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Newsletter

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Today's 5.00pm Mass: The First Scrutiny

The Prayers at the 5.00pm Mass are taken from those for the First Scrutiny, and the Readings are from Year A. The Eucharistic Prayer includes a special additional prayer for those on the RCIA programme. Our catechumens and candidates will be presented with the Creed. **Please take a pink Readings sheet rather than the usual Missalette.**

Gospel (John 4:5-42): A Samaritan woman at Jacob's well encounters Jesus, who speaks of giving 'living water' – which, in the Old Testament, is a symbol of godly teaching and salvation. As a result, she recognises Him as the Messiah and rushes off to convert her townspeople, who listen to Him and accept Him as the Saviour.

In the **First Reading** (Exodus 17:3-7), the people in the wilderness complain of thirst, and they test or provoke God. Moses, their leader, then finds water, and names the place Massah ('testing') and Meribah ('quarrelling'). **Psalm 95(96)** reminds us of our ancestors' disobedience and asks that 'today' we should obey. The theme of the **Second Reading** (Romans 5:1-2, 5-8) is love.

Today's Mass (all other Masses)

First Reading (Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15): On Mount Horeb, also known as Mount Sinai, Moses encounters God ('I Am') in the burning bush. God promises, in his compassion for his people, to deliver them from slavery in Egypt.

Psalm 102(103) is a psalm of praise and thanksgiving to God, who 'is compassionate and gracious'.

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12): During the Offertory, the priest takes the chalice and says the wine 'will become our spiritual drink', a phrase taken from this passage.

Gospel (Luke 13:1-9): The parable of the fig tree is one of the many 'parables of mercy' in Luke. If we understand the vine dresser to be God, then the parable speaks of how God will give the sinner more time to repent and start doing good works. If the vine dresser stands for the Christian disciple, it encourages us to give offenders a second chance and to expend effort ('time to dig round it and manure it') in helping them rehabilitate.

Canon David

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

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Headteacher: Lorraine Dolan-Walsh

Second Collection: Poor Parishes Fund

Formerly the Needs of the Diocese Collection, this Second Collection enables the Archbishop to make grants to some of our Archdiocese's poorer parishes.



We are a Jubilee Church! Find out more about the Year of Jubilee 2025 for 'Pilgrims of Hope' at cbcew.org.uk/jubilee-2025.

This Sunday

Second Collection: Poor Parishes Fund

Please see the front cover.

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 next Sunday 30 March.

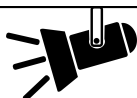
Café in the Lounge after the 10.00am Mass

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.

Spotlight on...



Are you coping with the loss of a loved one? Having difficulties adjusting to life without that person?

Our **Bereavement Support Group** can help. Trained in befriending and listening skills, we offer a drop-in every last Saturday of the month from 10.30am to 11.30am in the Lounge. No appointment is needed.

Whether recently bereaved or a while ago, you are welcome to attend this confidential group.

This week

8.00pm Monday 'The Mass' with Canon David: Liturgy of the Word

Please see 'Journey with us through Lent!' for full details. This Monday's talk will be of special interest to Readers at Mass.

Tuesday: The Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

At the 6.30pm Mass on Monday and on Tuesday, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. We recall the visit of Gabriel, the Archangel, to Mary, announcing that she will conceive a son, who shall be called Jesus, as recorded in the Gospel and foretold by the prophet Isaiah in the First Reading. At Mass, we recite the Gloria and, as it is a Feast of the Incarnation, we genuflect in the Creed.

Mary de Maria RIP

Funeral Mass at 11.30am on Tuesday, followed by cremation at Kingston Crematorium.

7.15pm Tuesday Sycamore discussion evenings: 'The gift of faith'

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

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. Make a special effort for Lent: come to Mass and the Stations of the Cross!

10.30am Saturday Bereavement Support Group

Join us in the Lounge for our monthly drop-in session. Please see 'Spotlight on...' for full details.

Parish notices

Laus Deo!

We are pleased to report that, after over eleven years since the Society of Jesus left the parish, the property – including the church, presbytery, offices, halls and grounds – has been transferred from the Jesuits to the Archdiocese.

In civil charity law, this means that the land and buildings are now owned by the Archdiocesan trustees. In Canon Law, it means that the parish now controls them.

The Parish Finance Committee will now commission an inspection, especially of the church, to see what repairs, etc., are needed.

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

We are also pleased to report that the Governors have appointed Mrs Sarah Norville as the new Headteacher, with effect from September 2025.

Sarah has been a Headteacher for 18 years, including at St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Wimbledon. We are confident she will build on the good work of Mrs Lorraine Dolan-Walsh.



You can listen to recordings of Canon David's Lenten talks on 'The Mass' on our website, sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk, under 'Faith and the Sacraments' → 'Talks'.

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

FIND HOPE IN ADORATION

Archbishop John Wilson



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 at rcaos.org.uk/hopeinadoration.

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.

Forthcoming parish liturgies and events

7.30pm Wednesday 2 April
'Keeping Safe from Scams'

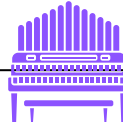
We are all vulnerable! Hannah Lumley and Ranjeev Sohal, Trading Standards Officers, will be offering us some sound, practical advice in the Upper Hall. Everyone is encouraged to attend: you could be the next to be caught!

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!

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?



7.30pm Tuesday 8 April
Lenten Organ Meditation

David Gammie plays *Seven Chorale-Poems for the Seven Last Words of Christ*, a dramatic sequence of transcendental meditations on the Passion of Our Lord by the French Catholic composer Charles Tournemire. All welcome!

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!



Diocesan notices

Vacancy: Videographer & Social Media Specialist

The Archdiocese of Southwark is looking for a Videographer & Social Media Specialist to improve its presence on social media and online. The role will be heavily focussed on content creation such as video and photo capture.

Full time, 35 hours a week, £37,000 per annum. For full details, please visit rcaos.org.uk/get-involved/vacancies. To apply, please send your CV and a short cover note to hr@rcaos.org.uk by this Thursday 27 March.

Cloud of Witnesses:
Interfaith Art Exhibition

St John's Waterloo and the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales, advised by Art+Christianity, present a diverse display of artworks, showcasing artists who have come together to explore faith and divinity.

The exhibition runs until Sunday 27 April in St John's Old Crypt (Waterloo Road, SE1 87Y). For more information and opening times, please visit stjohnswaterloo.org/event/exhibition-cloud-of-witnesses.

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.

- '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 gift of faith' (25 March)
- 'The meaning of love' (1 April)

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



Celebrants this Sunday

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

We remember in our prayers

Those who have died recently

Mary de Maria • Mary Hoey
Patricia Gage • Joseph Wright

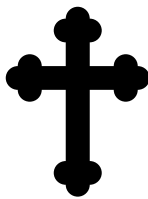
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Margaret O'Donnell • Agnes Thirugnanendran
David Moore • Marlene Latham
Margaret O'Reilly • Eric Blackadder • Gayle Moretti

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

Wednesdays and Fridays
10.30am – 12 noon and
5.25pm – 6.25pm

First Mondays and Fridays
of the month
7.00pm – 8.00pm

Reconciliation

Mondays to Saturdays
6.00pm – 6.20pm

Saturdays
10.30am – 11.30am

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 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 March

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

Monday 24 March

10.00am Mary Curran (RIP)
6.30pm Flavia Jace

Tuesday 25 March • The Annunciation of the Lord

10.00am Catherine Flynn (RIP)
11.30am Funeral Mass of Mary de Maria (RIP)
6.30pm Alfred Jessiman (RIP)

Wednesday 26 March

10.00am Riesam Smith Family
6.30pm Gill Woodley

Thursday 27 March

10.00am Joe D'Costa (RIP)
6.30pm Mark Fudakowski (RIP)

Friday 28 March

10.00am Gayle Moretti (RIP)
6.30pm Bill & Win Leadbeater (RIP)

Saturday 29 March

10.00am Damascus, Maria D'Souza, Bento & Anthony
Carlos (RIP)
6.30pm Ann Perrott (RIP)

Music at the 12 noon Mass

Introit (choir): My eyes are always on the Lord

Kyrie: Mass in Three Parts (W. Byrd)

Offertory motet: *Ad te Domine levavi* (A. Scarlatti)

Sanctus/Benedictus/Agnus Dei: Missal tones

Communion motet: Lord, we beseech Thee (A. Batten)

Communion hymn: (182) Forgive our sins as we forgive

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.