

# THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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## Newsletter

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Year of Jubilee 2025 • Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ  
Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time • Vol. I, Psalter Week IV

You Are Invited To  
Celebrate The

### SACRED HEART FEAST DAY

1PM TO 4PM  
29 JUNE 2025

BBQ | DRINKS  
STALLS | MUSIC

ALL WELCOME! NO RSVP REQUIRED.  
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### Today's Mass

**First Reading** (Genesis 14:18–20): Melchizedek, referred to here as 'priest of God Most High', brings bread and wine, a prefiguring of the Eucharist. Melchizedek is mentioned in Eucharistic Prayer I and in today's Responsorial **Psalm 110(109)**, in which we are brought to reflect on how Christ, as Son, shares in God's supreme dominion, but exercises His power in priesthood.

**Second Reading** (1 Corinthians 11:23–26): The institution narrative in every Eucharistic Prayer is based on the Gospels but also on this passage – which, written some twenty years after Jesus died, is the earliest testimony to the tradition. The first memorial acclamation is taken from this passage.

The **Sequence** may be said or sung, in its longer or shorter form. St Thomas Aquinas specially composed the Sequence for the new Feast of Corpus Christi in 1264; it emphasises the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

The **Gospel** (Luke 9:11–17) is the feeding of the Five Thousand. Moses had fed the Israelites in the desert (Exodus 16) and Elisha had fed the people with more than enough (2 Kings 4). Jesus also feeds the people, but His miracle exceeds the prophets' miracles. Like all the Gospels, Luke clearly presents this miracle as having eucharistic overtones, as we may discern from the verbs he uses to describe Jesus' actions.

*Canon David*



**This Friday is the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.** Holy Mass will be celebrated at 6.30pm (on Thursday), 9.00am (at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School), 10.00am, 6.30pm, and 8.00pm.

### 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](mailto: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](http://cbcew.org.uk/jubilee-2025).

## This Sunday

We welcome **Mgr Ante Vidović** to celebrate the 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 6 July.

### Procession of the Blessed Sacrament at the 10.00am and 12 noon Masses

The Procession of the Blessed Sacrament will take place at the end of both the 10.00am and 12 noon Masses, concluding with Benediction.

Please follow the priest carrying the monstrance, which contains the Blessed Sacrament, and please do join in the hymns as you process.

- At these Masses, children who recently made their First Holy Communion are invited to strew rose petals before the Blessed Sacrament. They are welcome to wear their First Holy Communion outfits if they wish.
- Can YOU bring rose petals for the Procession? Please deliver them to the Sacristy.
- **The Procession is an act of worship. Please join in; do not stand around and take photographs/videos.**

### Café in the Lounge after the 10.00am Mass

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

## This week

### Adoration on Wednesday morning

Adoration will be held from 10.30am to 11.30am (rather than until 12 noon) to accommodate the below funeral. Adoration continues as normal from 5.25pm to 6.25pm on Wednesday.

### Wan-Yung Tseung RIP

Funeral Mass at 12.30pm on Wednesday, followed by burial at Merton & Sutton Joint Cemetery.

### 7.30pm Wednesday Wimbledon Newman Society screens *Francesco: Inspiring Hope (2020)*

This documentary provides an intimate look at the late Pope Francis, who spoke about many issues including climate change, the common good, synodality, women's empowerment, migration, sexual abuse, the pandemic, and peacemaking. All are welcome to the Lounge to be reminded of his wonderful life and teaching!

### Friday: Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus



On our 'Feast of Title', Holy Mass will be celebrated in our church at 6.30pm (on Thursday), 10.00am, 6.30pm, and 8.00pm. There will also be a special Mass at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School at 9.00am (see the dedicated notice). Can you make a special effort to attend Holy Mass on Friday?

There will be **no adoration on Friday** to accommodate Masses for Wimbledon College.

Because it is our great Feast Day, the usual rule of Friday penance does not apply this week – indeed, not only may you eat meat, but you can celebrate the Feast with an indulgent treat of your choice!

### 9.00am Friday: Mass in the Hall of Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

All parishioners, parents, and family members are welcome to attend this Mass at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School (Burlington Road, KT3 4ND).

As well as celebrating the school's dedication, we will be making a formal farewell to Mrs Dolan-Walsh as Headteacher.

### 10.30am – 11.30am Saturday 28 June 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](mailto:bereavementsacredheart@gmail.com).

### Holy Matrimony

The Wedding of Harry Wilkinson and Veronica Carton is at 2.30pm on Saturday.

### 4.30pm Saturday 28 June Opus Dei Mass

Holy Mass will be celebrated in honour of St Josemaría Escrivá de Balaguer y Albás, founder of Opus Dei.

### 6.30pm Mass on Saturday 28 June

Please note that this Mass will be the proper Vigil Mass of the Solemnity of SS Peter and Paul, with different readings and prayers from those of the Mass of the Day.

### Next Sunday's Second Collection: Peter's Pence

Sent from bishops throughout the Church to the Holy Father, this collection enables the Apostolic See to exercise works of mercy and charity and to serve the Universal Church.

**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](https://sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/safeguarding).

### Parish Safeguarding Representatives:

Victoria Wheatley ([wimbledonsg1@safeguardraos.org.uk](mailto:wimbledonsg1@safeguardraos.org.uk)) • Siobhán Heffron ([wimbledonsg3@safeguardraos.org.uk](mailto:wimbledonsg3@safeguardraos.org.uk))



## Next Sunday 29 June Sacred Heart Feast Celebration



### 12 noon: Mass presided by the Apostolic Nuncio

We are delighted to welcome His Excellency Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía, the Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain, to preside at the 12 noon Mass next Sunday 29 June, along with Fr Andrew Coy, his Private Secretary. As the saying goes, 'to see the Nuncio is to see the Pope', so you will want to come to this Mass to meet Pope Leo's representative to this country! – and stay for the Feast Day celebrations...

### 1.00pm – 4.00pm: Sacred Heart Feast Celebration

Free entry

Food and drink – no charge, but donations gratefully received

Raffle and tombola

In the presence of the Apostolic Nuncio

Bottle stall • Toy stall  
Book stall • Jewellery stall

Bring cash for the stalls and raffle!

Entertainment, including the Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School Choir and children's games

*Come and enjoy yourself, invite your friends, and please pray for fine weather!*

- Setting up will take place from 2.30pm on Saturday 28 June; can YOU come and help? We shall also need people to clear away afterwards.
- For the stalls and raffle prizes, we need toys (in good condition), bottles, and dry goods. Please drop these off at the Presbytery Reception.
- Sister Dorothy would be pleased to receive homemade cakes (big or small) for her refreshments stall. Bring them a day or two beforehand (to the Presbytery) or bring them on the day.

### Forthcoming parish liturgies and events

**11.30am Wednesday 2 July**  
**Mass and First Profession (First Vows)**  
**of Dins Sebastian, Novice with the**  
**Sisters of Christ**

Parishioners are welcome to attend.

**2.30pm Friday 4 July**  
**Friendship Group Meeting**

Come along to the Lounge for Pimm's, strawberries and cream, and some tennis! All welcome.

**7.30pm Thursday 10 July**  
**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!)

### Diocesan notices

**Thursday – Sunday: Relic of Blessed**  
**Carlo Acutis at St George's Cathedral**

St George's Cathedral in Southwark (Lambeth Road, SE1 7HY) is welcoming a relic of Blessed – soon to be Saint – Carlo Acutis. For more information, please visit [tinyurl.com/acutisrcaos25](http://tinyurl.com/acutisrcaos25).

- At 6.30pm on Thursday, young adults will gather for an evening of adoration and veneration of the relic, including a talk on the relic.
- On Friday, Archbishop John will preside at the 6.00pm Solemn Mass of the Sacred Heart, including the veneration of the relic.
- On Saturday 28 June, a 'Morning with Carlo Acutis' from 9.30am to 1.00pm will include Mass, Adoration, the Rosary, and a talk on the relic.
- The Cathedral is also hosting an exhibition on eucharistic miracles until Monday 7 July.

### 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.

### Parish notices

#### Safeguarding Audit

As part of its audit of the Archdiocese of Southwark this year, the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) is seeking feedback from anyone who may have information regarding the Archdiocese's safeguarding function. For further details and to participate, please visit [tinyurl.com/yuvzduwf](http://tinyurl.com/yuvzduwf).

Additionally, please take some time to read the CSSA's public call for information, especially from survivors of abuse related to the Catholic Church, at [tinyurl.com/42k72h8f](http://tinyurl.com/42k72h8f).

The CSSA's archdiocesan audit will include an audit of selected parishes, and we have been notified that we are one of the parishes to be inspected in July. The Archdiocese's Head of Safeguarding has written that her team 'are delighted' that we have been selected 'as we believe that your parish is a really good example of a parish which has safeguarding fully embedded into its practice and you are also a parish that runs numerous initiatives demonstrating the Church's teaching in action'.

#### Vacancy: Project Assistant at Merton Winter Night Shelter

Merton Faith in Action is seeking a Project Assistant for the Merton Winter Night Shelter. A minimum of six hours over three evenings per week and occasional management meetings outside of the shelter is required. The role would initially involve shadowing the Project Coordinator at the different shelter venues, and then doing so independently and unsupervised to support venue convenors and their volunteers. The hours will include weekends and bank holidays. The salary is to be confirmed. For more information and to apply, please email [ashling@mertonfaithinaction.org](mailto:ashling@mertonfaithinaction.org).

## Celebrants this Sunday

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

## We remember in our prayers

### Those who have died recently

Wan-Yung Tseung • Marie-Caroline Plaquet  
Josephine Rochford • Mike Cairns

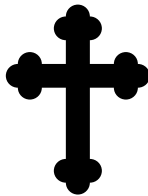
### Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Percy Batuwitage • John O'Neill  
Gladys Phibbs • Siobhan Williams

### 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 • Teresa Escalona • Carmela Rosell  
Simon Potter • Natalia Mata • Angela White  
Peter Gent • Margaret Brauer

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

long waits expected on Saturday 21 June  
Mondays to Saturdays  
6.00pm – 6.20pm

Saturdays  
10.30am – 11.30am  
11.30pm finish on Wednesday 25 June  
no Adoration on Friday 27 June

## 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](mailto:wimbledonnewsletter@rcaos.org.uk) by Tuesday evening.

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Thank you.



## Weekday Mass Intentions

### Saturday 21 June • S Aloysius Gonzaga, Rel

10.00am Agnes Chin (RIP)  
6.30pm Andrew Martin (RIP)

### Monday 23 June

10.00am Medjugorje Visionaries (Thanksgiving)  
6.30pm Thanksgiving [Mass of the Nativity of S John the Baptist]

### Tuesday 24 June • The Nativity of S John the Baptist

10.00am Hugh McCluskey  
6.30pm Thanksgiving

### Wednesday 25 June

10.00am Mike Curtin (RIP)  
12.30pm Funeral Mass of Wan-Yung Tseung (RIP)  
6.30pm Michael James Devlin (RIP)

### Thursday 26 June • S Thomas Garnet, Pr M

10.00am Geoff Chapman (RIP)  
6.30pm Tony Smith (Thanksgiving) [Mass of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus]

### Friday 27 June • The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

9.00am School [Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School (Burlington Road, KT3 4ND)]  
10.00am Ada Lucchetta (RIP)  
6.30pm People of the Parish  
8.00pm Private Intention

### Saturday 28 June • The Immaculate Heart of the B.V. Mary

10.00am Stephen & Dorothy Yi (50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniv.)  
2.30pm Wedding of Harry Wilkinson  
and Veronica Carton  
4.30pm In honour of St Josemaría Escrivá  
6.30pm Tom Starkey (RIP)

## Music at the 12 noon Mass

**Entrance hymn:** (697) The heavenly Word proceeding forth  
**Kyrie:** (468) *Orbis factor* • **Gloria:** (467) *De Angelis*  
**Sequence:** *Lauda Sion* (plainchant, choir)  
**Offertory motet:** *Docti sacris* (F. Mendelssohn)  
**Sanctus/Agnus Dei:** (470)/(473) Mass XVIII  
**Communion motet:** *Ave verum* (W.A. Mozart)  
**Communion hymn:** (730) This is my Body

**Procession and Benediction:** (517) O bread of Heaven • (674) Sweet Sacrament divine • (556) O thou, who at thy Eucharist • (554) *O Salutaris hostia* • (681) *Tantum ergo* • (856a) *Adoremus in aeternum*

## Music at the 5.00pm Mass

Scan the QR code or visit  
[sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/5pm](https://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, first Sacraments, marriages, and funerals.