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Newsletter

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Fourth Week of Lent • Vol. I, Psalter Week IV

5.00pm Mass: The Second Scrutiny

Today's Mass (all other Masses)

The Prayers at the 5.00pm Mass are from the Mass of the Second Scrutiny, and the Readings are from Year A.

The **Gospel** (John 9:1-41) enlightens the elect who have their second Scrutiny today. Jesus heals the man born blind and, after an altercation with the Pharisees, the man comes to believe that Jesus is the Lord. It takes a bit of time for him to arrive at this belief; likewise, those on the RCIA course must take time to come to full belief in Jesus Christ. The theme of light is also in many of today's prayers and antiphons. The **Second Reading** (Ephesians 5:8-14) says that those who are Baptized should 'be like children of the light'.

First Reading (1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13): Samuel anoints David as king of Israel. But notice that it is God who chooses David. **Psalm 23(24)** picks up references to shepherds (as David was), being guided by God (as David was), being anointed as the chosen one (as David was), and eternal life (as David presumably enjoys). David is a foreshadowing of Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, the leader of His people, the Anointed One (the Messiah), and the giver of eternal life.

First Reading (Joshua 5:9-12): Having returned to the Promised Land after the Exodus, the Israelites celebrate their first Passover in the land, and the manna from heaven - which they needed for sustenance on their pilgrimage through the wilderness - ceases. When we go to heaven, we will enjoy the eternal banquet there and no longer need Holy Communion for nourishment on our journey.

Psalm 33(34): The refrain 'taste and see that the Lord is good' has long been used during the Liturgy as a reference to Holy Communion.

Second Reading (2 Corinthians 5:17-21): God reconciled us to himself through Jesus Christ, and we are called to hand on that reconciliation to others.

Gospel (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32): The parable of mercy par excellence. Although it is commonly called the parable of the prodigal son, perhaps a better name would be the parable of the merciful father, because the father's mercy - astonishing and unlimited - is the central point of the parable.

Canon David

Parish Pastoral Team

Parish Priest Canon David Gibbons KCHS
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IMPORTANT

3.00pm next Sunday 6 April
Holy Hour for Human Life

Next weekend, there will be a national Pastoral Letter from the Bishops on the subject of the Assisted Suicide Bill. That Sunday afternoon, the Bishops have requested a Holy Hour in every parish to pray that human life might be respected. Ours will begin at 3.00pm in the church. **Please make every effort to attend.**



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

Laetare Sunday

As we are in the middle of Lent, traditionally, a small easing of our Lenten discipline is permitted this Sunday. To mark this, rose-coloured vestments are worn.

Mothering Sunday

In England, since the Middle Ages, Laetare Sunday has been observed as Mothering Sunday, a day for honouring 'mother churches', the Blessed Virgin Mary, and one's own mother.

We wish all mothers in our parish and visiting our parish this weekend a very happy Mothering 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 27 April.

Café in the Lounge after the 10.00am Mass

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

Cake sale after the 10.00am and 12 noon Masses

Please see the insert box on the next page. Do join us in the Lower Hall!

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.



11.00AM GOOD FRIDAY 18 APRIL CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please email Rachel Marshall at rachel@marshallemail.net if your child would like to take part. Adult help is also welcomed. A rehearsal for all actors and readers will take place beforehand from 9.30am to 10.30am in the church.

This week

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

Join Canon David for a series of hour-long Monday evening Lenten 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.

This Monday's talk, 'Liturgy of the Eucharist', will be of particular interest to all Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. Come for 8.00pm, with refreshments beforehand.

Next Monday's talk, 'Concluding Rites', will be the last of the series.

7.15pm Tuesday Sycamore discussion evenings: 'The meaning of love'

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 watch and discuss 'The meaning of love'.

7.30pm Wednesday '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: 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!

7.15pm 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!

This Friday, the Way of the Cross will be organized by the group that normally organizes the First Friday Adoration.

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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)

Have you ever prayed at our church on a weekday evening? The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for **Adoration** every Wednesday and Friday from 5.25pm to 6.25pm. **Confessions** are heard Monday to Saturday from 6.00pm to 6.20pm. The **Rosary** is recited before **Holy Mass**, which begins at 6.30pm.

Parish notices

Finances

The Crib Appeal totalled £2,701.12; this will be sent to the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem for humanitarian aid, especially in Gaza. The Second Collection for the Christmas Lunch raised £5,492.97. Thank you for your generosity.

Called to Bear Fruit

The consultation phase is ongoing. Everyone is encouraged to take part and help the Archdiocese grow as communities of missionary disciples. Thanks to those who have submitted a response already. Groups, please submit your responses, as per the booklet, by Sunday 6 April.



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!



Cake sale

Come and buy cakes for Mothering Sunday in the Lower Hall after the 10.00am and 12 noon Masses, supporting the Sacred Heart Chorus.

Diocesan notices

Shroud of Turin Exhibition

St George's Cathedral in Southwark (Lambeth Road, SE1 7HY) is hosting a free Shroud of Turin Exhibition until Monday 21 April. At the exhibition, you can see a life-sized replica of the Shroud of Turin and learn more about it, which many believe was used to wrap the body of the Lord Jesus after His Crucifixion.

Saturday 17 – Sunday 18 May Visitation of the Statue of Our Lady of Fátima

In celebration of the centenary of the Pontevedra Apparition in 1925, when Our Lady appeared to Sister Lúcia, St George's Cathedral will host a Visitation of the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fátima and the relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco. The devotions start at 12 noon on Saturday 17 May, with Solemn Mass at 12.30pm, during which the Archbishop will dedicate the diocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Free catechetical workshops

Thanks to the generosity of donors to the Archbishop's Appeal, every parishioner, as well as teachers and parents in our schools, now has free access to workshops created by the Catechetical Institute at the world-renowned Franciscan University until Tuesday 30 September.

From Scripture to parenting workshops, to catechetical training and mentoring, there is something for everyone. For more information and instructions to access the workshops, please visit aec.rcaos.org.uk/franciscan.

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

11.00am – 4.30pm this Saturday 5 April LHBMSM Retreat of Quiet Reflection

Love Heals Body Mind and 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 scripture-based talk, meditation, Adoration, and healing prayers. Please bring a packed lunch. For further information, please email lovehealsbodymindspirit@gmail.com.

7.30pm this 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.

Support CAFOD's Big Lent Walk!

Your donation can change lives. CAFOD's Big Lent Walk is raising vital funds for communities in need around the world. With your help, the money we raise will provide emergency food, clean water, and healthcare to families facing devastating challenges. Every £1 raised will help fight poverty globally. Thank you for your generosity! Donate at tinyurl.com/4p62cmh7.

Spotlight on...



The **Sacred Heart Chorus** comes together each spring with the wider community to prepare for the grand concert in June. We take care of administration and fundraising for the concert. Please contact Sheena at sheenamacd@btinternet.com.

Celebrants this Sunday

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

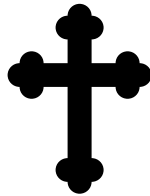
We remember in our prayers

Those who have died recently
Patricia Gage • Joseph Wright
Tom Lloyd • Mary Beckett

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time
Patricia Small • 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 29 March

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

Monday 31 March

10.00am Dr Brendan Browne (RIP)
6.30pm Liz Benton (RIP)

Tuesday 1 April

10.00am Michael Connolly (RIP)
6.30pm Gillian Staussi (Birthday)

Wednesday 2 April

10.00am Christine Thomson (RIP)
6.30pm Maria Keaveney Jessiman (RIP)

Thursday 3 April

10.00am The Daughters of the Heart of Mary
6.30pm Vivian James (RIP)

Friday 4 April

10.00am Mary McGovern (RIP)
6.30pm Patrick Tort (RIP)

Saturday 5 April

10.00am Madalena Hong (RIP)
6.30pm Edward Granahan (RIP)

Music at the 12 noon Mass

Introit (choir): *Laetare, Jerusalem*

Kyrie: (459)

Offertory motet: *Confitebor tibi, Domine* (O. Lassus)

Sanctus/Agnus Dei: Missal tones

Communion motet: *Nolo mortem peccatoris* (T. Morley)

Communion hymn: (40) Amazing grace

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.