wheatley (wimbledonsg1@safeguardraos.org.uk)
Siobhán Heffron (wimbledonsg3@safeguardraos.org.uk)

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