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## Newsletter

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### 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)

There is no need to book. Come on evenings when you can: you will be warmly welcomed even if you cannot make every session!

SYCAMORE

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE?



### Today's Mass

**First Reading** (Deuteronomy 26:4-10): An early creed or confession of faith, recalling the rescuing of the people of God in the Exodus. The 'wandering Aramaean' refers to Jacob (later given the name Israel), who was regarded as the forefather of the Israelites.

**Psalm 91(90)**: This is a rare occasion when the psalm refers to the Gospel, not the First Reading. The devil sneakily quotes it in the third temptation!

**Second Reading** (Romans 10:8-13): We comply with St Paul's exhortation that our lips should 'confess that Jesus is Lord' during the 'Lord, have mercy' (the 'Kyrie, eleison') at Mass.

**Gospel** (Luke 4:1-13): Jesus is tempted by the devil in the wilderness for forty days. Pope Benedict XVI wrote that at the heart of these temptations 'is the act of pushing God aside because we perceive him as secondary, if not actually superfluous and annoying, in comparison with all the apparently far more urgent matters that fill our lives'.

*Canon David*

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Six members of our RCIA group will be celebrating the Rite of Election this weekend at St George's Cathedral. This Rite is the first step of the final stages of their preparation for Baptism, full reception into the Catholic Church, and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. Please keep Afia, Catherine, Elena, Fion, Graham, Joanna, and Samantha in your prayers and welcome them into our community.

If you would like to learn more about our parish's RCIA programme, please get in touch with Sr Dorothy at [dorothyperrott@aol.com](mailto:dorothyperrott@aol.com).

### 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

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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

### Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary is an international lay Catholic association that combines prayer and apostolic work in the form of practical devotion to Mary. The parish Legion of Mary is recruiting members. Please speak to one of the Legionnaires after Mass or contact Philip at [pjnewill123@btinternet.com](mailto:pjnewill123@btinternet.com).

### 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 23 March.

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

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



### 6.00pm: 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.

## When are you making your Confession this Lent?



The Catechism of the Catholic Church (§1467) states that each of the faithful is bound by an obligation faithfully to confess serious sins at least once a year. Lent is the best time to do this.

Confessions are heard in our church from 6.00pm to 6.20pm Mondays to Saturdays, and from 10.30am to 11.30am on Saturdays. If you haven't been to Confession for a while, now is the time to start.

## This week

### 8.00am Monday: 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).

### 8.00pm Monday

#### 'The Mass' with Canon David: Foundations and Key Elements

Please see 'Journey with us through Lent!' for full details.

### 4.00pm Tuesday

#### Good Friday Youth Stations of the Cross initial meeting

Calling all young people from Year 7 upwards! If you would like to perform in the Youth Stations of the Cross at 6.15pm on Good Friday 18 April in the church, please come along to this meeting in the Youth Room. If you can't make it but would like to participate in the liturgy, please contact Wendy at [wjatansey@btinternet.com](mailto:wjatansey@btinternet.com).

### 7.15pm Tuesday

#### Sycamore discussion evenings: 'Who is Jesus?'

Please see the front cover for full details.

### Friday: CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day (and next Sunday's Second Collection)

This Jubilee Year, Pope Francis has called on us to be 'Pilgrims of Hope'. This is CAFOD's mission: to bring your love for your neighbour to people suffering the impacts of war, global debt, and climate change and to give them the support, skills, and tools they need to find their hope for the future.

Will your family join Catholics across the country to fast this Friday? For prayers, resources, and inspiration for your family, please visit [cafod.org.uk/fundraise/family-fast-day](http://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/family-fast-day). The idea is that you put the money you save by fasting this Friday in next Sunday's Second Collection. You can also donate online at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk).

### 7.15pm Friday: Stations of the Cross

Join us in the church every Friday in Lent to pray the traditional Lenten devotion of the Via Crucis. We recall Christ on the day of His Crucifixion, and make a spiritual pilgrimage through contemplation of Our Lord's Passion. If you can't attend in person, please join us via the livestream at [sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/livestream](http://sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/livestream).



If you haven't been attending **Eucharistic Adoration**, Lent is the time to start this time of prayer. Come and adore Jesus on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10.30am to 12 noon and from 5.25pm to 6.25pm.

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

## Diocesan notices

### 9.30am – 4.30pm Saturday 15 March Building a Better Marriage

This marriage enrichment course is aimed at couples with average-to-good marriages who would like to make them better. There is no charge and no group sharing. The course takes place at the hall of Our Lady Queen of Peace, East Sheen (Sheen Road, TW10 5AN). For full details and to book, please email [mflkent@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflkent@rcaos.org.uk).

### Friday 21 – Sunday 23 March Grief in Loss: Hope in Christ

This weekend retreat for the bereaved in Aylesford Priory, Kent, takes place away from the pressures of day-to-day life to help begin one come to terms with bereavement. It is a time for quiet, prayer, talking, and acceptance. The residential cost is £260 for a single room and £230 for a shared room. Places are limited and by application: please call 01622 717 272 or email [reception@thefriars.org.uk](mailto:reception@thefriars.org.uk).

### Saturday 12 – Monday 14 April Beginning Experience

This residential weekend for separated and divorced people helps participants with natural feelings of grief and loss. The weekend is led by trained volunteers who have themselves experienced having to adjust to life as single people again. For full details and to book, please call 0208 647 4760 or email [besouthofengland@gmail.com](mailto:besouthofengland@gmail.com).

### Lent 2025 daily reflections

During Lent, the Southwark Spirituality Commission will send out a daily email reflection to help you draw closer to the Lord Jesus, featuring feature thoughts, Scripture, and prayer. Sign up at [tinyurl.com/ssclent25](https://tinyurl.com/ssclent25).



### Daily Lenten Prayers for Eucharistic Adoration

The Southwark Spirituality Commission is producing daily prayer videos to help you pray before the Blessed Sacrament. Watch the videos on the Archdiocese's YouTube channel: [youtube.com/@RCSouthwark1](https://youtube.com/@RCSouthwark1).

### Humanitarian plea from the Churches of Jerusalem

Please visit [tinyurl.com/3wmcruy9](https://tinyurl.com/3wmcruy9) to read this statement from the Patriarchs and Heads of the Churches in Jerusalem.

### 'Turning Tables': A new social action resource

The Bishops have produced a new toolkit called *Turning Tables* to help Catholics use Scripture and their faith to inspire effective social justice action. Visit [tinyurl.com/cbcewturningtables](https://tinyurl.com/cbcewturningtables).

## New to the parish?

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

## Parish notices

### 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.

## EDGEWAYS

What does Saint Valentine teach us about love? What happens in a Parish Pastoral Council meeting? And what does Mrs Polly Harrison accomplish in a single afternoon?

Read February 2025 *Edgeways*, YOUR parish magazine, at [sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/edgeways](https://sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/edgeways)! Printed copies can be found at the back of the church.

## 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

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

Please see the free front cover for full details.

### Counselling at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

Our parish already offers a free counselling service – to book an appointment with Anthony Lee, please contact the Parish Office.

We are pleased to report that this service has now been extended to Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School. Anthony will provide psychological services to pupils, parents, and staff. These will include helping pupils in Year 6 in their transition to secondary education, helping staff in managing anxiety and stress, and providing individual psychological counselling to students with special needs.

We hope and pray that this new venture will be immensely beneficial to the school.

## Celebrants this Sunday

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

## We remember in our prayers

### Those who have died recently

Mary de Maria • Mary Hoey

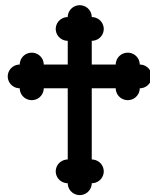
### Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

John Pieroni • Michael Cunnane  
Clara Randles • Rose Webber • Alfons Kempinski

### 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 • 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

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 8 March

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

### Monday 10 March

8.00am Sisters [41 Murray Road, SW19 4PD]  
10.00am Jose Pereira (RIP)  
6.30pm Bernadette McMurray (RIP)

### Tuesday 11 March

10.00am Camilla Cervi (RIP)  
6.30pm Kathleen Cremin (Good Health)

### Wednesday 12 March

10.00am Angela Reidling (RIP)  
6.30pm Jacinta Cordeiro (RIP)

### Thursday 13 March

10.00am John Wilson (Thanksgiving)  
6.30pm Brian Hayman (RIP: One month)

### Friday 14 March

10.00am Maria Denardi & Family  
6.30pm Jackie Bedford (Birthday)

### Saturday 15 March

10.00am Christopher Cooper (RIP)  
6.30pm Geoffrey Norris (RIP)

## Music at the 12 noon Mass

### Mass XVIII (Missal tones)

**Entry hymn:** (529) O God Thy people gather

**Offertory motet:** *Emendemus in melius* (W. Byrd)

**Communion motet:** Lord for Thy tender mercy's sake (R. Farrant/J. Hilton)

**Communion hymn:** (392) Lord, who throughout these forty days

## 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).