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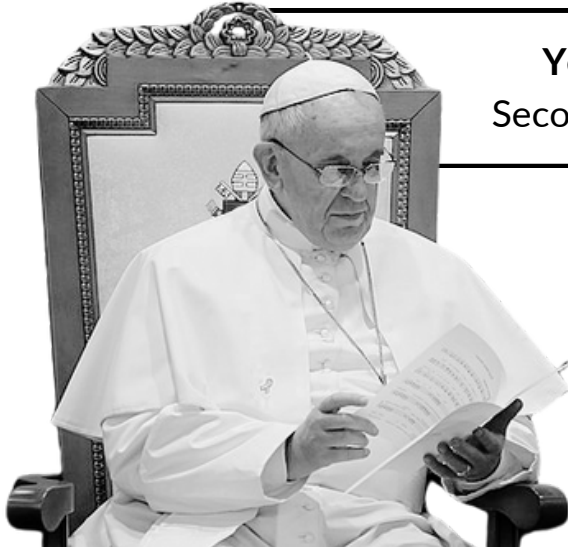
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Newsletter

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Pope Francis RIP

The 10.00am Mass on Thursday will be a Requiem Mass for Pope Francis. Please continue to pray for the repose of his soul and for the Cardinal Electors now responsible for electing the next Pope.

You can read or watch the Archbishop's message at rcaos.org.uk/legacyoflove. You are invited to write in the Archdiocese's book of condolences at St George's Cathedral or by emailing franciscus.angb@gmail.com.

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Year of Jubilee 2025 • Divine Mercy Sunday
Second Week of Eastertide • Vol. I, Psalter Week II

Today's Mass

First Reading (Acts 5:12-16): The Eastertide readings from the Acts of the Apostles continue. The early Church was a very effective Church. Things happened: 'More than ever, believers were added to the Lord.'

Psalm 117(118) is a song of thanksgiving for the marvellous works of the Lord, which make us glad.

The **Second Reading** (Apocalypse 1:9-13,17-19) is the first in a series of readings from the Apocalypse, St John's vision of heaven. He sees the risen and ascended Jesus Christ, describing Him as 'one like a son of man' (using the phrase from Daniel 7:13), the 'First and the Last', and 'the Living One'.

Gospel (John 20:19-31): Through locked doors, the risen Jesus appears to the disciples (minus Thomas the Twin) and gives them the Holy Spirit in order to be able to forgive sins. His greeting - 'Peace be with you' - is the one used by a Bishop at the beginning of the Mass. A week later, Jesus appears to them again, and this time, Thomas sees and believes.

Canon David

Second Collection for St George's Cathedral

St George's Cathedral in Southwark is the mother church of the diocese. This weekend's Second Collection helps us to meet the cost of the cathedral's upkeep. Our cathedral does not receive Vatican or government funding, nor does it have an endowment on which it can rely. Instead, it relies entirely on the generosity of parishioners in the Archdiocese of Southwark to keep its doors open. Information about becoming a Friend of St George's Cathedral is available at the back of the church and at tinyurl.com/8cynrraa.

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

Thank you!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped prepare the church and our Liturgies for Holy Week and Easter. From those who cleaned and decorated, our musicians, servers, readers, sacristans, and flower-arrangers, to all who worked behind the scenes, your time, care and devotion made our celebrations truly beautiful and prayerful.

Canon David

Parish notices

Good Friday

Parishioners may be aware that there was a disturbance in the church on Good Friday, which affected the Young People's Stations of the Cross. Thank God these were successfully transferred to the Lower Hall. The police arrived swiftly, followed by paramedics, and the man concerned, who appeared to be suffering from a severe mental health problem, was taken by them to hospital. The Archbishop has sent sentiments of concern and assurance of prayer to all those affected.

Diocesan notices

Pilgrimage to Pentecost

Make your journey to Pentecost this year in prayer and reflection! Starting this Sunday, the Archdiocese's six-week course includes daily Scripture reflections in a specially-written booklet, six pre-recorded talks from Jubilee shrines and churches, and a closing Mass at the Archdiocesan Jubilee Celebration Day at the Friars, Aylesford, on Saturday 7 June.

Find out more about how to take part (at home, at a local Hub, or via Zoom) by visiting aec.rcaos.org.uk/p2p.

This Sunday (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Today, in the Octave of Easter, is also **Divine Mercy Sunday**. A Plenary Indulgence is available to those who recite the Divine Mercy prayers today.

The front cover explains our **Second Collection** for St George's Cathedral.

Continental Breakfast after the 8.00am and 10.00am Masses

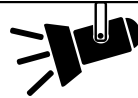
Join us in the Lower Hall for bacon, pastries, sausage rolls, teas, and coffees – all to accompany good chats with fellow parishioners!

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 11 May.

Spotlight on...



Uniformed groups at our parish welcome children from ages 4 (girls) and 6 (boys). From crafting to camping, sports to inventing – there's something for everyone!

Parents can enrol their daughters for our girlguiding groups, including the **28th Wimbledon (Sacred Heart) Guides** for ages 14+, at girlguiding.org.uk.

Parents can find a contact email for their son's age group (Beavers for ages 6 to 8, Cubs for ages 8 to 10, Scouts for ages 10 to 14) at the website of the **9th Wimbledon Scouts**, 9thwimbledon.com.



Cash-only charity bake sale after the 10.00am Mass

Coinciding with Continental Breakfast, Year 8 Bernadette pupils at the Ursuline High School are organising a cash-only charity bake sale in the Lower Hall as part of their philanthropy project.

Proceeds will support the Ben Kinsella Trust (benkinsella.org.uk), their chosen charity, which tackles knife crime by educating young people through workshops and campaigning for action, and justice for those affected by knife crime, across government, businesses, and society.

Please do come along to buy some cakes and sweet treats!

2.00pm: St George's Day Celebration for the Wimbledon & Wandle District Scouts

The annual St George's Day Parade Celebration takes place in the church.

Erratum: Last weekend's newsletter attributed this celebration to the 'Wimbledon & Womble' scouts. Oops. Great Uncle Bulgaria has written to say he cannot promise any young Wombles will make it, but you never know...



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.

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 (wimbletonsg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk) • Siobhán Heffron (wimbletonsg3@safeguardrcaos.org.uk)

This week

The **Parish Office** reopens on Monday.

Monday: Solemnity of St George

Monday is the Solemnity of St George, Patron of England (transferred from Wednesday 23 April). Holy Mass at our church is at 10.00am and 6.30pm.

Please see the insert box inviting you to join the celebrations at St George's Hospital from 10.30am.

Canon David will be attending the annual Canon's Mass at St George's Cathedral (Lambeth Road, SE1 7HY) at 6.00pm; all are welcome to attend.

Penelope Sewell RIP

Funeral Mass at 12 noon on Monday, followed by burial at Morden Cemetery.

Thursday: St Joseph the Worker

Thursday, the Memorial of St Joseph the Worker, is a Day of Prayer for God's blessing on human work.

The 10.00am Mass will be a Requiem Mass for the late Pope Francis.

First Friday Devotion

This First Friday is a monthly day of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Can YOU attend Mass, Adoration, and/or Confession this Friday?

Holy Mass: 10.00am • 6.30pm
Adoration: 10.30am – 12 noon • 5.25pm – 6.25pm • 7.00pm – 8.00pm
Confessions: 6.00pm – 6.20pm

Please see the back cover for all our times of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions.

Next Saturday 3 May Legion of Mary Venerable Edel Quinn Pilgrimage to the Friars, Aylesford

Join the parish's Legion of Mary group for this pilgrimage inspired by Ven. Edel Quinn, including Mass at 12 noon celebrated by Bishop Paul Hendricks.

A coach will board outside Sacred Heart Church at 8.30am, returning at about 6.00pm. Seats are £18 for adults and £5 for children. For further information and to book, please call Questa Newill on 07787 334586 or 020 8540 8091 as soon as possible.

10.00am next Saturday 3 May First Saturday Devotion

A group of young adults will gather after the 10.00am Mass to pray a rosary for persecuted Christians, in response to Our Lady of Fátima and inspired by the Aid to the Church in Need Young Adults' Conference.

Holy Matrimony

The Wedding of Christopher Allen and Natalie Wiltshire is at 12 noon next Saturday 3 May.

Next Sunday's Second Collection: Priest's Training Fund

The priesthood has always been essential to the life of the Church. This fund pays for the formation of men to become priests in our Archdiocese. We are blessed to have nine men in formation, including our own Marlon Oliveira. It costs £30,000 per year to sponsor each seminarian, so the Archdiocese relies on your generous support and prayers. Besides our Second Collection, you can donate online at rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF.

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 events and liturgies

10.15am – 4.30pm Tuesday 13 May
Friendship Group Outing
to Hever Castle, Kent

For full details, please contact Judy at judyruston@gmail.com.

Other notices

The Confraternity of the Holy Face

Jesus revealed the devotion to the Holy Face to Sister Marie de St Pierre (1816–48), a Carmelite from the monastery in Tours, France. If you wish to enrol in the Confraternity of the Holy Face, please complete the form at tinyurl.com/ydutuc2s.

On receipt of your application, your name will be written in the Confraternity Register, and you will receive your membership packet, including a Medal of the Holy Face, the Manual of the Confraternity, and a Certificate of Membership with your date of enrolment.

Catholic Union Catholic Young Writer Award

The competition's theme in this Jubilee Year is 'Jesus Christ, Son of God'. Students are asked to imagine that a friend has said to them that Jesus was a great man, and wonderful moral teacher, but that they did not accept that he was God. They are encouraged to write a handwritten essay in response, drawing on the Scriptures and showing evidence of having studied the Catechism of the Catholic Church and some papal teachings.

The award is open to young Catholics and pupils at Catholic schools in Years 8–11. There is a cash prize of £50, plus runner-up book prizes. The deadline to enter is Friday 30 May. For full details, including how to enter, please visit tinyurl.com/mtw9467s.

Monday: St George's Day at St George's Hospital

10.30am Holy Hour with
Rosary & prayers

11.30am Benediction

12 noon Sung Mass

1.00pm Unveiling and
Blessing of the new
icon of St George

St George's Hospital, Tooting
(Blackshaw Road, SW17 0QT)

On the feast day of our patron saint, the Hospital Chaplaincy will welcome Episcopal Vicar Canon Gerard Bradley to visit some of the patients and staff and to offer Mass in honour of St George.

Please join us on this great occasion to pray for all the sick in our hospital and for those who care for them. Even if you cannot make it, please pray for us: your prayers are invaluable to our work.

Fr Peter Littleton

Celebrants this Sunday

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

We remember in our prayers

Those who have died recently

Penelope Sewell • Patricia Gage • Anthony Lee
Bridgeen Thursby-Pelham • John Goldschmidt
Sean Deane • Henry Lacide • William Mulloy

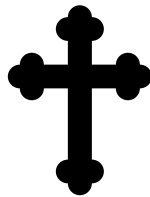
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Mary Williams • Patrick Phibbs
Eddie Power • Patricia O'Donnell

Those who are sick

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 • Teresa Escalona

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

*no First Monday Adoration next
Monday 5 May (bank holiday)*

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)

Please email any notices for the weekly newsletter 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 26 April

10.00am De Souza Family (Thanksgiving)
6.30pm Patricia Small (RIP)

Monday 28 April • S George, M

10.00am Anna & Andre Bastianpillai (RIP)
12 noon Funeral Mass of Penelope Sewell (RIP)
6.30pm James Westbrook (RIP)

Tuesday 29 April • S Catherine of Siena, V D

10.00am Maureen Gilmartin (RIP)
6.30pm Abdul al Kurdi (RIP)

Wednesday 30 April

10.00am James Timmons & Caroline Gray (RIP)
6.30pm The Simmonds Family

Thursday 1 May • S Joseph the Worker

10.00am Requiem Mass for Pope Francis (RIP)
6.30pm Pat McManus (RIP)

Friday 2 May • S Athanasius, B D

10.00am Christine Harrison (RIP)
6.30pm Br Bonaventure (95th Birthday)

Saturday 3 May • SS Philip & James, App

10.00am Pierre Garcia
12 noon Wedding of Christopher Allen
and Natalie Wiltshire
6.30pm Michael Lee Kim (RIP)

Music at the 12 noon Mass

Entry hymn: (602) Praise my soul the King of Heaven

Kyrie/Gloria: (459)/(460) • Sanctus: (433)

Offertory hymn: (606) Praise to the holiest in the height

Communion motet: God so loved the world (J. Stainer)

Communion hymn: (247) He is risen, tell the story

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.