



# THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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## Newsletter

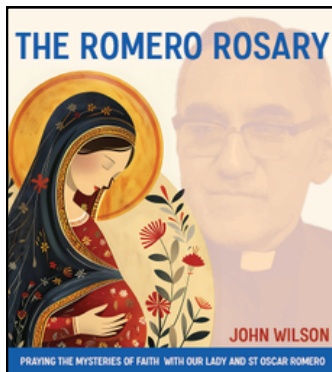
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Year of Jubilee 2025 • The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord  
Fourth Week in Ordinary Time • Vol. I, Psalter Week IV



An  
unmissable  
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 illuminated for reflection and prayer by the words of St Oscar Romero. The book is available from Pauline Bookshops and online at [paulineuk.org](http://paulineuk.org).

The Archbishop warmly invites you to the book launch at 6.00pm for 6.30pm on Wednesday 12 February at Amigo Hall, adjacent to St George's Cathedral, Southwark (Lambeth Road, SE1 7HY).

### 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  
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Headteacher: Lorraine Dolan-Walsh

### Today's Mass

Today, we take a break from the Sundays in Ordinary Time and keep the Feast known as Candlemas. Mass begins with a Procession or Solemn Entrance, at which lit candles are blessed and sprinkled with holy water. We recite the canticle *Nunc Dimittis* and its antiphon. The Penitential Act is omitted, and Mass continues with the *Gloria*. Please extinguish your candle when you sit for the Readings.

**First Reading** (Malachi 3:1-4): The prophet Malachi prophesies about the Lord entering the Temple. His offering will purify the people.

**Psalm 23(24)** is from an old Hebrew Entrance Liturgy, and expresses in the form of a hymn the entrance of the Lord into the Temple.

**Second Reading** (Hebrews 2:14-18): The Letter to the Hebrews expresses the deeper meaning of today's Feast, namely that Jesus Christ alone, as a human being but without sin, is the true High Priest, whose sacrifice alone can make atonement for our sins.

**Gospel** (Luke 2:22-40): In accordance with Jewish Law, Jesus is presented in the Temple. Simeon responds with the canticle we call the *Nunc Dimittis* and Anna responds by praising God. Thus, Jesus is revealed as the light to the nations and as the one who will deliver the people (although the way of suffering is not the way they were expecting). The blessed candles are symbols of Christ, the Light of the World.

*Canon David*

**INSIDE: Announcing our  
Lenten Programmes 2025!**



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

### Continental Breakfast after the 8.00am and 10.00am Masses

Join us in the Lower Hall for bacon, pastries, teas, and coffees!

### 6.00pm – 7.30pm Sunday POD Youth Group meeting

Pocket of Disciples (POD) is a youth group of faith, fun, and fellowship that meets Sundays in term-time. Open to Year 9 and above; a donation of £5 weekly or £40 termly is suggested.

## Spotlight on...



The **Memory Lane Club** is looking for a volunteer to lead/manage this well-established, busy club for those living with dementia and their carers in Merton.

The Club meets from 10.30am to 12.30pm every Wednesday in the Lounge. The leader, supported by a team of over 20 enthusiastic and committed volunteers, will ensure the continuation of the Club's aims to offer a welcoming and enjoyable experience to those struggling with memory difficulties and their carers.

The role pays £21 per hour for 7 hours a week, with fixed hours between 9.30am and 1.00pm on Wednesdays at our parish halls, and the remaining 3.5 hours flexible. The role is a 1-year fixed-term contract with a review after three months. An extension is possible. For fuller details and an application form, please contact Thelma in the Parish Office at [thelmadcosta@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:thelmadcosta@rcaos.org.uk). The closing date for applications is Monday 17 February.

## This week

### Monday: Blessing of Throats

On the Memoria of St Blaise in the General Calendar, there will be the traditional Blessing of Throats after both the 10.00am and 6.30pm Masses.

### 7.00pm First Monday Adoration

Every first Monday of the month until July 2025, Adoration will start promptly 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.

Come along and meet Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament with gentle music and guided prayer. *'A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent in sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.'* (Padre Pio, St Pio of Pietrelcina)

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

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

### Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

Year 4 will attend the 10.00am Mass on Tuesday, followed by a workshop on 'Community in the Church'.

### 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.

### 2.30pm Friday: Friendship Group

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

### First Friday Adoration

Adoration on Friday will take place between 10.30am and 12 noon; between 5.25pm and 6.25pm; and between 7.00pm and 9.00pm. Confessions will be heard between 6.00pm and 6.20pm. This is the First Friday, a monthly day of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Can YOU attend Mass, Adoration, and/or Confession this Friday?

### Saturday: Day of Prayer for and Awareness of Victims of Trafficking

On the Memoria of St Josephine Bakhita, through prayer, we not only reflect on the experiences of those who have suffered through this affront to human dignity, but also comfort, strengthen, and empower survivors.

### 8.00am Saturday: DHM Convent Mass

All parishioners are welcome to the monthly Mass at the Daughters of the Heart of Mary Convent (41 Murray Road, SW19 4PD).

### 2.30pm and 7.00pm Saturday '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.

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

### Parish Safeguarding Representatives:

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

## Parish notices

### 12 noon Saturday 15 February Memorial Service for Emmanuel Bandoth RIP

Emmanuel's daughter extends an invitation to all parishioners and friends of Emmanuel to attend the Memorial Service at the church, which will be followed by a reception.

### Martin Hollins RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of former parishioner Martin Hollins, who died on Sunday 12 January, and for the comfort and consolation of Sheila and their family. The family had a private funeral and there will be a memorial service at the end of February. If you would like to attend, please contact the family.

### 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).

## Forthcoming parish liturgies and events

### 7.30pm Thursday 13 February Newman Circle: Fr Michael Holman SJ on the Jesuit Examen

St Ignatius of Loyola SJ's *Spiritual Exercises* proposes the Examination of Conscience as a prayer to help us find God in our daily lives. He called it the most important prayer in a Jesuit's day!

Come along to the Lounge as the Newman Circle hears Fr Michael Holman SJ explain the Examen's simple steps. Fr Michael has previously served as Headmaster of Wimbledon College, Principal of Heythrop College, and Provincial of the Jesuits in Britain.

### Parish pilgrimage to Lourdes

Canon David will conduct a 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 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.

### 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](http://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.

## Other notices

### 10.00am this Thursday Simon John on St Josephine Bakhita on Radio Maria England

Join Radio Maria for a special broadcast as guest speaker Simon John shares insights into the inspiring life of St Josephine Bakhita, the realities of slavery during her time, and her journey of faith and perseverance. Tune in online at [radiomariaengland.uk](http://radiomariaengland.uk), via the Radio Maria app, DAB+, or on your Alexa smart speaker.

### Friday 21 – Saturday 22 February World on Fire UK Bible Conference

Join thousands of Catholics from across the country at the Excel Centre in Newham, East London, for a national conference on 'Evangelisation & Culture: The Bible', with speakers including Bishop Robert Barron, Profs. N.T. Wright and Tracey Rowland, and Archbishop John Wilson. Tickets are available for both days or just a Saturday day-pass. For more information and to register, please visit [wordonfire.org/the-bible-event](http://wordonfire.org/the-bible-event).

### Vacancies at St Richard Reynolds Catholic College

St Richard Reynolds Catholic College, a coeducational school for pupils aged 4 to 18 in Twickenham, is looking for teachers in PE (Girls) and French, and for an Art Technician. Please visit [strichardreynolds.org.uk](http://strichardreynolds.org.uk) for further information and to apply.



## Journey with us through Lent!

Ash Wednesday 5 March – Easter Sunday 20 April

### 8.00pm Mondays in Lent: 'The Mass' with Fr David

Join Fr David for a series of hour-long talks on 'the Mass' in the Lower Hall. Come and find out where the Mass comes from, what the various parts signify, and why the Mass is so central to the life of Catholics.

### 7.15pm Tuesdays in Lent: Sycamore discussion evenings

Sycamore is a video series on the Catholic faith designed for small-group discussions. Join us in the Lower Hall to discuss 'Who is Jesus?' (11 March), 'The Holy Spirit and the Church' (18 March), 'The gift of faith' (25 March), and 'The meaning of love' (1 April). Registration is not necessary, but to estimate numbers, please register your interest at [tinyurl.com/sycamorelent25](http://tinyurl.com/sycamorelent25) or by returning a completed form from the back of the church to the Parish Office.

## Celebrants this Sunday

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

## We remember in our prayers

### Those who have died recently

Emmanuel Bandoh • Martin Hollins • Dan O'Brien  
Anne-Marie Davidson (née Worth) • Bernadette McMurray  
Tadeusz Teodor Opalinski • Nicholas Gerald Bernardi

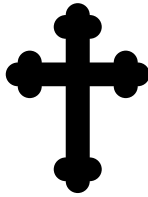
### Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Elizabeth Oliver • Winifred Bogt • Sheena Wilson  
Jacinto Cordeiro • Antonia Pancratius • Peter Stephens  
William Gilsenan • Colm McGilly  
Sr Ita Conlan • Lilian Krajenka

### 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 Chalcroft • 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

*please note that Saturday  
1 February will be busy!*

## 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)

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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 1 February • of Our Lady

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

### Monday 3 February • St Laurence of Canterbury

10.00am Mario Dresseno (RIP)  
6.30pm Kate Dempsey (RIP)

### Tuesday 4 February

10.00am Stewart Myles (RIP)  
6.30pm Shirley Ward (RIP)

### Wednesday 5 February • St Agatha

10.00am William 'Bill' Hefferman (RIP)  
6.30pm Deceased relatives of Eileen (RIP)

### Thursday 6 February • Ss Paul Miki SJ and Companions

10.00am Vincent Mistretta (RIP)  
6.30pm Celine McDaid

### Friday 7 February

10.00am Roche family (RIP)  
6.30pm Richard Hewins (RIP)

### Saturday 8 February • St Josephine Bakhita FDCC

8.00am Sisters' Ints [41 Murray Road, SW19 4PD]  
10.00am Trixie Magennis (RIP)  
6.30pm Adrian Collyns (RIP)

## Music at the 12 noon Mass

Solemn Latin Mass • *Missa brevis* (G.P. da Palestrina)

During the procession: *Lumen ad revalationem*

Offertory: *Senex puerum portabat* (W. Byrd)

Communion: *Agnus Dei II* (from *Missa brevis*)

## 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).

Any notices for the weekly newsletter should be emailed to [wimbledonnewsletter@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:wimbledonnewsletter@rcaos.org.uk) by Tuesday evening.