



# THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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## Newsletter

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Year of Jubilee 2025 • Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Eighth Week in Ordinary Time • Vol. I, Psalter Week IV

### 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)

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



### Today's Mass

**First Reading** (Ecclesiasticus 27:5-8): Some pithy sayings collected by Ben Sirach (a century or so before Christ), which chime with the sayings of Jesus Christ in the Gospel.

**Psalm 91(92)**: A psalm of huge confidence in God, built up through prayer and reflection on experience. Plants based on God will still produce fruit even 'when they are old'.

**Second Reading** (1 Corinthians 15:54-58): In words often chosen for funerals, St Paul tells us that our sin leads to our death, but Christ has decisively won the victory over sin and thus over death.

**Gospel** (Luke 6:39-45): Jesus lived in a society where people worked the soil to provide food for themselves and their families. In today's Gospel, He uses an image that His audience would have immediately understood: 'For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit, for each tree is known by its own fruit.' We might reflect and ask ourselves: 'What fruit do we bear that marks us out as Christians?'

*Canon David*

### This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday

### 7.15pm Fridays in Lent Stations of the Cross



Starting this Friday, join us in the church every Friday in Lent to pray the traditional Lenten devotion of the Via Crucis. If you cannot attend in person, please join us via the livestream at [sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/livestream](https://sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/livestream).

### 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  
[school@sacredheart.merton.sch.uk](mailto:school@sacredheart.merton.sch.uk)  
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](https://cbcew.org.uk/jubilee-2025).

## This Sunday

### Day for the Unemployed

Please pray today for all seeking work or unable to work through disability or illness, and for politicians and business leaders responsible for creating employment.

### Manna Society food collection

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

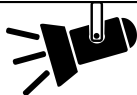
### Continental Breakfast after the 8.00am and 10.00am Masses

Join us in the Lower Hall for bacon, pastries, sausage rolls, teas, and coffees – all to accompany good chats with fellow parishioners!

### 6.00pm 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...



Love to sing? We are looking for enthusiastic singers to join the **Sacred Heart Chorus** for our June concert, *An Evening with Haydn* (at 8.00pm on Saturday 14 June).

This is a wonderful opportunity to sing with a full orchestra and talented soloists, all while being part of the Sacred Heart Church's welcoming and passionate musical community.

Rehearsals begin at **7.30pm this Monday in the Lower Hall**. Please register via the link at the bottom of [tinyurl.com/shwhaydn25](http://tinyurl.com/shwhaydn25).

## This week

### 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.

### Ash Wednesday

This Wednesday is the first day of Lent, and a day of obligatory fasting and abstinence.

- Fasting (for those aged 18 to 59) means eating one full meal and two smaller collations that do not equate to a full meal, and avoiding snacks.
- Abstinence (for those aged 14 and above) means not eating meat, including soups and gravies made from meat. It is also good to abstain from things like alcohol on this day.

Fasting and abstinence unite us to Christ's suffering, express our sorrow and contrition for wrong-doing, make reparation for our sins, and help us to grow in holiness.

As the Bishops once wrote: 'No Catholic Christian will lightly excuse himself from so hallowed an obligation on the Wednesday which solemnly opens the Lenten season'.

Holy Mass with the Imposition of Ashes will be at 10.00am, 6.30pm and 8.00pm. Parishioners are also welcome to attend Holy Mass at 9.00am at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School (Burlington Road, KT3 4ND).

### Jamie Whelan-Blake RIP

Funeral Mass at 12 noon on Wednesday, followed by cremation at the North East Surrey Crematorium.

### Helen Marino RIP

Funeral Mass at 11.45am on Thursday, followed by burial at Kingston Cemetery.

### Dan O'Brien RIP

Dan's body will be received into the church at 4.30pm on Thursday. His Funeral Mass is at the 10.00am Mass on Friday, followed by burial at Merton & Sutton Cemetery.

### Adoration on Friday

There will be no Adoration on Friday morning and evening. Adoration will be from 5.25pm to 6.25pm as normal.

### 7.15pm Friday: Stations of the Cross

In place of the First Friday Adoration; please see the front cover.

### 2.30pm Friday 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](http://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 RSVP at [tinyurl.com/nptmar25](http://tinyurl.com/nptmar25).

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

## Lent

Lent is the principal season of penance. As the People of God, we are called to make this season a period of special penitential observance.

Ash Wednesday has an obligation to fast and abstain from meat. For the other weekdays of Lent, the Bishops strongly recommend participation in daily Mass, as well as other devotions such as Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the Holy Rosary, and Stations of the Cross.

Let us also in this season witness to our love and imitation of Christ by our good deeds, such as visiting the sick.

So, can YOU attend Mass on weekdays? Can YOU attend a period of Adoration? When will YOU make your Confession? Which of our Lenten programmes will YOU attend? What almsgiving will YOU make?

Lent is the time when we should make a special effort to deepen our practice of the Faith. The time now commences for fulfilling the precept of Easter Communion.

During Lent, purple vestments are worn (purple is the colour of preparation, and Lent is preparation for Easter); the Gloria is not sung except on Feasts and Solemnities; the Altar is not decorated with flowers; and the Alleluia is never sung.

## Forthcoming parish liturgies and events

7.30pm Thursday 20 March  
Simon Potter MBE  
at the Wimbledon Newman Society

Everyone is welcome to come along to the Lounge to hear Simon Potter MBE discuss 'Teaching: The unrecognisable profession, 1969-2025'. A witty and excellent speaker, Simon joined Wimbledon College in 1972 and became its Head of English in 1981. He has inspired generations of pupils, and was awarded an MBE for his services to education in Wimbledon.

## Called to Bear Fruit



The Archbishop invites you to play a vital role in shaping the future of our Archdiocese. If you would like any help to form or join a group to respond to the consultation, please email David at [dthurst52@gmail.com](mailto:dthurst52@gmail.com).

For any parishioners who cannot meet in-person, a session will be arranged via Zoom on Monday or Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm. Please contact Bridget at [bridgethandley@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bridgethandley@hotmail.co.uk) or 07981 941516.

## 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 and other notices

### Statement from Bishop Philip Moger

"At the beginning of November 2024, just before I was to begin my ministry in Plymouth, I let it be known that concerns of a personal nature had been raised, to which I had to attend immediately. This has taken longer than I anticipated. All things considered, I have come to the decision to present to the Holy Father a request to step down from my appointment as Bishop of the Diocese of Plymouth. The Holy Father has accepted my request. For the immediate future, I will be taking a sabbatical: a time of prayer and personal reflection, the next stage on the journey of my ministry. I realise, with regret, that this leaves a continuing vacancy in the Diocese of Plymouth. I assure the lay faithful, clergy and religious of the Diocese of my good wishes and prayers, and ask the same of them for me."

*Bishop Philip Moger*

### Debt cancellation campaign

This Ash Wednesday, please visit [jesuitmissions.org.uk/lent-2025-debt-cancellation-campaign](http://jesuitmissions.org.uk/lent-2025-debt-cancellation-campaign), and complete the form to call on the UK government to stop the debt crisis. Your actions will send a message that we want a fairer, more hope-filled world for everyone.

### 10.30am - 3.30pm Saturday 15 March Sharing your faith workshop

Come and explore what it means to share our Catholic faith and why we can all do it. Topics covered include the necessity of prayer, the thresholds of conversion, using Scripture, and 'What is good about the Good News?' The workshop will be at St Matthias Church, Worcester Park (Cheam Common Road, KT4 8SX). Please bring a packed lunch. Register for £5 at [tinyurl.com/bdfaj7n5](http://tinyurl.com/bdfaj7n5).

## Journey with us through Lent!

Ash Wednesday 5 March  
Easter Sunday 20 April

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

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

Please see the front cover for full details.

### 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.

## Celebrants this Sunday

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

## We remember in our prayers

### Those who have died recently

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

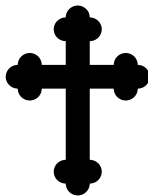
### Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Louis Salole • John Redwood • Layla Banham  
Patricia Reynolds • Christopher Webb • Michael Wiggins

### 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

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

no morning Adoration this Friday 7 February  
7.15pm Fridays in Lent:  
Stations of the Cross

## 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 1 March • S David, B Patron of Wales

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

### Monday 3 March

10.00am Mwambu William Wanendeya (RIP)  
6.30pm Benedict Thomas (RIP)

### Tuesday 4 March

10.00am Alfons and Kazimiera Kempinski (RIP)  
6.30pm Anna Yi (RIP)

### Wednesday 5 March • Ash Wednesday

9.00am School's Int [Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School (Burlington Road, KT3 4ND)]  
10.00am Angela de Leon Nieves (RIP)  
12 noon Funeral Mass of Jamie Whelan-Blake (RIP)  
6.30pm Neville Newton (RIP)  
8.00pm Mary Quirk (RIP)

### Thursday 6 March

10.00am Martin Hollins (RIP)  
11.45am Funeral Mass of Helen Mary Marino (RIP)  
6.30pm Alice Slattery (RIP)

### Friday 7 March

10.00am Funeral Mass of Dan O'Brien (RIP)  
6.30pm Deceased relatives of Eileen Helliwell (RIP)

### Saturday 8 March

10.00am Gospa Thanksgiving  
6.30pm Elizabeth & Patrick Howlin (RIP)

## Music at the 12 noon Mass

### Solemn Latin Mass

Missa Joannis de Deo (J. Haydn)

**Introit (choir):** *Factus est Dominus protector meus*

**Offertory motet:** *Dextera Domini* (V. Goller)

## 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).