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Seventh Week in Ordinary Time • Vol. I, Psalter Week III



This Wednesday: 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. You can learn more about Jesuit Missions and its work at jesuitmissions.org.uk.

Today's Mass

First Reading (1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,11-13,22-23): David is fighting King Saul. Although he has Saul at a disadvantage, David refuses to kill the Lord's Anointed King. This story illustrates David's righteous qualities, his moral probity, and his respect for God's precepts.

Psalms 102(103): The Lord – who is compassionate and gracious – is full of mercy when His people fall short.

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 15:45-49): St Paul contrasts the earthly and the divine. Humanity is flawed, like Adam, but God offers us a share in the Divinity of Christ ('the man of heaven').

Gospel (Luke 6:27-38): Jesus' teaching on how to lead virtuous lives can be summed up in one word: compassion. Our goodness should be like God's goodness, the hallmarks of which are love – even love of enemies – doing good, praying for others, giving generously, and being merciful and not judgemental. We would do well to remember always the very wise words of this Gospel: 'And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.'

Canon David

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. In 2024, the Clergy Support Fund provided care to 81 priests at a cost of £1.5 million. Your donations 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 and donate online at rcaos.org.uk/donate/CSF.

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

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 March.

Café in the Lounge after the 10.00am Mass

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

This week

Wednesday: Jesuit Missions Pilgrimage of Hope Solidarity Walk

Please see the front cover.

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 Holy Mass, at which Archbishop Emeritus Kevin McDonald will preside and preach.

All parishioners are very welcome to attend this Mass, especially anyone interested in joining the Order and anyone concerned about the situation in the Holy Land.

Sunday Masses next weekend: Manna Society food collection

Manna's day centre supports homeless people near London Bridge; visit mannasociety.org.uk to learn more. Please place your food items in the box provided at the back of the church.



Save the date
& book now at
[tinyurl.com/
shwhaydn25](http://tinyurl.com/shwhaydn25)



Parish notices

Ash Wednesday falls on 5 March

This year, the first day of Lent is on Wednesday 5 March. Holy Mass with the Imposition of Ashes will be at 10.00am, 6.30pm, and 8.00pm. Don't miss it: put it in your diary now!

Called to Bear Fruit

Some parishioners have enquired about the answer to the very first question in the booklet. As reported in the Newsletter at the time, Sunday Mass attendance at the 2024 count was 1,337, a 12% increase on the preceding year. Let us pray – and work – for this increase to continue.

Free counselling service

Mr Anthony Lee provides free counselling and psychological services to parishioners. These help individuals and families reflect on their situations, build self-confidence, and explore possible solutions to challenges, which may include issues of self-identity, difficulty in decision-making, family and marital relationship problems, social isolation, schooling and study difficulties, and mental health concerns.

All services are strictly confidential and adhere to the codes of ethics set by professional regulatory bodies. To make an appointment, please contact Thelma in the Parish Office.

Finances

Offertory collections in the closing months of 2024 totalled:

- £33,091.64 in October,
- £25,403.59 in November, and
- £36,124.51 in December.

Collections across 2024 totalled £411,075.50:

- £75,497.09 in cash collections,
- £256,491.35 in Standing Orders,
- £50,197.80 via card readers, and
- £28,889.26 online.

Thank you for your continued generosity, which helps to fund our parish's wide range of liturgical, spiritual, and cultural activities. Visit sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/donate.

Surplus Christmas gifts

If you have any surplus gifts that you would like to donate to the parish for the Summer Fair in June, please hand them into the Parish Office to Thelma. As these will be raffled, please could the gifts be new or unused. Thank you.

Vacancy: Deputy Site Supervisor at Wimbledon College

Wimbledon College is searching for a Deputy Site Supervisor to work 35 hours per week. For more information and to apply, please visit wimbledoncollege.org.uk/jobopportunities. The deadline to apply is 12 noon this Wednesday.

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



Saturday 7 June Archdiocesan Jubilee Celebration Day

Join us for the centrepiece event of the Year of Jubilee 2025 in the Archdiocese of Southwark.

Led by Archbishop John Wilson, we will gather as an Archdiocese at The Friars, Aylesford, for a day of prayer, reflection, celebration, and fun. There will be lots of activities for children and adults. The event is free.

Further communications on the Celebration Day will follow; for now, please save the date in your diary. You can find out more about the event and the Archdiocese's wider Jubilee Year plans at rcaos.org.uk/jubilee2025.

A walking pilgrimage to the Friars will depart from St George's Cathedral, Southwark (Lambeth Road, SE1 7HY), on Monday 2 June. An information session for interested pilgrims will be held at 7.00pm on Monday 10 March, both online and at Amigo Hall at St George's Cathedral. You can view the pilgrimage itinerary and register your interest at aec.rcaos.org.uk/pilgrimage2025.

Forthcoming parish liturgies and events

2.30pm Friday 7 March Friendship Group Meeting

Join the Friendship Group in the Lounge for bingo, tea, and cakes! Everyone is most welcome.

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.



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 at tinyurl.com/nptmar25.

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

7.00pm Tuesday: Assisted Suicide Bill

Alithea Williams of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children will speak at St Anselm's Church Upper New Hall, opposite Tooting Bec station (Tooting Bec Road, SW17 8BS), on: 'The Leadbeater Assisted Suicide Bill: What's happening and what can we still do?'

11.00am – 4.30pm Saturday 1 March LHBMSM Retreat of Quiet Reflection

Love Heals Body Mind & Spirit Ministry invites you to a day retreat of quiet reflection at Our Lady of the Assumption and St Gregory in Piccadilly (Warwick Street, W1B 5LZ), including Mass, a talk, and healing prayers. Please bring a packed lunch. For further information, please email lovehealsbodymindspirit@gmail.com.

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 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 David Hunter
10.00am Fr Jackson Sebastian
12 noon Canon David Gibbons
5.00pm Fr David Hunter
8.00pm Fr Jackson Sebastian

We remember in our prayers

Those who have died recently

Dan O'Brien • Jamie Whelan-Blake • Mary de Maria

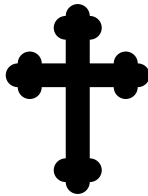
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Teresa Blackhall • Maria Moniz • Alice Kehoe
Robert Lo • Eilish Healy

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 • Mark Capra • Lilliane Bennett
Shirley Legett • Myrna Rebello • Jude James

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 22 February • The Chair of S Peter, Ap
10.00am David White (RIP: First Anniversary)
6.30pm Noel D'Costa (RIP)

Monday 24 February

10.00am Teresa Blackhall (RIP)
6.30pm Maria D'Souza (Birthday)

Tuesday 25 February

 • S Æthelberht, King

10.00am May Lockhart Gillespie (RIP)
6.30pm Shirley Banks (RIP)

Wednesday 26 February

10.00am Perera Family
6.30pm Francis Yi (RIP)

Thursday 27 February

10.00am Nina Barco Montserrat (RIP)
6.30pm Seamus Byrne (RIP)

Friday 28 February

10.00am Catherine 'Kitty' Chandler (RIP)
6.30pm David Desmond (RIP)

Saturday 1 March

 • S David, B Patron of Wales

10.00am John Redwood (RIP)
6.30pm John Chin (RIP)

Music at the 12 noon Mass

Entry antiphon (choir): O Lord I trust in your merciful love

Kyrie: *Collegium Regale* (H. Howells) • **Gloria:** (460)

Offertory motet: Like as the hart (H. Howells)

Communion motet: Deliver us O Lord our God (A. Batten)

Communion hymn: (813) Will you let me be your servant

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.