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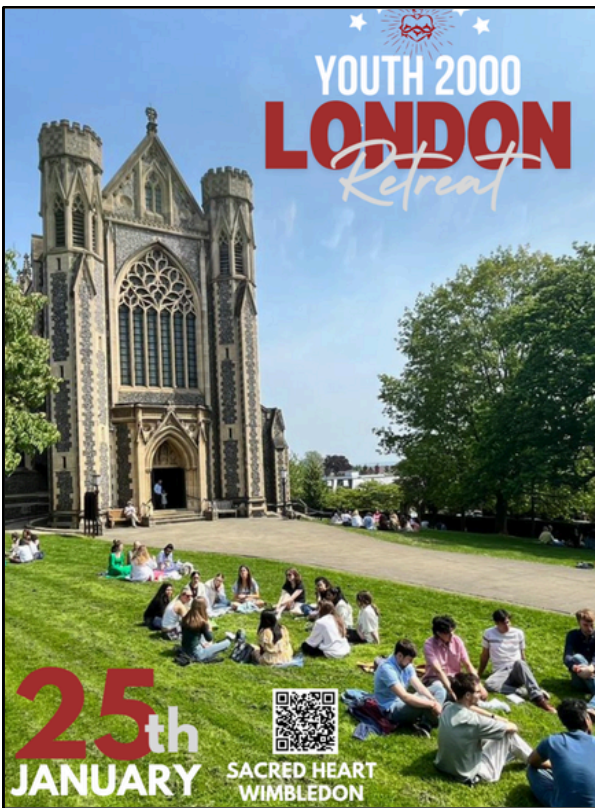
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Second Week in Ordinary Time • Vol. I, Psalter Week II



Today's Mass

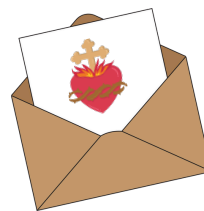
First Reading (Isaiah 62:1-5): The prophet Isaiah compares God's relationship with his people to that of a husband with his wife. The Old Testament frequently uses Marriage to explain God's covenant with his people.

Psalms 95(96): Like Isaiah in the First Reading, the psalmist cannot be silent about the wonders God performs for us. Let us too sing heartily 'a new song to the Lord'.

Today's **Second Reading** (1 Corinthians 12:4-11) begins a series of passages from St Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. In this passage, we can infer that the possession of different spiritual gifts led to pride and rivalry in the church at Corinth. Paul stresses that all forms of work and service are the work of the one Holy Spirit, the humbler forms of service no less than the more impressive.

Gospel (John 2:1-11): The first miracle (or 'sign', as John calls it) contains a depth of meaning. 'My hour has not come yet' shows that Jesus always acted in accordance with the Father's plan, not his own. This miracle is a sign of God's overflowing generosity; it is a prefiguration of the Eucharist; it validates our intercessory prayer to Mary, His mother; the replacement of water with wine in the Jewish ritual stone jars symbolises the replacement of the Old Covenant with the New; and it firmly endorses the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.

Canon David



**An invitation for YOU
from Archbishop John**

see 'Called to Bear Fruit' overleaf

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

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We are a Jubilee Church! Find out more about the Year of Jubilee 2025 'Pilgrims of Hope' at cbcew.org.uk/jubilee-2025.

This Sunday

We welcome **Mgr Ante Vidović** from the Nunciature to celebrate our 5.00pm Mass.

Peace Sunday

Today is Peace Sunday. Pope Francis' theme for 2025 is 'Forgive us our trespasses: Grant us your peace'. The Pope's message speaks of how we must listen to the 'pleas of an endangered humanity', how the Jubilee Year inspires us to seek the liberating justice of God in our world, and how by 'opening our hearts to our brothers and sisters, we will restore God's justice on earth' and 'move forward to achieve the goal of peace'.

For more information and prayers, and to read the Pope's message, visit paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2025.

Café in the Lounge after the 10.00am Mass

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

6.30pm Christian Unity Service

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), followed by refreshments.

EDGEWAYS

What's a Jubilee Year? Which of our fantastic Altar Servers were recently awarded long service medals? And should we bother watching this new *Conclave* film?

Read January 2025 *Edgeways*, YOUR parish magazine, at sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/edgeways! Printed copies are available at the back of the church.

This week

Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity

From this Saturday until next Sunday 25 January, we observe eight days of prayer for Christian Unity. Please continue your prayers for unity.

7.00pm Monday: *Dilexit nos* parish reading and discussion group

All are welcome to discuss Chapter III 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 previous discussions!

Geoffrey Norris RIP

Funeral Mass at 10.00am on Wednesday, followed by cremation at the North East Surrey Crematorium.

David Pinfield RIP

Funeral Mass at 11.30am on Thursday, celebrated by Canon John Kavanagh, followed by private interment at Gap Road Cemetery.

9.00am – 9.00pm Saturday Youth 2000 'The London Retreat' for 16- to 35-year-olds

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). Please reserve your place as soon as possible at youth2000.churchsuite.com/events/kgmaguew.

4.00pm and 7.30pm – 9.00pm Saturday 25 January Youth 2000 'The London Retreat' for everyone

The highlight of the retreat will be Holy Mass at 4.00pm, celebrated by the Archbishop, to which everyone is welcome. You are also invited to Adoration and prayers at 7.30pm to experience a sense of the day's events.

Parish notices

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

Winter Night Shelter begins this Thursday

Every Thursday evening for two months, we provide an evening meal, a place to sleep, breakfast, and medical and other services for local homeless men. We thank Nandita and her team of volunteers for making this happen.

Free counselling service

Mr Anthony Lee provides free counselling and psychological services to our parish. All services are strictly confidential and adhere to the codes of ethics set by professional regulatory bodies. For appointments, please contact Thelma at the Parish Office.

Diocesan audit

The Archdiocesan Finance Office recently audited our Gift Aid and financial records; these parish audits take place every five years.

We are pleased to report that the Independent Examiner certified that both the accounts and accounting records and the Gift Aid recording procedures were in accordance with diocesan requirements. She also stated that 'in general the parish has strong financial control'.

The Examiner identified a few minor improvements, mainly on the part of the Archdiocese Finance Office, and also to help streamline the demanding and complex requirements of recording our finances.

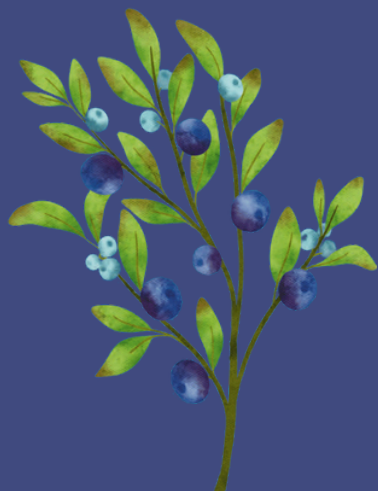
Safeguarding: It is the policy of the Catholic Church in England and Wales to report all allegations of abuse to statutory authorities, regardless of whether the abuse occurred recently or in the past, or whether the accused person is living or deceased. If you are concerned about the welfare of a child 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 (wimbletonsg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk) • Siobhán Heffron (wimbletonsg3@safeguardrcaos.org.uk)

Called to Bear Fruit

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF THE ARCHDIOCESE



An invitation for you

There is a Pastoral Letter from the Archbishop this weekend, on the Archdiocese's process of renewal, 'Called to Bear Fruit'. You can find the full text of the letter at tinyurl.com/rcaosctbf1901.

The Archbishop invites you to play a vital role in shaping the future of our Archdiocese. He encourages everyone to reflect on the themes in the 'Called to Bear Fruit' booklet (follow the link above) and participate in small group discussions over the coming weeks. Here's how you can get involved:

1. **Form a group** of 4-12 people.
2. **Meet and discuss** all six themes across six sessions, or combine them into fewer meetings - whatever schedule works best for you.
3. **Share your insights:** Submit your group's reflections via the online form (follow the link above) or as a typed hard copy before Sunday 6 April.

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.

Diocesan notices

**6.00pm for 6.30pm
Wednesday 12 February
The Romero Rosary book launch**

The Romero Rosary is a new book by Archbishop John Wilson. This beautiful and creative book contains reflections on the traditional mysteries of the rosary and the new Romero Mysteries - all illumined for reflection and prayer by the words of St Oscar Romero. The book is available from Pauline Bookshops and online at paulineuk.org. The Archbishop warmly invites you to the book launch at Amigo Hall, adjacent to St George's Cathedral, Southwark (Lambeth Road, SE1 7HY).

Forthcoming parish liturgies and events

**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!

**6.00pm - 7.30pm Sunday 26 January
POD Youth Group meeting**

Pocket of Disciples (POD) is a youth group consisting of faith, fun, and fellowship. Join us in the Youth Room on Sundays in term-time from 26 January! Open to Year 9 and above; a donation of £5 weekly or £40 termly is suggested.

**2.30pm and 7.00pm
Saturdays 1 and 8 February
'Dick Whittington and his Cat'**

It's Panto time again - oh yes it is! Dick Whittington has many adventures but will he become Lord Mayor of London? His cat Tooting will certainly help him!

Edge Hill Players, a community theatre group based in our parish, presents their 2024 parish pantomime in the Upper Hall. £17 adults, £12 children/concessions. Book your ticket now at edgehillplayers.com or call 07742 230493.

**7.00pm - 9.00pm Friday 28 February
Family Quiz Night**

Come along to the Upper Hall for a family quiz night to raise funds for girlguiding in the North Wimbledon district. Join as a team of 6 to 8 people or make a team with others on arrival.

Tickets are £10 per person; please also bring a £1 coin per person for the £1 game. A licensed bar and cake stall (cash or card) will be available. The quiz is suitable for ages 9+; all under-14s must be accompanied by an adult. RSVP as soon as possible before Friday 7 February at tinyurl.com/fqn2802.

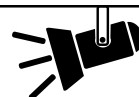
Other notices

**6.30pm Wednesday 29 January
Chorister opportunities at
Westminster Cathedral Choir School**

Every September, up to six choristers join WCCS in Years 4 or 5. Becoming a chorister offers boys the opportunity to sing in a world-class choir, and to join a top independent school for boys, with up to 100% off fees.

This Zoom meeting is for families with boys currently in Years 2, 3, and 4 who are keen to explore what it means to be a chorister. Please sign up at tinyurl.com/wccszoomenrol.

Spotlight on...



Churches Together in West Wimbledon (CTWW) comprises the parishioners of Sacred Heart and local Christian churches. As well as meeting for joint events, services, and socials, we support each other's and wider community endeavours. For more information and to get further involved, please email David Hurst at dthurst52@gmail.com.

Celebrants this Sunday

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

We remember in our prayers

Those who have died recently

Edward McNaughton • Geoffrey Norris
David Pinfield • Anne-Marie Davidson

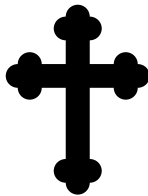
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

John Penny • Mary O'Keefe
Angela Byrne • Christopher O'Brien

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 18 January • of Our Lady

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

Monday 20 January

10.00am Peace in the Holy Land
6.30pm Carmel Fahey (RIP)

Tuesday 21 January • St Agnes

10.00am Maria Chandra (Birthday)
6.30pm Stephane Ayene Che (Healing & Restoration)

Wednesday 22 January

10.00am Funeral Mass of Geoffrey Norris (RIP)
6.30pm Esther Ayene (RIP)

Thursday 23 January

10.00am Anselm Benedict
11.30am Funeral Mass of David Pinfield (RIP)
6.30pm Victor D'Costa (First death anniversary)

Friday 24 January • St Francis de Sales CO OM

10.00am Brenda Davies (Thanksgiving)
6.30pm Selina de Sa

Saturday 25 January • The Conversion of St Paul

10.00am Crescencia Nga Che
4.00pm Youth 2000
6.30pm Kazimiera Owoc (RIP)

Music at the 12 noon Mass

Entrance hymn: (22) All people that on Earth do dwell
Kyrie/Sanctus: Lotti in Eb • **Gloria:** (467)
Offertory motet: *Alma Redemptoris Mater* (P. Philips)
Communion motet: *O Sacrum convivium* (G. Bernabei)
Communion hymn: (699) The King of Love

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.