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Newsletter

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Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time • Vol. I, Psalter Week III



3.00pm next
Sunday 14 September
New Parishioners' Tea

New to the parish? The Parish Pastoral Team and Council request the pleasure of your company! We invite you and your family to tea and cakes in the Lounge. There's no need to book - we will be glad to see you there!

Today's Mass

First Reading (Wisdom 9:13-18): It is difficult enough to understand earthly things; how much more difficult it is to understand God's ways.

Psalms 89(90) is a plea for wisdom, for understanding of our condition.

This Sunday's **Second Reading** (Philemon 9-10,12-17) is the only reading from St Paul's Letter to Philemon in the entire three-year cycle of Sunday readings. Paul returns Onesimus to his owner, Philemon, but now that Onesimus is a Christian, he is to be a brother rather than a slave. Paul has converted both Onesimus and Philemon to faith in Christ.

Gospel (Luke 14:25-33): Christ tells us that discipleship makes demands, so we should not enter into it lightly or without serious thought or planning.

Canon David

Parish Pastoral Team


Parish Priest	Canon David Gibbons KCHS
Parish Clergy	Fr Edwin Raj Fr David Hunter 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



Annie



7.00pm this Thursday, Friday, and Saturday

Edge Hill Players is excited to present Annie! This popular show includes an exceptional array of some of the best well-known musical theatre songs ever written. Our production boasts brilliant choreography and a talented cast of children and adults from the parish and beyond, all accompanied by a live orchestra. Book your seats now at edgehillplayers.com! We look forward to seeing you in the Upper Hall!



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

First Holy Communion



Would your son or daughter like to make their first Sacrament of Reconciliation and first Holy Communion in 2026?

Don't delay: applications close on Monday! Register online now: tinyurl.com/shwfhc26apply.

This Sunday

Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis

The Holy Mass for the canonisation of Blesseds Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati will be celebrated at 10.00am Rome time in St Peter's Square. Born in London and raised in Italy, Carlo lived a short life filled with charity work and the constant pursuit of holiness.

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 the Gospel in a child-friendly way. We call children and parents to the front of the church after the welcome, process together to the Lounge, and return to the church for the Offertory. The children get a lot out of it and are always engaged and interested! After this Sunday, the programme continues on Sundays 21 September; 5 and 19 October; 2, 16, and 30 November; and 7 and 14 December. Please email Elizabeth at elizabethbottriell@hotmail.com if you have any questions.

Café in the Lounge after the 10.00am Mass

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

Social Club after the 8.00pm Mass

All are welcome to join us in the Lounge for a drink and fellowship!

This week

8.00am Monday 8 September DHM Convent Mass

Monday is the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lady. All parishioners are welcome to the monthly Mass at the Daughters of the Heart of Mary Convent (41 Murray Road, SW19 4PD).

Finance Committee

Members are reminded of the meeting on Monday evening.

Anna Vaughey RIP

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

7.00pm Thursday - Saturday: Annie

Please see the front cover.

Next Sunday 14 September: Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Readers and musicians, please note that this Feast displaces the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Next Sunday's Second Collection: Catholic Education Service

Next Sunday is also Education Sunday. The Catholic Education Service (CES), an agency of the Bishops' Conference, supports Catholic education; it is the chief negotiating and advisory body on all aspects of Catholic education.

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12 noon Saturday 13 September Merton Deanery Jubilee Pilgrimage

Parishioners from all of the parishes in the Merton Deanery are coming to Sacred Heart Church for a pilgrimage to our Jubilee Church. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 12 noon; the preacher will be Fr Peter Gallagher SJ, Provincial of the Jesuits in Britain. Please bring a packed lunch; teas and coffees will be served in the Lower Hall afterwards. Please make a special effort to attend this event and welcome our guests from other parishes!



Wimbledon College

Wimbledon College Open Events

Wimbledon College, a Jesuit secondary school and Sixth Form for boys, welcomes prospective parents and pupils for September 2026 admission into Year 7 to its Open Evening. Taking place from 5.00pm to 8.00pm on Thursday 25 September, the event includes school tours (until 7.00pm) and ticketed talks from the Headteacher.

Open Mornings take place by appointment only at 9.00am from Monday 29 September to Wednesday 1 October.

The deadline for applications for September 2026 entry is Friday 31 October. For further information and to book for the open events, please visit wimbledoncollege.org.uk/openevents.

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) • Maria Christopher (wimbletonsg5@safeguardrcaos.org.uk)

Forthcoming parish liturgies and events

7.30pm Wednesday 24 September
Evangelii Gaudium at the
Wimbledon Newman Society

Evangelii Gaudium is a 2013 apostolic exhortation by Pope Francis on the proclamation of the Gospel in today's world. The Church must consider itself as a community of missionary disciples who are permanently in a state of mission. Join us in the Lounge as Rob Hitchcock, our parish's Faith Minister, tells us more. All welcome!

9.30am – 4.30pm Friday 26 and
Saturday 27 September: Free
Training in Community Organising

Community leaders are made, not born. Every year, Citizens UK (citizensuk.org) trains hundreds of people how to create change through community organising.

By taking part in this training, you will deepen your understanding of community organising, develop core community organising leadership skills, meet others working to make change, and better prepare yourself to lead change in your community.

The training will take place in our church halls. All training is delivered by experienced, professional members of the Guild of Community Organisers. Please email your interest to David at dthurst52@gmail.com by Friday 19 September.

4.30pm – 5.30pm and
7.30pm – 8.30pm Monday 6 October
Signing of School Forms

Come to either of these sessions if you wish Canon David to sign Certificates of Catholic Practice for admission to Catholic secondary schools. Please ensure that you have completed your part of the form; you will need a separate form for each school. Please also bring the child applying with you.

6.30pm Saturday 11 October
Poets & Prophets

Come and join us in the Upper Hall for an evening of inspiring poetry and profound insights. Our talented poets and prophets will captivate you with their words and share wisdom leaving you pondering long after the event ends. Whether you're a writer, poet, musician, or simply an appreciative audience member, you're invited to be part of the experience. It will be an atmosphere of inspiration and connection as the night unfolds with beautiful performances and heartfelt expressions.

For more information and to book or sign up to perform, please visit tinyurl.com/dyvf6ycw.

Please note that the date of this event has recently been updated.

Diocesan notices

12.30pm Friday 19 September
Our Lady of Sorrows from Florence
to Kibeho with Fr Francis Murphy

The afternoon at St George's Cathedral, Southwark (Lambeth Road, SE1 7HY) starts at 12.30pm with Mass followed by Adoration, continues at 1.30pm with a talk on Our Lady of Kibeho by Fr Francis Murphy followed by the Chaplet of the Seven Sorrows, and concludes with Benediction with closing hymns at 2.30pm.

Saturday 20 September
Diocesan Day for Catechists

All catechists are encouraged to attend this annual day at St George's Cathedral, Southwark (Lambeth Road, SE1 7HY). For more information and to register, please email Rob Hitchcock at wimbledonpfm@rcaos.org.uk.

6.30pm Wednesday 24 September
Service of Hope and Healing
for All Those Harmed by Abuse

Archbishop John Wilson and the Safeguarding team invite you to this service, to express the Archdiocese's commitment to all those that have been harmed, their family and friends, and to come together as a community to demonstrate our solidarity for those harmed. The service will take place at St George's Cathedral, Southwark (Lambeth Road, SE1 7HY).

6.30pm Friday 26 September
Fr Joseph Donkor Induction Mass

Fr Joseph invites all parishioners to his induction as Parochial Administrator of St Simon Stock Church, Walderslade (in Chatham; Bleakwood Road, ME5 0NF). Refreshments follow the Mass.

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.

Parish notices

Ursuline High School results

We congratulate Ursuline High School students for their amazing A Level and T Level results. A special mention for A Level Mathematics students and teachers, with 45% of all A Level Maths results at A* and A grade. 62% of A Level grades are at A*/B. Overall, 22 students achieved the UCAS three A grades or more.

A special mention also to the T Level students: 100% of students completed and passed the equivalent of 3 A Levels, with 83% achieving Distinction* to Merit. Remarkably, 100% of the T Level students have gone on to university or apprenticeships!

Congratulations are also well deserved for the outstanding GCSE results. 43% of all grades were Grade 7+ (almost twice the national average), 80% Grade 5, and 90% Grade 4. Students achieved 200 Grade 9s (the top grade) across GCSE subjects.

Vacancy: Diocesan Schools Commissioner / Director of Education

The Diocesan Schools Commissioner leads the Archdiocese's Education Service to support schools and colleges and ensure that they are conducted in accordance with the teaching and disciplines of the Catholic Church. For more details and to apply before Monday 15 September, please visit tinyurl.com/bdhw4tkm.



St Carlo Acutis, ora pro nobis!

Celebrants this Sunday

6.30pm (Sat) Fr David Hunter
8.00am Fr Edwin Raj
10.00am Fr David Hunter
12 noon (Latin) Canon David Gibbons
5.00pm Fr Edwin Raj
8.00pm Fr David Hunter

We remember in our prayers

Those who have died recently

Rita O'Connell • Francis Foulger • Anna Vaughey
John Ridge • Agnes Salmon
Betty Gibson • Margaret Duffy

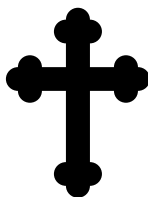
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Kerry Gonet • Joseph Faria
Catherine Sturgess • Maria Mammolito

Those who are sick

Corné Rossouw • Finley Kennedy • Samar Staussi
Maria Tinker • Emily Grey • Eileen Norris • Electa Almeida
Karolina Masica • Mark Capra • Teresa Escalona
Simon Potter • Angela White • Peter Gent
Margaret Brauer • Karoline Wilhelm-Brown
Valeria Kucharsky • Debbie Gargan

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)

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 6 September • of Our Lady

10.00am Mihai Miron (RIP)
6.30pm Aggie D'Sa (RIP)

Monday 8 September • The Nativity of the B.V. Mary

10.00am Ryan Cox (RIP)
6.30pm Ihor Kravchuk (RIP)

Tuesday 9 September

10.00am Frances and John Douglas (RIP)
6.30pm Ivan Fernandes (RIP)

Wednesday 10 September

10.00am Tom & Anne Farmer (RIP)
6.30pm Ivan Fernandes (RIP)

Thursday 11 September

10.00am Funeral Mass of Anna Margaret Vaughey (RIP)
6.30pm Joanne & Mario De Sa (Wedding Anniversary)

Friday 12 September

10.00am Private Intention
6.30pm Mary Vaughan-Neil (RIP)

Saturday 13 September • S John Chrysostom, B D

10.00am Thelma D'Costa (Birthday)
6.30pm Anthony Hennessy

Music at the 12 noon Mass

Solemn Latin Mass

Missa super Aeterna Christi Munera (G.P. da Palestrina)

Offertory motet: *Geistliches Lied* (J. Brahms)

Communion motet: *Sicut cervus* (G.P. da Palestrina)

Organ: *Fugue in G minor BWV 542* (J.S. Bach)

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 email any notices for the weekly newsletter to wimbledonnewsletter@rcaos.org.uk by Tuesday evening.

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.