



# THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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## Newsletter

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Year of Jubilee 2025 • Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Third Week in Ordinary Time • Vol. I, Psalter Week III

EDGE HILL PLAYERS PRESENTS

# DICK WHITTINGTON and his cat

AN ORIGINAL PANTOMIME  
WRITTEN & DIRECTED BY  
WENDY TANSEY & TERRY MARSH

1ST & 8TH FEBRUARY 2025  
2.30PM & 7PM

TICKETS:  
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Fitting the Jubilee Year for Pilgrims of Hope, Pope Francis has chosen as the theme of this year's **Sunday of the Word of God** 'I hope in your Word' (Psalm 119). It is a cry of hope: man, in a moment of anguish, tribulation, and confusion, cries out to God and puts all his hope in Him.



We thank and pray for those who read at Mass, who are Proclaimers of the Word. To learn about our parish's Scripture study groups, please contact the Parish Office.

### Today's Mass

**First Reading** (Nehemiah 8:2-6,8-10): After the people return to Jerusalem from exile, Ezra the scribe reads from the Book of the Law while standing on a wooden platform. This would become the way in which the Scriptures were read in the synagogue and how they are proclaimed from the Ambo at Mass. The Word of God is proclaimed from the Ambo; in our church, it is also made of wood.

**Psalm 18(19)**: A psalm of praise of God, of his Word, and of the Law which contains his Word.

**Second Reading** (1 Corinthians 12:12-30) For Paul, the Church is not merely like a human body: it is Christ's Body. We become members by Baptism. And although we are different parts of the Body of Christ, we are all equally necessary.

**Gospel** (Luke 1:1-4,4:14-21): In this Year of Luke, we start Gospel readings from *Luke*, and we hear the beginning of that Gospel. Then we jump to chapter 4, where Jesus, as a rabbi, proclaims the Scripture - a passage from Isaiah 61 foretelling the works of the Messiah - and applies it to Himself.

*Canon David*

### 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



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

## This Sunday

We welcome **Mgr Ante Vidović** from the Nunciature to celebrate our 10.00am Mass.

### 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 and discover, explore, and discuss the Gospel in an age-appropriate way. 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.

After this Sunday, the next Children's Liturgy will be on Sunday 9 February.

### Café in the Lounge after the 10.00am Mass

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

### 6.00pm – 7.30pm Sunday 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! Open to Year 9 and above; a donation of £5 weekly or £40 termly is suggested.



**Spotlight on...** 

YOUTH GROUP  
**POD**  
IN THE YOUTH ROOM  
FAITH  
FUN  
FELLOWSHIP  
YR9 ABOVE  
TERM TIME SUNDAY |  
6 - 7.30PM  
£5 EACH WEEK OR £40 FOR  
THE ENTIRE TERM.

## This week

### Monday: Holocaust Memorial Day

Monday marks the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi concentration camp, and the 30th anniversary of the genocide in Bosnia.

The Council for Christians and Jews has prayers, reflections, and advice on how to commemorate this day at [ccj.org.uk/our-work/holocaust-education](http://ccj.org.uk/our-work/holocaust-education).

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

All are welcome to discuss Chapter IV of *Dilexit nos* (2024), Pope Francis' latest encyclical, which is dedicated to the Sacred Heart. Email Matteo at [wimbledonnewsletter@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:wimbledonnewsletter@rcaos.org.uk) for the Zoom link. Come along even if you didn't attend previous discussions!

### Ursuline High School St Angela Merici Masses

The feast day of St Angela Merici, founder of the Ursulines, is on Monday. On Tuesday, Years 11 and 12 come to the church for Mass at 11.15am. On Wednesday, Years 8 and 9 come for Mass at 11.15am, and Years 9 and 10 at 1.40pm.

### 7.30pm Wednesday 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!

### Donhead Preparatory School

Year 4 will join the 10.00am Mass on Thursday.

### Edward McNaughton RIP

Funeral Mass at 12 noon on Thursday, followed by interment at Gap Road Cemetery.

### Saturday 1 February: First Confessions

The children on this year's First Holy Communion programme will celebrate their first Sacrament of Penance on Saturday morning. Please keep the children in your prayers.

Regular penitents are advised to come at another time, else you might have a very long wait!

### 2.30pm and 7.00pm Saturday 1 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](http://edgehillplayers.com) or call 07742 230493.

### Next Sunday 2 February: Candlemas

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) falls next Sunday 2 February. The Sunday Masses (including the Saturday 6.30pm Mass) will start with the Blessing of Candles. You can bring your own candles to be blessed, but please make sure to be present for the beginning of Mass.

**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 ([wimbledonsg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk](mailto:wimbledonsg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk)) • Siobhán Heffron ([wimbledonsg3@safeguardrcaos.org.uk](mailto:wimbledonsg3@safeguardrcaos.org.uk))

## Parish notices

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

### Lenten programmes

Keep your diaries clear: we have two very exciting parish programmes on offer this Lent (Ash Wednesday 5 March – Easter Sunday 20 April)!

On Monday evenings, Fr David will offer talks on the Mass. On Tuesday evenings, we will gather in small groups to watch and discuss some Sycamore videos. Further details will follow in next weekend's newsletter.

### Health & Safety and Fire Marshals

George McLennan, our Caretaker, is establishing a Health & Safety Committee and updating our list of fire marshals. Please contact George at [wimbledoncaretaker@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:wimbledoncaretaker@rcaos.org.uk) if you can volunteer to be on the committee or be a fire marshal for one of the Sunday Masses. The Archdiocese will provide training for fire marshals.

Canon David will conduct a parish pilgrimage to Lourdes from Wednesday 17 to Saturday 20 September. If you have been to Lourdes before, you will want to return; if you have never been, now is your chance to visit this extraordinary shrine in southwest France, where Our Lady appeared to St Bernadette in 1858.

The cost of the three-night pilgrimage is £625 per person for two sharing a room or £730 for a single room. A £250 deposit will be required at booking. The cost includes return flights from Stansted, airport transfers, full-board accommodation at the 4-star Hotel Eliseo, a full programme with daily Mass, travel insurance, a Lourdes prayer book, and the hotel city tax. It does not include transport to and from Stansted, which we will arrange. Please contact Thelma in the Parish Office to register your interest.

### Catechists needed!

Are you passionate about forming the next generation? Rob is looking to expand his current team of catechists to help form our parish's young people. No previous experience is necessary, just an openness to learn from each other. Please reach out to Rob at [wimbledonpfm@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:wimbledonpfm@rcaos.org.uk) or on 07862 764884 to discuss further. Volunteers will be DBS-checked.

### Vacancy: Lay Chaplain at Donhead Preparatory School

Donhead Preparatory School is looking for a part-time Lay Chaplain to work 2 days a week. Further information is available at [donhead.org.uk/useful-to-know/career-opportunities](http://donhead.org.uk/useful-to-know/career-opportunities). To express interest, please email Celeste Franklin at [headteacherpa@donhead.org.uk](mailto:headteacherpa@donhead.org.uk).

### Join our parish pilgrimage to Lourdes!



## Forthcoming parish liturgies and events

**2.30pm Friday 7 February**  
Friendship Group meeting

Join the Friendship Group in the Lounge for tea and cakes with Fr Jackson! All are welcome.

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

See 'This week'.

**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](https://tinyurl.com/fqn2802).

## New to the parish?

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

## Diocesan notices

**10.00am Sunday 16 February**  
Mass on Racial Justice Sunday

The Archdiocesan Racial & Cultural Inclusion Commission invites you to Mass presided by the Archbishop at St George's Cathedral, Southwark (Lambeth Road, SE1 7HY). The theme is *'Pilgrims of Hope: Our Journey Together towards Racial Justice'*. Traditional attire is optional; take a national flag. Refreshments will follow the Mass.

## Other notices

**9.30am – 5.30pm Saturday 8 February**  
A Day with Mary

St Cecilia Church in North Cheam (Stonecot Hill, SM3 9HN) will host a day of instruction, devotion, and intercession to Mary including Mass, sermons, and Adoration. Please bring a packed lunch. For the programme and other 'A Day with Mary' dates and venues, please visit [adaywithmary.org](http://adaywithmary.org).

**4.00pm – 6.00pm Wednesday 5 March**  
**St Francis Xavier Catholic Sixth Form**  
College Open Evening

Last year, 96% of students who applied to university from the college in Clapham South (Malwood Road, SW12 8EN) secured a place – the second-highest percentage of all UK colleges. Register now for fast-track entry at [sfx.ac.uk/opendays](http://sfx.ac.uk/opendays).

### Kairos Spirituality Centre

Upcoming events at the centre in Roehampton include an Introduction to Prayer Day (9.30am – 4.00pm Saturday 22 February), an Icon Making Retreat (commencing Thursday 6 March), a residential 8-Day Guided Retreat (Tuesday 25 March – Thursday 3 April), and a Holy Week Retreat. Visit [thekairoscentre.co.uk](http://thekairoscentre.co.uk) for more information. To book, please email [bookings.kairos@psmgs.org.uk](mailto:bookings.kairos@psmgs.org.uk).

## Celebrants this Sunday

6.30pm (Sat) Fr David Hunter  
8.00am Canon David Gibbons  
10.00am Mgr Ante Vidović  
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

Emmanuel Bando • Martin Hollins  
Anne-Marie Davidson (née Worth) • Edward McNaughton  
Bernadette McMurray • Tadeusz Teodor Opalinski

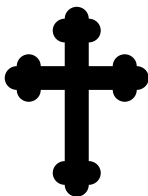
### Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Mireille Taylor • John Clancy • Mary Arulnesan  
Kazimiera Owoc • Jerzy Owoc

### 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  
Dan O'Brien • Debbie Gargan

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  
*see notice about*  
*Saturday 1 February*

## 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.

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To donate, scan the QR code or visit [sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/donate](https://sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/donate). Thank you.



## Weekday Mass Intentions

### Saturday 25 January • The Conversion of St Paul

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

### Monday 27 January • St Angela Merici

10.00am Anton Benedict (RIP)  
6.30pm Hugh Carville (RIP)

### Tuesday 28 January • St Thomas Aquinas OP

10.00am Rosanne Gomez (RIP)  
11.15am For Ursuline High School  
6.30pm Don Taylor (RIP)

### Wednesday 29 January

10.00am George Lally (Birthday)  
11.15am For Ursuline High School  
1.40pm For Ursuline High School  
6.30pm Charles and Clive Compton (RIP)

### Thursday 30 January

10.00am Jeevan Jose & Family Departed Souls  
12 noon Funeral Mass of Edward McNaughton (RIP)  
6.30pm Brendan Browne (RIP)

### Friday 31 January • St John Bosco SDB

10.00am Doreen Fernandes (RIP)  
6.30pm Doctor Breen, Catherine, and Patrick Mullen (RIP)

### Saturday 1 February • of Our Lady

10.00am Stella Barber (RIP)  
6.30pm Alina Hancock (RIP: Birthday)

## Music at the 12 noon Mass

Entrance hymn: (390) Lord, Thy word abideth  
Kyrie: (459) • Gloria: (460) • Sanctus: (433)  
Offertory motet: Teach me, O Lord (W. Byrd)  
Communion motet: If ye love me (T. Tallis)  
Communion hymn: (184) Forth in Thy name

## 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).