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Sixth Week of Eastertide • Vol. I, Psalter Week II

Merton Interfaith Walk Saturday 31 May

Approximate timings:

10.00am: Merton Civic Centre
11.00am: Baitul Faith Mosque
12 noon: St John Fisher Church
12.45pm: St Mary's Church
1.30pm: The Salvation Army
2.00pm: Wimbledon Spiritualist Church
2.45pm: Seven Day Adventists
3.30pm: Shree Ghanapathy Temple



Registration is £5 at the start of the walk, with proceeds to the Merton Homeless Project – Faith in Action. If you require mobility support, please contact Richard at 07749 607905. Children are welcome if accompanied by an adult. Please wear respectful clothing. Footwear will need to be removed at times, and women should bring a head covering for the mosque.

Today's Mass

First Reading (Acts 15:1–2,22–29): The Council of Jerusalem – the first universal council of the Church – meets to resolve the problems brought by the influx of non-Jews. It decided that there should be no difference between Jew and Gentile, and that non-Jews need not be circumcised as in the Jewish faith.

Psalm 66(67): As the fifty days of Eastertide continue, we continue to sing our praises of God.

Second Reading (Apocalypse 21:10–14,22–23): In the 'new Jerusalem' (heaven), there is no Temple, because it is filled with God's presence. Likewise, there is no need for sun or moon for light.

Gospel (John 14:23–29): Jesus promises that after He has gone away (that is, at His Ascension), God the Father will send the Holy Spirit to be our helper, our teacher, and our reminder of Christ's teachings. The words at the Communion Rite of Mass – 'Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles 'Peace I leave you, my peace I give you...' – are taken from today's Gospel.

Canon David

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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Thursday: The Solemnity of the Ascension



This Thursday is a Holyday of Obligation. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 6.30pm on Wednesday (Vigil Mass) and at 10.00am, 6.30pm, and 8.00pm on Thursday.



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 Dominic Allain** to celebrate our 8.00am Mass.

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 8 June.

Café in the Lounge after the 10.00am Mass

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

Fellow young adults,

We have two exciting invites which you won't want to miss!

Firstly, **Prayer and a Pint** returns at 7.30pm on Thursday 12 June in the Lounge. This monthly gathering is a welcoming place to build community, pray, have a pint, play piano, sing, and play pool and darts. Bring drinks and games!

Secondly, Mgr Ante Vidović has generously invited us for a **visit to the Apostolic Nunciature** (54 Parkside, SW19 5NE), including some reflections on Pope Leo, on the evening of Friday 13 June. If you would like to come along, please get in touch with Rob at wimbledonpfm@rcaos.org.uk (or react to his message in the WhatsApp group – join us at chat.whatsapp.com/LJu77cHMxjo1rjt6KDSXQ0).

This week

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

Monday: No Confessions and no 6.30pm Mass

Because this Monday is a bank holiday, the church will close after the 10.00am Mass. There will be no evening Confessions and no evening Mass. The Reception and Parish Office will also be closed on Monday.

Henry Lacide RIP

Funeral Mass at 12 noon on Tuesday, followed by cremation at the Putney Vale Crematorium.

Wednesday anniversaries

Wednesday marks the 60th anniversary of both the elevation of the Diocese of Southwark to a Metropolitan See and the erection of the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton in 1965.

7.30pm Wednesday 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!

Thursday: Solemnity of the Ascension Holyday of Obligation

Please see the insert box. Holy Mass will be at 6.30pm on Wednesday (Vigil Mass) and at 10.00am, 6.30pm, and 8.00pm on Thursday.

Starting this Friday: Novena to the Holy Spirit for the Reunion of Christendom

This devotion is based on the original Novena, or nine days of prayer, of Mary and the apostles between Our Lord's Ascension and Pentecost.

Please pray fervently for Christian Unity. You can readily find online a number of versions of the Novena to the Holy Spirit.

10.00am – 4.00pm Saturday 31 May Merton Interfaith Walk

Beginning at the Merton Civic Centre, Morden (London Road, SM4 5DX), this five-mile walk will visit local faith sites. Registration is £5 at the start of the walk, with proceeds to the Merton Homeless Project, Faith in Action. For more information, please see the front cover or page 24 of this month's Edgeways (online version).

10.30am – 11.30am Saturday 31 May Bereavement Support Group

Are you coping with the loss of a loved one? Having difficulties adjusting to life without that person? Join us in the Lounge for our monthly, confidential drop-in session for all who have been bereaved, whether recently or a while ago. For more information, please call 07865 204995 or email bereavementsacredheart@gmail.com.

12 noon Saturday 31 May First Holy Communion Mass

Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

Next Sunday's Second Collection: Catholic Communications Network

The media office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales supports the bishops, promotes the Gospel through the media, answers media enquiries, provides news releases, and trains spokespeople.

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)

Thursday: The Solemnity of the Ascension

On this Holyday of Obligation, 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. On Thursday, Holy Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am, 6.30pm, and 8.00pm.



The Scripture Readings are the same at all Masses. The **First Reading** (Acts 1:1-11) is the familiar description of Jesus being lifted up and taken out of sight as the Apostles looked on. Before this, Jesus tells them that are to be His witnesses. **Psalms 46(47)** chooses itself as the Responsorial Psalm, with the refrain: 'God has gone up with shouts of joy. The Lord goes up with trumpet blast.' The **Second Reading** (Ephesians 1:16-23) tells us that, after His Ascension, Christ is seated at the Father's right hand; this Biblical imagery indicates Christ's position of honour, power, and authority. The **Gospel** (Luke 24:46-53) is the end of Luke and overlaps with the beginning of Acts in the First Reading, also written by Luke.

Parish notices

EDGEWAYS

This month's jam-packed issue includes a meditation from the Youth Stations of the Cross, photographs from the St George's Day Parade and the launch of Poets & Prophets, a long-read on the Apostolic Nunciature, and a reflection on the Mass in Latin.

Read May 2025 *Edgeways*, YOUR monthly parish magazine, at sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/edgeways! Printed copies can be found at the back of the church.

Finances

Offertories received in March totalled £33,627.43. The Second Collections were £1,495.91 for CAFOD and £2,029.93 for the Poor Parishes Fund. Thank you for your generosity.

Vacancy: Accounts Manager

The parish is looking for an Accounts Manager to start sometime in June. The post is paid at £18.00 hourly for 19 hours per week. Supported by members of 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 at wimbledon@rcaos.org.uk for an application form, job description, and person specification. The deadline to apply is Friday 6 June, with interviews on Friday 13 June.

Wanted: Unwanted surplus gifts

If you have any surplus gifts that you would like to donate for the Summer Fair on Sunday 29 June, please hand them into the Parish Office. As these will be raffled, please could the gifts be new or unused. Thank you.

Vacancy: Be Well Hub Organiser

The parish is looking for a recent graduate to help bring to life its Be Well Hub. The Hub will provide a safe space for parishioners to turn to when their mental health is low or they wish to feel better connected with other parishioners and their local community. South London Listens, a local partnership that includes Merton Citizens and three local mental health NHS trusts, is spearheading the establishment of Be Well Hubs across South London. Fr Jackson, Graham Kennedy, and three other volunteers are leading our Hub's development.

The role, which currently is not funded, will involve confirming the detailed services that the Hub will provide, defining a programme of meetings for the Hub, defining a launch plan, and launching a pilot programme. The role is suitable for a recent graduate with an interest in mental health and with good communication, research, and analytical skills who is looking for work experience. We expect the successful candidate to spend 2 to 3 days per week working on the Hub for around three months. For more details, to express interest, or to apply, please get in touch with Fr Jackson at jacksonmaveli@rcaos.org.uk.

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

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 the Sacred Heart Chorus and Orchestra for an unforgettable evening of choral and orchestral music: 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.

The annual concert is the highlight of our parish's musical calendar and brings together a large gathering from across the wider community. This year's special performance is in support of Shooting Star Children's Hospice (shootingstar.org.uk). View the full programme and reserve your tickets at tinyurl.com/shwhaydn25. An early-bird discount applies until the end of May!

Diocesan notices

Novena for Life

Every year, the Church in England and Wales, Scotland, and Ireland marks the Day for Life as a reminder of the need to respect and protect the inherent value and dignity of each life. This year, it will be on Trinity Sunday 15 June.

Ahead of the Day for Life, the Bishops invite the faithful in all three conferences to join in prayer through the Novena for Life. This will run up to the Feast of the Visitation, between Friday 23 and Saturday 31 May. Prayers for each day can be found at bccew.org.uk/day-for-life.

Celebrants this Sunday

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

We remember in our prayers

Those who have died recently

Yves Oder • Henry Lacide • Matthew Flaherty

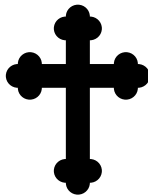
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Helen Kaegler • Stephen Osborne
Rosa Maria Antonelli • Patrick Lauson • Harry Evans

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 • Debbie Gargan • Giovanna Apparenza
Mark Capra • Mike Cairns • Teresa Escalona
Carmela Rosell • Bridie Geoghegan
Simon Potter • Natalia Mata

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 Confessions this
Monday 26 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 24 May

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

Monday 26 May • S Philip Neri, Pr

10.00am Francis Stanislaus (RIP)

Tuesday 27 May • S Augustine of Canterbury, B

10.00am Elizabeth Murphy (RIP)
12 noon Funeral Mass of Henry Lacide (RIP)
6.30pm Teresa Abalsom (RIP)

Wednesday 28 May

10.00am Theresa Roche
6.30pm Rosanne Gomez (RIP) [Vigil Mass]

Thursday 29 May • The Ascension of the LORD

10.00am People of the Parish
6.30pm Departed of the Angelini Family (RIP)
8.00pm Anton Benedict (RIP)

Friday 30 May

10.00am Una Grant (RIP)
6.30pm Leonard & Family

Saturday 31 May • The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10.00am Lindsey Penelope (Thanksgiving & Health)
12 noon First Communicants
6.30pm The O'Brien Family

Music at the 12 noon Mass

Entry hymn: (195) Glorious things of you are spoken

Kyrie: by Thomas Tallis (arr. Marble)

Offertory motet: *Sacerdotes Domini* (W. Byrd)

Sanctus/Benedictus: by Thomas Tallis

Communion motet: *If ye love me* (T. Tallis)

Communion hymn: (183) Forth in the peace of Christ I go

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.