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## Newsletter

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### 5.00pm Mass: The Third Scrutiny

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

The **Gospel** (John 4:5-42), on the raising of Lazarus, is chosen with the elect in mind. Its themes are important not only for the elect on their spiritual journey to Baptism, but also for us all on our Lenten spiritual journey. We see Jesus' human side: He loves Lazarus and his sisters, and He is so distressed that He weeps. We see His power over death as He brings Lazarus back to life. We see Martha's response when Jesus says 'I am the resurrection and the life', and she confesses Him as the Christ, the Messiah. We see Jesus' intimate relationship with the Father, and we see how many came to believe in Him as a result of what they witnessed.

In the **First Reading** (Exodus 17:3-7), the prophet Ezekiel foretells the general resurrection of the faithful. In the **Second Reading** (Romans 5:1-2, 5-8), St Paul says that the Spirit which resurrected Jesus will raise us also. One of the Church's seven penitential psalms, **Psalms 94(95)** laments and pleads to God, but trusts God to forgive and redeem us.

### Today's Mass (all other Masses)

**First Reading** (Isaiah 43:16-21): Isaiah recalls the wilderness wandering in Exodus and Numbers, but above all, he looks forward to the future experience of God's saving power.

**Psalms 125(126)** is a psalm of joy to come and hope in salvation from God.

**Second Reading** (Philippians 3:8-14): St Paul tells his personal story to emphasise the importance of renouncing self and accepting Christ Jesus as Lord.

**Gospel** (John 8:1-11): Jesus reacts to the woman caught in adultery. He does not condone adultery ('from now on sin no more'), nor does he condone the woman's condemnation to death. Why not? — because it would prevent her redemption by preventing her repentance. Likewise, we must not drive adulterers and other sinners away, but give them a chance to repent and be reconciled. We must also acknowledge that we are all sinners; none of us is perfect.

*Canon David*

### 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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[school@sacredheart.merton.sch.uk](mailto:school@sacredheart.merton.sch.uk)  
Headteacher: Lorraine Dolan-Walsh

### Pastoral Letter on the Assisted Suicide Bill

Copies of the Pastoral Letter read at all Masses this weekend are attached to this newsletter.

The charity Right to Life UK offers an online facility to enable you to contact your Member of Parliament. Please take a few moments to ask your MP to stop assisted suicide being rushed into law: [righttolife.org.uk/asvote](http://righttolife.org.uk/asvote). Further resources on opposing assisted suicide are available at [cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide](http://cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide).



**We are a Jubilee Church!** Find out more about the Year of Jubilee 2025 for '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.!

### 3.00pm: Holy Hour for Human Life

This Sunday, the Bishops have requested a Holy Hour in every parish to pray that human life might be respected, specifically concerning the Assisted Suicide Bill. Ours is at 3.00pm. YOU are asked to make a special effort to come and pray. Can you join Catholics across the country in a powerful hour of prayer?

## Parish notices

### Finances

The Offertory totalled £37,055.09 in January and £32,925.17 in February. These figures include Sunday cash collections, Standing Orders, card reader donations, and online donations. The Second Collections totalled £988.01 for the Catholic Association for Racial Justice and £1,910.94 for the Clergy Support Fund. Thank you for your generosity.

### 11.00am Good Friday 18 April Children's Stations of the Cross

Please email Rachel Marshall at [rachel@marshallmail.net](mailto:rachel@marshallmail.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

### 8.00am 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).

### 7.00pm First Monday Adoration

Starting promptly after the 6.30pm Mass, this time of community worship will be led by the Jesuit young adult community at No. 9 Edge Hill.

### 8.00pm Monday 'The Mass' with Canon David: Holy Communion & Concluding Rites

Join Canon David for his final hour-long Lenten talk 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.

Come for 8.00pm, with refreshments beforehand, which we thank Thelma for organizing!



### 7.30pm Tuesday 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. Please pass on an invitation to anyone you know who might like to come and prepare for Holy Week in this way.

### Patricia Gage RIP

Funeral Mass at 10.00am on Thursday, followed by cremation at the North East Surrey Crematorium.

### 7.30pm Thursday: Prayer and a Pint Young Adults Group

A place to build community, pray, have a pint (cash bar), play piano, sing, and play pool and darts. Young adults, come to the Lounge! (Bring drinks and games!)

### 7.15pm Friday: Stations of the Cross

Join us in the church every Friday in Lent after the 6.30pm Mass to pray 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).

### 10.00am next 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 Confessions will be available, including with visiting priests.

This is the best time to make your Confession before Easter. Canon 989 states that 'all the faithful who have reached the age of discretion are bound faithfully to confess their grave sins at least once a year'. There are seven deadly sins: pride, avarice, envy, wrath, lust, gluttony, and sloth, and each poisons the soul in its own way.

Annual Confession 'continues Baptism's work of conversion and forgiveness' (Catechism of the Catholic Church 2042), is an habitual and necessary means of spiritual progress, and helps us to combat the sin of presumption before God's judgment.

**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))



## Next Sunday 13 April is Palm Sunday

The Blessing of Palms comes at the beginning of each Mass, and all Masses begin on time. Ensure that you are present on time if you want your palm blessed!

### 10.00am Mass: Procession

Please assemble in the church, collecting a palm cross, hymn book, and service booklet. After the Palm Gospel and Blessing of Palms, please follow the Altar party in the Procession. Do join in the singing in the Procession!

### All other Masses (including 6.30pm Saturday): Solemn Entrance

Please collect a palm cross, hymn book, and service booklet from inside the church, then assemble by the arch at the Edge Hill entrance, facing the church. After the Palm Gospel and Blessing of Palms, please follow the Altar party into the church.

For full details of our Holy Week and Easter liturgies, please see the leaflet available at the back of the church or at [tinyurl.com/shwhweek25](http://tinyurl.com/shwhweek25).

From Holy Monday to Holy Wednesday, **Holy Mass** will be at 10.00am and 6.30pm. From Holy Monday to Maundy Thursday, and on Holy Saturday, **Confessions** will be heard from 10.30am to 11.30am and from 6.00pm to 6.20pm.

The **Mass of the Lord's Supper** is at 8.00pm on Maundy Thursday.

The **Celebration of the Passion of the Lord** is at 3.00pm on Good Friday. Also on Good Friday, **Confessions** will be heard from 10.30am to 11.30am, and the **Stations of the Cross** will be prayed at:

- 11.00am (Children)
- 6.15pm (Younger People)
- 7.15pm (Traditional)

The **Easter Vigil** is at 8.00pm on Holy Saturday. **Holy Mass on Easter Sunday** is at 8.00am, 10.00am, 12 noon (Solemn Latin), 5.00pm, and 8.00pm.

## 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.

## Other notices: Events

### This Thursday to this Sunday *The Chosen: Last Supper (Part One)*

*The Chosen: Last Supper (Part One)* is showing at ODEON cinemas in Wimbledon, Kingston, and Richmond. The film is the theatrical release of the first two episodes of the fifth series of *The Chosen*, an interpreted dramatisation of the life of Christ, for which good Catholic commentary can be found online. For performance times and booking links, please visit [intl.thechosenlastsupper.com](http://intl.thechosenlastsupper.com).

### 12.30pm for 1.00pm Friday 25 April St John's Lunchtime Concert

Ruth Stockdale (flute) and Robert Mingay-Smith (organ) play JS Bach, CPE Bach, and WA Mozart 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.

### 9.30am – 4.00pm Saturday 3 May 'Seek Peace and Pursue It'

The Kairos Centre in Roehampton (Mount Angelus Road, SW15 4JA) invites you to a prayer day exploring how the Psalms can lead to inner peace in our busy daily lives, St Benedict's approach to prayer as outlined in his Rule for monks, and how the ancient practice of 'Lectio Divina' can open the Scriptures. The cost is £35; refreshments are provided; bring a packed lunch. For more details, please contact [bookings.kairos@psmsg.org.uk](mailto:bookings.kairos@psmsg.org.uk).



## Friendship Group Outing to Hever Castle, Kent

10.15am – 4.30pm Tuesday 13 May

For full details, please contact Judy at [judyruston@gmail.com](mailto:judyruston@gmail.com).

## Other notices: Vacancies

### Vacancy: CEO at the Secular Clergy Common Fund

The Secular Clergy Common Fund ('Big M') is looking to appoint a new CEO. It makes grants to our sick and retired priests and looks after two Catholic cemeteries in London. The role is 0.6FTE and offers flexible working and a salary of £50,000 to £60,000 pro rata. For further details and to apply, please contact Angela Rowe at [secretary@secularclergy.org.uk](mailto:secretary@secularclergy.org.uk). The deadline to apply is Monday 28 April.

### Vacancy: Finance Officer at The Holy Cross School

The Holy Cross School, a Catholic secondary school for girls in New Malden (Sandal Road, KT3 5AR), seeks a Finance Officer. This role involves processing payments, managing invoices, reconciling accounts, and ensuring accurate financial records. The position is 36 hours per week in term-time (plus 10 days) starting in the Summer Term. For full details and to apply before Tuesday 22 April, please visit [holycross.kingston.sch.uk](http://holycross.kingston.sch.uk).

### 7.00pm Friday 16 May *The Joyful Environmentalist*

The Wimbledon Green Churches Group invites you to St Mark's Church in Wimbledon (St Mark's Place, SW19 7ND) for an evening with Isabel Losada, author of *The Joyful Environmentalist* (2020), which invites us to explore how we can joyfully help to alleviate the climate crisis. Entry is free but donations are welcome.

## Celebrants this Sunday

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

## We remember in our prayers

### Those who have died recently

Patricia Gage • Joseph Wright

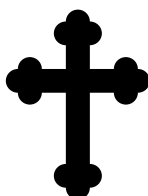
### Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Peter Stables • Jeannette Forrester • Beata Rothwell  
Edward Granahan • Thomas McManus

### 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 • Mike Cairns

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

## 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)

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To donate, scan the QR code or visit [sacredheartwimbleton.org.uk/donate](https://sacredheartwimbleton.org.uk/donate).  
Thank you.



## Weekday Mass Intentions

### Saturday 5 April

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

### Monday 7 April

8.00am Sisters [41 Murray Road, SW19 4PD]  
10.00am Oliver Gonsalves (Birthday)  
6.30pm Kraljice Mira (Thanksgiving)

### Tuesday 8 April

10.00am Lorenza Boyce (RIP)  
6.30pm Mike Cairns

### Wednesday 9 April

10.00am Mark Gonsalves (Thanksgiving)  
6.30pm Susan & Eddie Gallagher (RIP)

### Thursday 10 April

10.00am Funeral Mass of Patricia Gage (RIP)  
6.30pm Liz Benton (RIP)

### Friday 11 April

10.00am Weronika Bulatewicz (RIP)  
6.30pm Jean Barrot (RIP)

### Saturday 12 April

10.00am Paul Savio & Joseph Roland (Thanksgiving)  
6.30pm Joyce Coelho (RIP)

## Music at the 12 noon Mass

### Solemn Latin Mass

Missa Orbis Factor: Plainsong Mass VIII

Introit (choir): *Iudica me*

Offertory motet: *Peccantem me quotidie* (C. de Morales)

Communion motet: *O bone Jesu* (M-A. Ingegneri)

## Music at the 5.00pm Mass

Scan the QR code or visit  
[sacredheartwimbleton.org.uk/5pm](https://sacredheartwimbleton.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).