



THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

020 8946 0305
wimbledon@rcaos.org.uk
sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk
@SHWimbledon /sacredheartwimbledon

Sacred Heart Wimbledon
Edge Hill
Wimbledon
London SW19 4LU

Sunday
18 May 2025

Newsletter

Vol. 11
Issue 19

Year of Jubilee 2025 • Fifth Sunday of Easter
Fifth Week of Eastertide • Vol. I, Psalter Week I

PRESENT

A SUMMER CELEBRATION CONCERT

KATY LEES, GILES KENNEDY and GUESTS
with PUTNEY & WIMBLETON BRASS BAND

Featuring music from your favourite TV ads
from BIZET and THE BEATLES to VERDI AND MOTOWN

TUESDAY 20 MAY 2025	SACRED HEART CHURCH Edge Hill, Wimbledon SW19 4LU	PIMMS BAR: Upper Hall 7pm CONCERT: 7.45pm
------------------------	---	---

Tickets £10 adults, £5 children under 14
by emailing: ksongbirds656@gmail.com

In support of
Campaign Against Living Miserably
and Merton Memory Hub

Sponsored by
Flaherty Builders Ltd

Today's Mass

First Reading (Acts 14:21-27): St Paul and St Barnabas travelled round, establishing Christian communities in the places they visited. In every church, they appointed elders – ‘presbyters’ – the earliest foundations of church communities being governed by priests. The teaching and the organisational arrangements in the Acts of the Apostles make it clear that Christian life must be lived as part of a community. As St Cyprian said: ‘No one can have God for his father unless he has the Church for his mother’.

In **Psalm 144(145)**, we reflect on what God has done for us.

Second Reading (Apocalypse 21:1-5): The ‘new heaven and the new earth’ refers to God’s renewal of his Creation. From now on, all nations will share in the promises made to the old covenant people (the Jews). In this new Jerusalem, all sorrow, suffering, and death are banished forever.

Gospel (John 13:31-33, 34-35): The Gospels for today and the next Sundays come from Jesus’ farewell discourse at the Last Supper. Here, He gives the new commandment: to love one another, that is to love our fellow disciples.

Canon David

Safeguarding Sunday



In his pastoral letter this weekend, Archbishop John writes: ‘Safeguarding is not the work of a few; it is a shared responsibility. Each of us – clergy, parents, parishioners – is called to remain vigilant, informed, and committed to the well-being of every member of our community.’ Learn more about Safeguarding Sunday and read Archbishop John’s pastoral letter in full by scanning the QR code or visiting rcaos.org.uk/safeguardingsunday25. *Continued overleaf...*

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

Burlington Road, KT3 4ND
school@sacredheart.merton.sch.uk
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.

This Sunday

We welcome Fr Andrew Coy to celebrate our 8.00am Mass.

Safeguarding Sunday (continued from front cover)

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. Every parishioner must ensure that children and vulnerable adults feel and are safe when on our premises. Our Clergy are all up-to-date in their safeguarding training, and all of our parish volunteers in positions which require it are DBS-checked. You can get in touch with our Parish Safeguarding Team for advice using the details in the permanent box below, and the diocesan Safeguarding Office at safeguardingoffice@rcaos.org.uk or 020 7261 1606. In an emergency, contact the police on 999.

Jesuit Missions Appeal

We welcome Joseph Ghansah SJ and Timothy McHugh to make an appeal for Jesuit Missions this weekend. Headquartered on Edge Hill, Jesuit Missions is the international mission and development office of the Jesuits in Britain, supporting partners in over twenty countries on three continents, and working with marginalised communities on projects including education, women's empowerment, human rights, and environmental sustainability. To learn more, please visit jesuitmissions.org.uk.

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.

This week

Canon David is away on holiday, returning on Monday 26 May.

John Reynolds RIP

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

Tuesday: Day of Prayer for Survivors of Sexual Abuse

This year's theme is 'The Empty Chair'. Many of us are saddened by reducing numbers in our churches, and today, our thoughts are especially with those who are not here because they have suffered abuse in a church setting and cannot face being here.

They may be the families or friends of survivors. They may be former members of a community affected by allegations or convictions for abuse. They may be people who are simply so disgusted or ashamed by what they have heard about abuse within the Church that they no longer want to be part of it. All these groups and others are represented by 'The Empty Chair'. Please pray for them today.

7.00pm for 7.45pm Tuesday 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.

The concert is in support of the suicide prevention charity Campaign Against Living Miserably and Merton Memory Hub, which supports residents with dementia and their families and carers.

Tickets are £10 for adults and £5 for under-14s. Reserve your tickets now: email ksongbirds656@gmail.com.

John Goldschmidt RIP

Requiem Mass at 2.00pm on Thursday, preceded by burial at Putney Vale Cemetery at 11.00am.

Holy Matrimony

The Wedding of Nicholas Colbeck and Sharlene Mashida is at 1.00pm on Friday.



Saturday 17 May World NF Awareness Day

The church is lighting up blue this Saturday 17 May for World NF Awareness Day.

NF is the medical group name for Neurofibromatosis Type 1, NF2-related Schwannomatosis and Schwannomatosis. Parishioners Karen Cockburn and Alison Lobo work for Nerve Tumours UK (nervetumours.org.uk), the leading voice and support network for individuals with NF in the UK. Thank you to Joe Ruston, Canon David, and George McLennan for their help.



**Holy Communion
cards are now
available for purchase
in the Bookshop.**



SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

**SAFEGUARDING
IS EVERYONE'S
RESPONSIBILITY**

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)



The Feast of the Ascension on Thursday 29 May is a Holyday of Obligation, when you should attend Holy Mass if you possibly can. The Vigil Mass (with different prayers and antiphons from the Mass of the Day) will be at 6.30pm on Wednesday 28 May. On Thursday 29 May, Holy Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am, 6.30pm, and 8.00pm.

Forthcoming parish events and liturgies

7.30pm Wednesday 28 May
Wimbledon Newman Society: 'The Rehabilitation of Prisoners in the UK'

Parishioner Julian Hoskins, currently the National Strategic Lead of Family Services in the Reducing Reoffending Directorate, HM Prison and Probation Service, will deliver this talk in the Lounge.

The rehabilitation of prisoners is a critical subject. Prison ministry was particularly important to the late Pope Francis, who frequently visited prisons, kept in touch with inmates, and washed the feet of prisoners on Maundy Thursday. What can we do? How can we help? Come to Julian's talk and find out!

2.30pm Friday 6 June
Friendship Group
VE Day Celebration Tea

Do join the Friendship Group in the Lounge for a fun afternoon! Everyone is welcome.

8.00pm Saturday 14 June
An Evening with Haydn

Join us for an unforgettable evening of classical music as the Sacred Heart Chorus and Orchestra presents a stunning programme dedicated to the works of Joseph Haydn. Experience the grandeur, energy, and emotional depth of Haydn's masterpieces with a full chorus and orchestra and a distinguished quartet of soloists.

This special performance is in support of Shooting Star Children's Hospice, a charity dedicated to providing vital care and support for children with life-limiting conditions and their families. See the programme and reserve your tickets at tinyurl.com/shwhaydn25.

Parish Vacancy: Accounts Manager

Amy Lam is stepping down at the end of the month for family reasons. Therefore, we require a new Accounts Manager, if possible from the start of June. The post is paid at £18.00 hourly for 19 hours per week. Supported by the Finance Committee, the Accounts Manager works closely with the Committee and the Gift Aid coordinators. Knowledge of the diocesan accounting systems would be an advantage. Please contact Thelma in the Parish Office for an application form, job description, and person specification. The deadline to apply is Friday 6 June, with interviews on Friday 13 June.



Saturday 7 June Archdiocesan Jubilee Celebration Day

The Archbishop invites you to the centrepiece event of the Year of Jubilee 2025 in the Archdiocese of Southwark, hosted at the Friars, Aylesford (use ME20 7BY for sat-navs).

Running from 10.00am to 5.00pm, the celebration promises to be a great day of prayer, reflection, celebration, and fun. There will be lots of activities for children and adults. The event is free; there is no need to purchase a ticket to attend. Learn more at aec.rcaos.org.uk/jubileecelbratio.

Also visit the above link to register for 90-minute ministry sessions for children (Key Stages 1 and 2) and young people (Key Stages 3 and 4). Places are limited - first-come, first-served. Please book only for your own children or grandchildren. For those who miss out, there are other children's activities, notably a novel 'Saints Treasure Trail', which has been developed especially for this celebration.

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

12.30pm for 1.00pm Friday 23 May
St John's Lunchtime Concert

Gina Lewis (soprano) and Robert Mingay-Smith (piano) perform songs by Purcell, Wolf, Milhaud, Argento, and Floyd 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.

10.00am - 4.00pm Monday 26 May
Visit a parishioner's garden for charity!

This bank holiday, parishioners Martin and Primavera Moretti invite you to their garden! (35 Burstow Road, SW20 8ST) Features include an ornamental fish pond, a small wildlife pond, and a herb garden. There will be a plant stall, tea, and cake. Entry is £4 for adults (children free); proceeds are directed by the National Garden Scheme to a range of charities. For further details, please visit tinyurl.com/8kxcbx6v.

Friday 15 - Sunday 17 August
Evangelium 2025 Conference

Over the years, hundreds of young Catholic adults have ignited their faith through this conference on Catholic faith, life, and culture, which equips attendees to be effective for Mission. Many have met lifelong friends and spouses, joined apostolates, or discovered their vocation.

Hosted at the Oratory School, Reading, this year's guest speakers include Fr Marcus Holden and Fr Mark Wharton. For more information and to book, please visit tinyurl.com/4tjwssmp.



Please continue to pray for Pope Leo as, this Sunday, he celebrates the Mass marking the beginning of his pontificate.

Celebrants this Sunday

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

We remember in our prayers

Those who have died recently

John Reynolds • John Goldschmidt
Henry Lacide • Matthew Flaherty

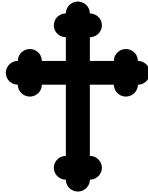
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Fr Francis Walsh SJ • Joanne Thiru

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 Duffly • Karolina Masica
Deborah Chalcraft • Debbie Gargan • Giovanna Apparenza
Mark Capra • Mike Cairns • Teresa Escalona
Carmela Rosell • Bridie Geoghegan

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)

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 17 May

10.00am Christine Leonard (RIP)
6.30pm Dan O'Brien (RIP)

Monday 19 May • S Dunstan, B

10.00am Funeral Mass of John Reynolds (RIP)
6.30pm Elizabeth & Patrick Howlin (RIP)

Tuesday 20 May

10.00am Alfred Jessiman (RIP)
6.30pm Mary Hoey (RIP)

Wednesday 21 May

10.00am Bene & Charles Thiru (RIP)
6.30pm Brian Barrs (RIP)

Thursday 22 May

10.00am Julio Palha (RIP)
2.00pm Requiem Mass of John Goldschmidt (RIP)
6.30pm Teresa Abalsom (RIP)

Friday 23 May

10.00am Thanksgiving (Birthday)
1.00pm Wedding of Nicholas Colbeck
and Sharlene Mashida
6.30pm Teresa McKiernan (RIP)

Saturday 24 May

10.00am Maria Lurdes Almeida (RIP)
6.30pm Geoffrey Norris (RIP)

Music at the 12 noon Mass

Entrance hymn: (399) Love is his word
Kyrie & Sanctus: *Missa secunda* (H.L. Hassler) • **Gloria:** (460)
Offertory motet: *Exsultate justi* (L. Viadana)
Communion motet: *O sacrum convivium* (G. Croce)
Communion hymn: (732) This is my will
Organ: Carillon du Longpont (L. Vierne)

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, first Sacraments, marriages, and funerals.

Please remember always to register your car when using the church car park (except Sundays). Registration tablets are available at 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.