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## Newsletter

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### Second Collection



Lokho lives in the Marsabit region of Kenya. When her animals died in a drought, she could not feed her family. So Lokho reached out to local expert Wakera, a CAFOD partner. Wakera shared his skills for growing food in harsh climates. He provided Lokho with seeds, tools, and shade nets to protect her plants from the Sun, while still allowing every drop of precious rain through. By selling the produce she grows, Lokho is saving for when there are no more rainy days. She's gained resilience and hope, knowing she can feed her family.

Our parish's support this Lent will help mums like Lokho. Please Gift Aid your cash/cheque donation using one of the CAFOD envelopes. You can also donate and GiftAid your donation using the card reader at the back of the church or online at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk).

### 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
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### Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

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Headteacher: Lorraine Dolan-Walsh

### Today's Mass

**First Reading** (Genesis 15:5–12,17–18): God enters into a covenant with Abram, the man of faith. It is a very early direct encounter of a man with God.

**Psalms 26(27)** is a psalm of confident faith and trust in God. The Greek word 'psalm' actually means 'instrumental music'; the words are what is sung to accompany the music.

**Second Reading** (Philippians 3:17–4:1): Some people make earthly things like food their god. But if we remain faithful to Christ, He will transfigure our bodies into copies of His glorious body.

**Gospel** (Luke 9:28–36): As Luke says, the Transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain is a prayer event; it shows visibly what happens when Jesus prays to his Father: His being becomes one with the Father as He becomes 'light from light'. (The same thing happened to Moses when he talked to God on Mount Sinai in Exodus 34.) Secondly, while the white garment and the voice of the Father look back to Christ's Baptism, the reference to Moses and Elijah speaking of what Christ was to accomplish in Jerusalem points forward to the Cross (which will, paradoxically, be the moment of His exaltation or glorification).

*Canon David*

### EDGEWAYS

What happened in the 1987 Lourdes parish pilgrimage? How are pupils at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School marking Lent? And how did Merton Citizens recently celebrate seven years of successes? Read March 2025 *Edgeways*, YOUR parish magazine, at [sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/edgeways](http://sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/edgeways)! Printed copies are available at the back of the church.



**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

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.

## Called to Bear Fruit

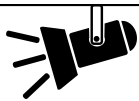


### Here's your final call to join a parish group!

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.

### Spotlight on...



The **Catenian Association** is an international association of Catholic men and their families. We meet monthly for friendship, social companionship, and charity fundraising. To learn more and join us, please contact Tom at [tomconlon.uk@gmail.com](mailto:tomconlon.uk@gmail.com).

## 3.00pm Sunday 6 April: Holy Hour for Human Life



There will be a national Pastoral Letter from the Bishops on the weekend of 5–6 April. That Sunday afternoon, the Bishops have requested a Holy Hour in every parish to pray that human life might be respected. Can you come to our church and join Catholics across the country in a powerful moment of prayer?

If you haven't yet done so, please write to your MP to express your concern with the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, especially in view of the fewer safeguards now being proposed.

## This week

### Feasts this week

This Monday is the **Feast of St Patrick**, Bishop and Patron of Ireland, and this Wednesday is the **Solemnity of St Joseph**, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Patron of the Universal Church.

### 8.00pm Monday 'The Mass' with Canon David: Rite of Introduction

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

### 7.15pm Tuesday Sycamore discussion evenings: 'The Holy Spirit and the Church'

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

### 7.30pm Thursday: 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. One teacher's experience over half a century. How education has changed.'

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.

### 7.15pm Friday: Stations of the Cross

Join us in the church every Friday in Lent after the 6.30pm Mass 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, follow the livestream at [sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/livestream](http://sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/livestream). Make a special effort for Lent: come to Mass and the Stations of the Cross!

### 12 noon Saturday 22 March Catenian Requiem Mass

This is the annual Requiem Mass for deceased Catenians.

### Next Sunday's Second Collection: Poor Parishes Fund

This Second Collection enables the Archbishop to make grants to some of our Archdiocese's poorer parishes.

### 5.00pm Mass next Sunday 23 March First Scrutiny

The First Scrutiny for those on our parish's RCIA programme will take place at the 5.00pm Mass next Sunday and the following two Sundays. The Mass of the Scrutiny outranks a Sunday of Lent, and so the prayers at Mass will be from the Mass of the First Scrutiny, not from the Third Sunday of Lent, and the readings will be from Year A, not Year C.

**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))

Save the date! The **Merton Interfaith Walk** takes place on Saturday 31 May from 10.00am to 4.00pm. Beginning at the Merton Civic Centre, Morden (London Road, SM4 5DX), this five-mile walk will visit local faith sites. Registration is £5 at the start of the walk, with proceeds to the Merton Homeless Project, Faith in Action.



## 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.

## Forthcoming parish events and liturgies

**2.30pm Friday 4 April**

**Joanna Bogle at the Friendship Group:  
'A Life Lived for Others:  
The Story of Sue Ryder'**

Join the Friendship Group in the Lounge for a talk by writer and broadcaster Joanna Bogle on the extraordinary life of Sue Ryder. Everyone is welcome, and there are tea and cakes as always!

**7.30pm Wednesday 2 April  
'Keeping Safe from Scams'**

We are all vulnerable! Hannah Lumley and Ranjeev Sohal, Trading Standards Officers, will be offering us some sound, practical advice in the Upper Hall. Everyone is encouraged to attend: you could be the next to be caught!

**3.00pm Sunday 6 April**

**Holy Hour for Human Life**

Please see the insert box.

**10.00am Saturday 12 April  
Lent Penitential Service  
with individual Confessions**

The annual Lent Penitential Service will commence with Holy Mass at 10.00am, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, during which time individual Confessions will be available with visiting priests. Put the date in your diary now!



## Other notices

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

William Jack (cello) plays JS Bach's *Cello Suite No. 6 in D major* 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.

**7.30pm Saturday 5 April  
'Hear My Prayer'**

Morden Park Choral Society presents a lovely programme of sacred choral classics, with special guest soloist Katy Lees, accompanied by David Gammie and Bob Rathbone. The event takes place at St John the Divine, South Wimbledon (High Path, SW19 2JY). For further details, please see the flyers at the back of the church.

**Volunteer Vacancy: Minutes  
Secretary/Trustee at Love Heals Body  
Mind and Spirit Charity**

For more details, please contact David at [lovehealsbodymindspirit@gmail.com](mailto:lovehealsbodymindspirit@gmail.com) or 0208 542 2476.

## CSAN Family Survey

Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN), the official agency of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales for domestic social action, is conducting a survey to gather insights into the lived experiences of Catholic families in England and Wales. They are especially focussed on understanding the effects of the two-child benefit cap and the current economic climate.

Please complete the survey at [csan.org.uk/news/familysurvey](http://csan.org.uk/news/familysurvey) by Tuesday 25 March. CSAN is eager to hear directly from Catholic families about their experiences: your insights will play a vital role in CSAN's advocacy efforts to address child poverty and influence policy change.

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.

- '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:

- '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 David Hunter  
10.00am Fr Jackson Sebastian  
12 noon Canon David Gibbons & Dcn Julian Burling  
5.00pm Fr David Hunter & Dcn Julian Burling  
8.00pm Fr Jackson Sebastian

## We remember in our prayers

### Those who have died recently

Mary de Maria • Mary Hoey  
Abdul al Kurdi • Patricia Gage

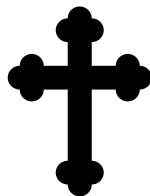
### Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Joyce Shannon • Hettie Macdonald • Jacqueline Ellis

### 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 15 March

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

### Monday 17 March • S Patrick

10.00am Christopher Cooper (RIP)  
6.30pm Yvonne D'Costa (Birthday)

### Tuesday 18 March

10.00am Teresa Kempinska-Engley (Birthday)  
6.30pm Anne Hogan (RIP)

### Wednesday 19 March • S Joseph

10.00am Guerrino Angelini (RIP)  
6.30pm Lucchetta & Family

### Thursday 20 March

10.00am Maria Keaveney Jessiman (RIP)  
6.30pm Diana Ferrari (RIP)

### Friday 21 March

10.00am Martin Foley (RIP)  
6.30pm The Biggins Family

### Saturday 22 March

10.00am Mariana Alda D'Costa (RIP)  
12 noon Deceased Catenians (RIP)  
6.30pm Tom Diffley (RIP)

## Music at the 12 noon Mass

**Introit (choir):** Of you my heart has spoken

**Offertory motet:** *Hic est filius meus dilectus* (D. de las Muelas)

**Communion motet:** *O nata lux* (T. Tallis)

**Communion hymn:** (365) Light of our darkness

## 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).