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Third Week of Eastertide • Vol. I, Psalter Week III

SACRED HEART CHURCH, EDGE HILL, WIMBLEDON, SW19 4LU

THE SACRED HEART
CHORUS AND ORCHESTRA

HAYDN

Missa in Angustiis (Nelson Mass)
Te Deum in C Major (Marie Therese)
Symphony No. 101 (The Clock)

KATY TANSEY | CATHY BELL
JOHN UPPERTON | ALEKSI KOPONEN
CONDUCTOR ROBERT RATHBONE

Saturday, 14 June 2025 at 8pm

TICKETS | FULL £20 | CONC. £15 | UNDER-18s FREE
EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT UNTIL 31 MAY
<https://www.sacredheartmusic.co.uk/concerts/>

Shooting Star
Learn to learn more

Today's Mass

First Reading (Acts 5:27–32,40–41): Peter and the Apostles have a clear idea of their function: they are to be witnesses for Christ. And that is our function as the Baptized People of God: to be witnesses for Christ.

Psalm 29(30): We can imagine the apostles singing this song of thanksgiving for deliverance after their grilling by the Sanhedrin in the First Reading.

Second Reading (Apocalypse 5:11–14): St John sees the Lamb on the Throne. The Lamb is the passover lamb, sacrificed for our sin, and is seated on the Throne of God, being worshipped by all Creation. The Lamb is, of course, Jesus Christ.

Gospel (John 21:1–19): The risen Christ's third appearance to the disciples, on the shore of Lake Tiberias, also known as the Sea of Galilee, where He eats breakfast with them. This time, it is the fish which get grilled!

Canon David

Papal mourning

The Novendiales – the novena of prayer for Pope Francis – ends today. *Requiescat in pace*. The Conclave to elect the next Bishop of Rome starts on Wednesday. Please pray for the Cardinal Electors.

Second Collection: Priest Training Fund

Please give generously to support the appeal for help with the formation costs of men becoming priests in our Archdiocese. More details can be found on the next page.

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

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Headteacher: Lorraine Dolan-Walsh



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



May is Mary's month

The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Please join us in praying the Holy Rosary at 6.00pm every day except Sunday in the Lady Chapel (behind the altar, to the left).

This Sunday

Second Collection: Priest Training Fund

The priesthood has always been essential to the life of the Church, from the time of Jesus until today. Good Shepherd Sunday is the day we pray for vocations, for our priests, and take up the Priest Training Fund second collection.

This fund pays for the formation of men to become priests in our Archdiocese. After their ordination, our priests dedicate their lives to serving Christ and His people in our parishes, hospitals, schools, chaplaincies, prisons, and in service to the needy, throughout South London, Kent, and Surrey.

We are blessed to have nine men in formation to the priesthood for our Archdiocese, including our very own Marlon Oliveira. Each seminarian costs £30,000 a year to sponsor; they study for six years before being ordained. Therefore, we rely on your generous support and prayers.

Please support our priests of the future with a gift today. Besides our Second Collection, you can donate online at rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF.

Café in the Lounge after the 10.00am Mass

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

In this Jubilee Year, a Plenary Indulgence – a special grace granted by the Church that removes all temporal punishment due to sins already forgiven in Confession – can be obtained by those who visit Jubilee Churches like ours.

One of the conditions for receiving the Indulgence is to pray for the Pope's Intentions. But what happens now that there isn't a Pope? The official answer is that the condition still applies: the late Pope's Intentions are assumed to continue until there is a new Pope, who can then write his own, new Intentions.

Canon David

This week

The **Parish Office and Reception** will be closed on Monday. Fr David Hunter will be away from this Friday 2 to next Monday 5 May, acting as Chaplain on a pilgrimage to Rome.

Monday: No Confessions, no 6.30pm Mass, and no First Monday Adoration

Because this Monday is a bank holiday, the church will close after the 10.00am Mass. There will be no evening Confessions, no evening Mass, and no First Monday Adoration.

Wednesday: Anniversary of the Consecration of Sacred Heart Church, Wimbledon (1931)

This Solemnity will be observed at the 10.00am and 6.30pm Masses. Can YOU attend Holy Mass this day to give thanks for our beautiful church?

7.30pm Thursday: Prayer and a Pint Young Adults Group

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

Volunteers needed!

Could you volunteer your time to staff the Reception? In particular, a volunteer is urgently needed for Friday afternoons from 1.00pm to 4.00pm. Please get in touch with Thelma as soon as possible at thelmadcosta@rcaos.org.uk.

After the 6.30pm Mass Saturday 10 May Parish Volunteers' Party

By way of saying thank-you, the Clergy and the Parish Pastoral Council invites all parish volunteers to a party in the Upper Hall.

Please bring a plate of finger-food to share; soft drinks and wine/beer will be provided. Food can be dropped off at the hall from 6.00pm on the day.

Please let us know if you are able to join us: email Thelma at thelmadcosta@rcaos.org.uk or Annette at annettemulholland66@yahoo.co.uk. If you are a volunteer in the parish – in any capacity – we hope to see you!

If you are a group organiser or coordinator, please make sure that you pass the invitation along to your members: we would hate for any volunteer to miss their invitation!

Next Sunday's Second Collection: Mission Appeal for the Missionary Society of St Paul

The annual Mission Appeal is next weekend, this year for the Missionary Society of St Paul (MSP). Fr Boniface Akpoigbe MSP will be visiting us to make the appeal.

You can find out more about the MSPs and their apostolate at mspfathers.co.uk – and, if you look closely, you might even spot Canon David in some of the photos, as he is a Trustee of the MSP UK Region.

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

Memory Lane Club: New leader and contact details!

The Memory Lane Club is a friendly, lively, informal drop-in space, welcoming those in the local community affected by memory loss or dementia and their carers. We meet 10.30am to 12.30pm on Wednesdays in the Lounge.

We have recently recruited a new Club Leader, Madeleine Jarratt, and have new contact details for the Club: email wimbledonmemlanec@rcaos.org.uk, telephone 07713 882280.

Recommended by GPs right from its opening, this popular club has gone from strength to strength since it first opened its doors in March 2015. Run by volunteers, there is coffee, cake, chat, fun, laughter, and a varied programme of activities. Carers get the opportunity to meet and share experiences with other carers and volunteers, many of whom themselves have had personal experience of looking after a loved one with dementia.

If you are a carer of a loved one with dementia, we would be delighted to see you. Please do drop in any Wednesday morning along with your loved one. You will receive a warm welcome, won't be charged anything, and will meet some new people. Give it a go!

Interested in volunteering or just want to know more about the Club? Please do get in touch with Madeleine using the new contact details above!

Forthcoming parish events and liturgies

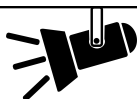
10.15am – 4.30pm Tuesday 13 May
Friendship Group Outing
to Hever Castle, Kent

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

7.00pm for 7.45pm Tuesday 20 May
Katy's Songbirds present a
Summer Celebration Concert

Join us at 7.45pm in the church for a concert featuring music from your favourite TV ads, from Bizet and the Beatles to Verdi and Motown! The concert is preceded by a Pimms Bar in the Upper Hall from 7.00pm. Tickets are £10 for adults and £5 for under-14s. Reserve your tickets now: email ksongbirds656@gmail.com.

Spotlight on...



The **5.00pm Mass Choir and instrumentalists** support the 5.00pm Mass on Sundays with music from the contemporary liturgical repertoire, including Vineyard, Matt Redman, Hillsong, Bethel Music, and many others. Rehearsals take place at 3.30pm on Sundays. If you would like to join, please contact Bruce at bruce.mackett@gmail.com.

Diocesan notices

REGISTER NOW:
3.00pm Saturday 12 July
Cathedral Mass Celebrating Marriage

Are you celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th or any later wedding anniversary this year? You are invited to renew your marriage vows at a Mass at St George's Cathedral in Southwark (Lambeth Road, SE1 7HY). Close family members can attend with you. To receive a personal invitation from Archbishop John, please email mflsw@rcaos.org.uk by mid-May with the following details: your full names, address, phone number, anniversary being celebrated, and parish.

Safe Spaces

Safe Spaces is a free and independent support service that provides a confidential, personal, and safe space for anyone who has been abused by someone in the Church or as a result of their relationship with the Church of England, the Catholic Church in England and Wales, or the Church in Wales. Their website is safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk and their helpline is 0300 303 1056.

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

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.

Vacancy: Senior Housing and Welfare Advice Worker at the Manna Society

Based in London Bridge, the Manna Day Centre is a drop-in centre for homeless and vulnerably-housed single men and women. Our parish organises quarterly food donations to the centre.

The charity is seeking a full-time Senior Housing and Welfare Advice Worker, with a salary between £33,775 and £41,359, depending on experience. For full details and to apply before the deadline of Sunday 8 June, please visit mannasociety.org.uk.

The family of **Anthony 'Tony' Lee** informs parishioners that Tony's funeral will be celebrated at 12 noon on Wednesday 14 May at Padstow Church (St Petroc's) in Padstow, Cornwall (PL28 8BG), and it will be livestreamed at youtu.be/8R4ES4OkLNY. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord...*

Please offer donations in memory via RJ Bray and Son, the funeral director, at david@rjbray.co.uk or 01208 812626.

Did you know that there's a WhatsApp group chat for Catholic young adults in Wimbledon? We organise and share events and gatherings, and we advertise spare rooms! Scan the QR code or visit chat.whatsapp.com/LJu77cHMxjo1rjt6KDSXQ0.



Celebrants this Sunday

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

We remember in our prayers

Those who have died recently

Briggen Thursby-Pelham • Namir Akrawi • John Reynolds
John Goldschmidt • Henry Lacide • Margaret Kingsnorth

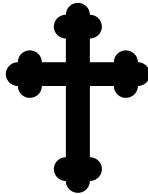
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Shaun McCarthy • Julio Palha • Ian Parr
Josephine Gatt • John Marshall • Lisle Holder

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 Chalcroft • 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 this
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 3 May • SS Philip & James, App

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

Monday 5 May

10.00am Cyril Santhiapillai (RIP)

Tuesday 6 May

10.00am Guerrino Angelini (RIP)
6.30pm Ana Josefa Gomes (RIP: 1st Anniversary)

Wednesday 7 May • Anniversary of the Consecration of Sacred Heart Wimbledon (1931)

10.00am Malachy Cavanagh (RIP)
6.30pm John Francis Marshall (RIP)

Thursday 8 May

10.00am Geoff Chapman (RIP)
6.30pm Alfred Jessiman (RIP)

Friday 9 May

10.00am Diana Guerrini (RIP)
6.30pm Sheila & Karimu Smith (RIP)

Saturday 10 May

10.00am Kade Schembri (RIP)
6.30pm Eileen Casey (RIP)

Music at the 12 noon Mass

Solemn Latin Mass • Missa de Angelis

Introit: *Jubilate Deo omnis terra* (choir)

Offertory motet: *Jubilate Deo* (WA Mozart)

Communion motet: *Cantate Domino* (4-part) (HL Hassler)

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.