



# THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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## Newsletter

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



**3.00pm Sunday 9 March  
New Parishioners' Tea**

New to the parish? The Parish Pastoral Council invites you and your family to tea and cakes in the Lounge. No need to book – we will be glad to see you there! – but to estimate numbers, please register your attendance at [tinyurl.com/nptmar25](http://tinyurl.com/nptmar25).

If you would like to volunteer to help with catering at the New Parishioners' Tea, please contact the Parish Office or reply to [ppc@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](mailto:ppc@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk).

### Parish Pastoral Team

<b>Parish Priest</b>	Canon David Gibbons KCHS
<b>Parish Clergy</b>	Fr David Hunter
	Fr Jackson Sebastian
	Deacon Julian Burling
<b>Team Member</b>	Sr Dorothy Perrott OSU
<b>Faith Minister</b>	Rob Hitchcock

### Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

Burlington Road, KT3 4ND  
[school@sacredheart.merton.sch.uk](mailto:school@sacredheart.merton.sch.uk)  
Headteacher: Lorraine Dolan-Walsh

### Today's Mass

**First Reading** (Jeremiah 17:5–8): Jeremiah had the misfortune to tell the truth to those who did not want to hear it. He contrasts two sorts of life. The worldly man is useless: he can't see good when it is staring him in the face and his life is barren. The one who puts his trust in God has a life worth living and produces good things.

**Psalms** 1(1–4,6): If people follow God's law, it results in their growth and flourishing, becoming fully human.

**Second Reading** (1 Corinthians 15:12,16–20): Conservative Judaism, like the Sadducees, did not believe in the resurrection from the dead. But Paul's preaching was entirely founded on the fact of Christ's rising from the dead, which St Paul saw as the promise for all believers. If Christ's Resurrection is not real, the whole structure of our faith is a waste of time.

**Gospel:** St Luke's version of the Beatitudes, more familiar in the version in St Matthew. Traditional Judaism considered the good man's reward was wealth, health, and happiness. Jesus sets out a rather different teaching on discipleship, putting His followers at odds with the wider society and its ideals. The Church is never to feel at home in the world.

*Canon David*

### Racial Justice Sunday (& Second Collection)

The theme of this year's Racial Justice Sunday is *Coat of Many Colours*, reflecting the increasing diversity that exists in the churches in Britain and Ireland. The Second Collection is for the Catholic Association for Racial Justice (CARJ), which supports the work of the Catholic Church to promote racial justice in our schools, parishes, and wider society. You can learn more about CARJ at [carj.org.uk](http://carj.org.uk).



**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).

## Called to Bear Fruit



### Join a parish group!

The Archbishop invites you to play a vital role in shaping the future of our Archdiocese. He encourages everyone to reflect on the six themes in the 'Called to Bear Fruit' booklet – available at the back of the church or at [rcaos.org.uk/calledtobearfruit](http://rcaos.org.uk/calledtobearfruit) – and discuss them in small groups over the coming weeks.

If you would like any help to form or join a group, please email David at [dthurst52@gmail.com](mailto:dthurst52@gmail.com). As the booklet outlines, each group must submit six responses, one per theme, by Sunday 6 April.

## Parish notices

### Vacancy: Memory Lane Club Leader

The Memory Lane Club is looking for a Leader/Manager for 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 full 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 this Monday 17 February.

## This Sunday

Marlon Oliveira

Marlon, the seminarian on placement in our parish, will give a short talk after the 10.00am and 12 noon Masses to introduce himself and speak about vocations to the Sacred Priesthood.

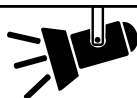
### 50th Wedding Anniversary Blessing

We congratulate Bibiana and Camillo, who will receive a special Anniversary Blessing after the Paternoster at the 10.00am Mass.

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

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

### Spotlight on...



Manna's day centre supports homeless people near London Bridge. Our parish's next food collection for Manna will be on Sunday 1 March. For more information and to volunteer, please contact Bridget Handley at [bridgethandley@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bridgethandley@hotmail.co.uk).

## This week

### 7.30pm Thursday: Prayer and a Pint Young Adults Group

A place to build community, pray, have a pint (cash bar), play piano, sing, and play pool and darts. Young adults, come along to the Lounge!

### 10.30am Saturday Bereavement Support Group

All those who have been bereaved – whether recently or a while ago – are invited to this confidential group in the Lounge.

### Next Sunday's Second Collection: Clergy Support Fund

The Clergy Support Fund enables the Archdiocese to care for priests in retirement, old age, and ill health, after a lifetime of service and devotion to Christ, His Church, and His people. A donation to this Fund will ensure a dignified retirement for all our priests. The Archbishop kindly asks you to continue praying for our sick and elderly priests and to donate to this worthy Fund. Please use the envelopes to Gift Aid cash or cheques, or use the card readers. Learn more about the Fund at [rcaos.org.uk/donate/CSF](http://rcaos.org.uk/donate/CSF).



## Wednesday 26 February Pilgrimage of Hope Solidarity Walk



This Year of Jubilee, in collaboration with the Jesuit Institute, Jesuit schools across the country will be participating in a Pilgrimage of Hope to raise funds for Jesuit Missions' projects around the world.

Jesuit Missions invites you to a solidarity walk to pray for the success of the fundraising efforts and for its partners worldwide, who provide a vast range of support for some of the world's most marginalised people.

The Solidarity Walk will begin at 10.30am from Sacred Heart Church, ending with Mass and Confessions at 12 noon at our church, followed by light refreshments. For more information and to register, please visit [tinyurl.com/jmsh2602](http://tinyurl.com/jmsh2602). You can learn more about Jesuit Missions and its work at [jesuitmissions.org.uk](http://jesuitmissions.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](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))

## Forthcoming parish liturgies and events

**11.15am Saturday 1 March**  
**Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem Mass**

The Knights and Dames of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem will be coming to the parish for Mass, presided by Archbishop Emeritus Kevin McDonald. All are welcome to attend this Mass.

**8.00pm Saturday 8 March**  
**Brahms' Ein Deutsches Requiem**

The glorious Brahms Requiem with full orchestra comes alive in our church! Matthew Best conducts the Academy Choir and the London Mozart Players, with Nardus Williams and Darren Jeffery as soloists. The programme includes Beethoven's *Egmont Overture* and Strauss' *Metamorphosen*. For tickets, please visit [academychoirwimbledon.co.uk](http://academychoirwimbledon.co.uk).

## Diocesan notices

**5.30pm Thursday 27 March**  
**Aspiring to Governance**

This informative Zoom session is designed for individuals interested in school governance or becoming a Foundation Governor within the Archdiocese. The session will offer an overview of Foundation Governance, key responsibilities, strategic roles, support, and resources. Please register at [rcaoseducation.org.uk/aspiring-to-governance](http://rcaoseducation.org.uk/aspiring-to-governance).

**Apply to be on *Songs of Praise* at St George's Cathedral**

St George's Cathedral will feature on *Songs of Praise's* Easter Programme – and you can take part! The recording will take place from 1.00pm to 4.00pm on Saturday 15 March. At the service, you will witness a recording of hymns for Easter Sunday and other traditional hymns. To apply for free tickets, please visit [lostintv.com/tv-show?id=1359](http://lostintv.com/tv-show?id=1359).

**Hope in Adoration**

As part of the Jubilee Year 2025, Archbishop John is encouraging people to turn to the Lord Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration and have their hopes 'fulfilled by Christ'. Throughout the year, the *Hope in Adoration* campaign will share testimonies from parish priests and the laity on how Eucharistic Adoration has helped them build a closer relationship with the Lord Jesus.

Find out more about the campaign at [rcaos.org.uk/hopeinadoration](http://rcaos.org.uk/hopeinadoration).



**'From Rome to Home':  
Bishop Nicholas Hudson on  
the next steps of the Synod**

[youtube.com/watch?  
v=2RZpt6FKJ3w](https://youtube.com/watch?v=2RZpt6FKJ3w)

## 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

**12.30pm for 1.00pm**  
**Friday 28 February**  
**St John's Friday Lunchtime Concert**

Lizzie Knatt (recorder) and Declan Hickey (guitar) play Brindle, Anderson, Hoddinott, and Sieg 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.

**Vacancy: Lead for Ignatian Spirituality at the London Jesuit Institute**

The London Jesuit Centre seeks a full-time team lead to present courses, retreats, and other events on Ignatian spirituality from their premises in Mayfair, London. Please consult the job description at [tinyurl.com/ljc0225d](http://tinyurl.com/ljc0225d) and return the application form at [tinyurl.com/ljc0225a](http://tinyurl.com/ljc0225a) by Saturday 1 March.

Ash Wednesday  
5 March

## Journey with us through Lent!

Easter Sunday  
20 April

**8.00pm Mondays in Lent: 'The Mass' with Canon David**

Join Canon David for a series of hour-long talks on 'the Mass' in the Lower Hall. Come and find out more about our central act of worship – where the Mass comes from, what the various parts signify, and why the Mass is so central to the life of Catholics. Refreshments will be served beforehand.

- 'Foundations and key elements' (10 March)
- 'Rite of Introduction' (17 March)
- 'Liturgy of the Word' (24 March)
- 'Liturgy of the Eucharist' (31 March)
- 'Concluding Rites' (7 April)



**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 for refreshments at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start to discuss:

- 'Who is Jesus?' (11 March)
- 'The Holy Spirit and the Church' (18 March)
- 'The gift of faith' (25 March)
- 'The meaning of love' (1 April)



Registration is not necessary, but to estimate numbers, please register at [tinyurl.com/sycamorelent25](http://tinyurl.com/sycamorelent25) or by returning a completed form from the back of the church to the Parish Office.

Come on evenings when you can: you will be warmly welcomed even if you cannot make every session!

## Celebrants this Sunday

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

## We remember in our prayers

### Those who have died recently

Dan O'Brien • Nicholas Gerald Bernardi

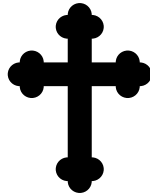
### Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Jeanette Braganza • Agnes Almeida • Noel D'Costa

### 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  
Debbie Gargan • Giovanna Apparenza  
John & Milena Reynolds • Mary de Maria

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](mailto: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](https://sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/donate).  
Thank you.



## Weekday Mass Intentions

### Saturday 15 February • of Our Lady

10.00am Mary & Peter O'Hara  
12 noon Requiem Mass for Emmanuel Bandoh (RIP)  
6.30pm Margaret Curran (RIP)

### Monday 17 February

10.00am Mary Thomas (RIP)  
6.30pm Mary Thomas (RIP)

### Tuesday 18 February

10.00am Medjugorje Franciscans (Thanksgiving)  
6.30pm Maria Keaveney Jessiman (RIP)

### Wednesday 19 February

10.00am Gwynneth Tyrrell (RIP)  
6.30pm Catherine Flynn (RIP)

### Thursday 20 February

10.00am Joan Boyle (RIP)  
6.30pm Cecilia Rossi (RIP)

### Friday 21 February • S Robert Southwell, Pr M

10.00am Sae-Chang Paul Key (RIP)  
6.30pm Mercedes and Family

### Saturday 22 February • The Chair of S Peter, Ap

10.00am David White (RIP: First Anniversary)  
6.30pm Noel D'Costa (RIP)

## Music at the 12 noon Mass

**Entrance hymn:** (3) A mighty stronghold is our God

**Kyrie:** (459) • **Gloria:** (460)

**Offertory motet:** Lead me Lord (S.S. Wesley)

**Sanctus:** (433)

**Communion motet:** *Ego sum panis vivus* (J. Esquivel)

**Communion hymn:** (88) Blest are the pure in heart

## 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).