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Year of Jubilee 2025 • The Baptism of the Lord (C)
First Week in Ordinary Time • Vol. I, Psalter Week I

Jubilee Year 2025: 'Pilgrims of Hope'

Jubilee Years are a time to re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another, and with all of Creation.



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.

The Archbishop has designated our church as a Jubilee Church. This is a marvellous opportunity to deepen your faith and hope by coming to Mass and Confession more often in our church. Read more about the Jubilee at cbcew.org.uk/jubilee-2025.

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

Today's Mass

Readers and those with Missals, please note: We shall be using the readings given in the Missallettes, namely the Year ABC readings (with the Year C Gospel), not the Year C Ad Libitum readings.

First Reading (Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11): This prophecy of Isaiah has powerful resonances in the Christian tradition, with the approval of God on the servant (which pre-echoes the words of God the Father at Christ's Baptism) and the expression 'a light for the nations' (which pre-echoes the Nunc Dimittis and the Epiphany).

Psalms 103(104): A majestic hymn of praise to the Lord, whose voice upon the waters is full of power and splendour.

Second Reading (Titus 2:11-14,3:4-7): Peter preaches to the Gentiles about Jesus' ministry, starting with His Baptism.

Gospel (Luke 3:15-16,21-22): In his brief reference to Jesus' own Baptism, Luke first states that Jesus was Baptized with 'all the people' (so Jesus is identifying Himself with God's people who were awaiting redemption) and that He 'was praying' (in an act of surrender to God the Father's will). The response that follows is the coming of the Holy Spirit upon Him and the approval of the Father.

Canon David

This Sunday

- We welcome **Fr Andrew Coy** to celebrate our 8.00am Mass.
- The **Children's Liturgy of the Word** (*see overleaf*) will take place during the 10.00am Mass.
- All are welcome to **Café in the Lounge** after the 10.00am Mass.

Looking for next Sunday's readings? These won't appear in the newsletter anymore. Instead, we recommend consulting *Universalis* at universalis.com or via the mobile application. Check that your settings are calibrated to the Archdiocese of Southwark's calendar!

This week

Ordinary Time before Lent

Ordinary Time begins on Monday. The readings and prayers are taken from the First Week in Ordinary Time (ferial cycle 1, psalter week 1). Green vestments are worn, except for saints' days and requiems.

Stella Hooper RIP

Funeral Mass at 2.00pm on Monday, followed by cremation at the North East Surrey Crematorium.

7.00pm Monday: Finance Committee

The Finance Committee will meet in the Youth Room. For further details, please contact Chris Woodward at wimbledoncof@rcaos.org.uk.

7.00pm Monday: Dilexit nos parish reading and discussion group

All are welcome to discuss Chapter II of *Dilexit nos* (2024), Pope Francis' latest encyclical, which is dedicated to the Sacred Heart. Email Matteo at wimbledonnewsletter@rcaos.org.uk for the Zoom link. Come along even if you didn't attend last week's discussion!

6.30pm next Sunday 19 January CTWW Christian Unity Service

From Saturday 18 until Sunday 25 January, we observe eight days of prayer for Christian Unity.

Churches Together in West Wimbledon, of which we are a part, invites you to a service entitled 'Do you believe this?', organised by the Wimbledon Quaker Meeting, at St Saviour's Church (Grand Drive, SW20 9DL), to be followed by refreshments.

Parish notices

Fr Jackson is away on annual leave until the beginning of February.

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

Lorraine Dolan-Welsh has announced that, for family reasons, she will be stepping down as Headteacher at the end of this academic year. Children and parents will miss her and be sad to see her go, and we thank her for all that she has done for the school in raising standards and creating a happy and caring environment for our children.

Finances

The First Collections totalled £34,261.47 in August and £34,394.27 in September. Thank you for your generosity.

Crib Offerings

This is the last weekend to donate to the Crib Offerings. Donations will be sent via the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem to the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem so that humanitarian aid can quickly be given where it is most needed in the Holy Land, especially in Gaza and the West Bank. Please consider Gift Aiding your cash donation by enclosing it in any envelope with your name. If you use a Christmas Offering envelope, please cross out 'Christmas' and write in 'Crib'.

Hosts needed!

We are hosting a Youth 2000 event for young people on Saturday 25 January (see next page). Could you host some of the Youth 2000 team members and volunteers who are helping put the event on? Please email Max at mjrtoone@gmail.com if you can help!

Thank you!

Huge and heartfelt thank yous are due to all the many people who helped Christmas at Sacred Heart – supporting the very well-attended Liturgies, volunteering at the Christmas lunch, helping to clean and decorate the church, and in many other ways – go so splendidly to plan. May God bless you all for your efforts.

Canon David, Fr Jackson, Fr David, Deacon Julian, Sister Dorothy, and Rob Hitchcock thank everybody for their kind good wishes, cards, and presents. We will announce the total of the Christmas Collection for the priests once it has been counted.

Spotlight on...



The **Children's Liturgy of the Word** is a fantastic programme for children in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2, which explains and discusses the Gospel in an age-appropriate way. Parents are invited to come along too!

We call children to the front of the church after the welcome, process together to the Lounge, and return to the church before the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

So please join us during the 10.00am Mass on Sundays:

- 12 and 26 January
- 9 and 23 February
- 9, 23, and 30 March
- 27 April
- 11 and 25 May
- 8 and 22 June
- 6 and 20 July

For further information, or if you would like to volunteer to help, please email Elizabeth at elizabethbottrill@hotmail.com.

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

Forthcoming parish liturgies and events

9.00am – 9.00pm Saturday 25 January
Youth 2000 'The London Retreat'

Join Youth 2000 for a jam-packed day of prayer, teaching, friendship, and fun in our parish, as we explore how we can embrace 'the year of the Lord's favour' at the start of 2025 and the Jubilee Year for 'Pilgrims of Hope'.

This day retreat is open to 16- to 35-year-olds. Tickets are £25 (sponsored spaces are available). Reserve your place before Friday 17 January at youth2000.churchsuite.com/events/kgmaguew.

7.30pm Wednesday 29 January
Fr Toby Lees OP at the Newman Circle

Come along to the Lounge for a talk by Fr Toby Lees OP. A law graduate from the University of Cambridge, Fr Toby was a City solicitor for seven years before he decided to become a Dominican priest. Why this change? It is a great story!

Fr Toby is now Priest Director of Radio Maria England, and will be speaking to us about the work of the Catholic radio station. All are welcome!

Diocesan notices

Called to bear fruit

Next weekend, there will be a Pastoral Letter about the next phase of the 'Called to Bear Fruit' journey in the Archdiocese. The letter will introduce consultation booklets for parishioners.

The booklets highlight six key themes for discussion in small groups before Sunday 6 April, by when reflections should be submitted. Groups need not meet on parish property or require formal coordination. Instead, each group will be invited to share its reflections directly, which the Archbishop hopes will ensure every voice is given the opportunity to be heard. The question being asked is essentially: **how do we grow as communities of missionary disciples?**

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.

10.30am Saturday 18 January An Introduction to the Jubilee Year with CAFOD

Catholic talk show host and author Nana Churcher and CAFOD's Simon Giarchi will host Fr Jan Nowotnik, Director of Mission for the Bishop's Conference, Christine Allen, CAFOD's Director, and Kayode Akintola, CAFOD's Head of Africa, and other guests for a lively start to the Jubilee.

The online event will run until midday and feature a special appearance by Catholic band Ooberfuse. Everyone is welcome; register for free at cafod.org.uk/jubilee.

Feast of Our Lady Pilgrimage to Fatima

From St John Fisher Parish, Merton: Flying from London Gatwick, 7 nights, £799 per person (including flights and full board), leaving Friday 9 May. Daily Mass will be offered. To reserve or for further information, please contact Delia and Canute on 07944 692920.

Scam emails

The diocesan ICT team reports a rise in scam emails targeting parishioners across the diocese. These emails impersonate the parish priest or a member of the parish pastoral team, and typically request the recipient to purchase Amazon vouchers or other gift cards.

If you receive any such email, please report it as spam and inform the Parish Office immediately. Always double-check suspicious emails, and contact the Parish Office if ever in any doubt.

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.

Other notices

12.30pm for 1.00pm Friday 24 January St John's Friday Lunchtime Concert

Anian Wiedner (organ) plays Olivier Messiaen's *L'Ascension* and César Franck's *Chorale No.2 in B minor* at St John the Baptist (Spencer Hill, SW19 4NZ). Entry is free, with refreshments from 12.30pm and a retiring collection to support St John's Music Fund.

Catholic Union Catholic Young Writer award

The competition's theme in this Jubilee Year is 'Jesus Christ, Son of God'. Students are asked to imagine that a friend has said to them that Jesus was a great man, and wonderful moral teacher, but that they did not accept that he was God. They are encouraged to write a handwritten essay in response, drawing on the Scriptures and showing evidence of having studied the Catechism of the Catholic Church and some papal teachings.

The award is open to young Catholics and pupils at Catholic schools in Years 8–11. There is a cash prize of £50, plus runner-up book prizes. The deadline to enter is Friday 30 May. To find out more and how to enter, please visit catholicunion.org.uk/2025/01/catholic-young-writer-award-2025.

Vacancy: Domestic Abuse Service Manager

This is an exciting opportunity to lead Merton's experienced Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVA) team. 37.5 hours per week, £33,660 p.a., hybrid working. For more information and to apply, please visit tinyurl.com/musszfe. The deadline to apply is next Sunday 19 January.

Celebrants this Sunday

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

We remember in our prayers

Those who have died recently

Stella Hooper • David Pinfield • Edward McNaughton
Emmanuel Bandoh • Geoffrey Norris
Mary Thomas • Angela Reidling

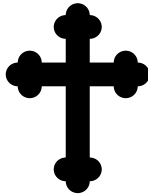
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Andre Helene • Maria Keaveney Jessiman
Karl Igbozbifioku • Nick Hunt • Charmain Bourbon
Christopher O'Brien • Iris Smith • Margaret Brennan
Immaculate Wladyka • Kazimera Kempinska

Those who are sick

Penny Sewell • Corné Rossouw • Finley Kennedy
Samar Staussi • Thelma Lobo • Maria Tinker
Dorothy Ramos • Armando Ramos • Emily Grey
Eileen Norris • Electa Almeida • Margaret Duffy
Karolina Masica • Deborah Chalcraft • Peter Boyle

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)

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 11 January

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

Monday 13 January

10.00am Beltran Family (Ints)
2.00pm Funeral Mass of Stella Kathleen Hooper (RIP)
6.30pm Michael John Gilmartin (RIP)

Tuesday 14 January

10.00am Monica Lyth (RIP)
6.30pm Gerard Fagan (RIP)

Wednesday 15 January

10.00am Ursula Burke (RIP)
6.30pm Juvenal & Maria Perdomo (RIP)

Thursday 16 January

10.00am John Terrance Judge (RIP)
6.30pm Virgilio & Gloria de Conde (RIP)

Friday 17 January • St Anthony

10.00am Michael Susands (RIP)
6.30pm Christine

Saturday 18 January • of Our Lady

10.00am Teresa Sarvati (RIP)
6.30pm Married Couples in the Parish (Ints)

Music at the 12 noon Mass

Entrance hymn: (661) Songs of thankfulness and praise (vv.1,2,5)

Kyrie/Gloria: (459)/(460)

Offertory motet: *Tribus miraculis* (L. Marenzio)

Communion motet: O Lord, give Thy Holy Spirit (T. Tallis)

Communion hymn: (106) Christ be beside me

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.