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Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time



Bishop Nicholas Hudson

We are delighted to announce that Pope Leo has appointed Bishop Nicholas Hudson as Bishop of Plymouth. Bishop Hudson was born in Wimbledon and attended Wimbledon College. He was baptised and ordained priest in Sacred Heart and was (briefly) the first diocesan Parish Priest of Wimbledon, before being appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster. Like Canon David, he was formerly Director of the Diocesan Catechetical Centre. We send him our best wishes and prayers for his new apostolate.

Parish Pastoral Team

Parish Priest	Canon David Gibbons KCHS
Parish Clergy	Fr Edwin Raj
	Fr Peter Mudu Frank
	Deacon Julian Burling
Team Member	Sr Dorothy Perrott OSU
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Today's Mass

In today's Mass, we reflect on self-knowledge and humility.

First Reading (Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14,16-19): God favours the humble and faithful, and the author gives examples: the poor person, one who is wronged, the orphan or widow, and one 'whose service is pleasing to the Lord'. And as we near the end of the Church's year, notice the final line: 'And the Lord will not delay.'

Echoing the First Reading, **Psalm 33(34)** emphasises how close God is to those who are poor and humble.

Second Reading (2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18): Paul – aware that he is nearing death – puts his hope of salvation in the hands of God, the righteous judge. Can we say that we 'have fought the good fight' and 'kept the faith'?

Today's **Gospel** (Luke 18:9-14) is the Parable of the Pharisee and the Publican [illustrated to your right by Gustave Doré]. Unlike last Sunday's parable, which was spoken to His disciples, Jesus addresses those who thought highly of themselves. Are we self-obsessed, judgmental, and self-righteous like the Pharisee? Or are we humble, penitent, and aware of our need for God's mercy like the tax collector?



Canon David



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

Don't get caught out! The clocks go back one hour this Sunday.

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 social gathering!

Parish notices

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Please note that the next Children's Liturgy of the Word will take place during the 10.00am Mass on Sunday 16 November. The editor apologises for all confusion.

Message from the Holy Land Group

'Christian greetings and the peace of Our Lord be with you always. We would love to thank you by allowing our group to come to your church and sell the olive wood religious articles, the result of which was very beneficial and rewarding for our needy Christian families. We raised £9,363.55. Your help is a great support for us, and for our Christian families in the Holy Land.

'We don't have enough words to thank you, but make sure that you are always in our prayers. If anyone has missed the carvings display, you can place an order online directly at tbng.co.uk. God bless you all. Love and blessings from The Holy Land Group.'



Holy Souls in November: If you would like to have your loved ones remembered in Masses during November, please write their names on a piece of paper and place it into the Holy Souls envelopes provided at the back of the church. They will be placed in a box at the altar during Masses in November. Any donations enclosed will go towards Masses for the Holy Souls during the year.

At Masses this Sunday, there will be an appeal for volunteers to continue our parish's support of the **Merton Winter Night Shelter** run by Faith in Action.

From January to March 2026, our parish will provide food and shelter for around twelve homeless men for one day a week – other days of the week will be supported by other churches and places of worship. Most of the clients who were welcomed last year have been successfully rehoused, and some are now in employment.

We desperately need your help with prayers, but as importantly, time. In particular, the night shift from 9.30pm on Thursday to 6.30am on Friday needs to be covered by male volunteers. You would only have to volunteer once, and a current DBS check will be required. If you are able and willing to sleep over in the Lower Hall with our clients and one other volunteer – just for one night – or if you can volunteer in other ways, please say 'hi' at the back of the church or contact Nandita at sacredheartwns@rcaos.org.uk.

This week

6.45pm for 7.30pm Thursday Wimbledon Catenian Circle Photographic Night

Gentlemen, ladies, and guests are invited to an evening in our parish halls with the Wimbledon Catenian Circle. Starting with registers at 6.45pm, the Circle Meeting takes place at 7.30pm, and is followed by dinner, a photography competition, and an exhibition. Offered by a renowned local chef, the three-course dinner costs £35 (including wine, teas, and coffees). There will also be a raffle in aid of the Jesuit Refugee Service.

For more information and to book as soon as possible, please visit wimbledon-catenians.org.uk, or email williamrhind@hotmail.com or des@boxofcolours.com.

10.45am – 6.15pm Saturday 1 November Gregorian Chant Workshop Day

This special day is organised by the Schola Gregoriana of Cambridge in the Lower Hall. Everyone is welcome; the repertoire is uniquely adapted to beginners and experienced singers. We will rehearse and explore the ancient chants of the Church both historically and musically, considering aspects of modality and stylistic interpretation. The day will culminate in the celebration of First Vespers of All Saints in our church, sung by participants.

For further information and to book, please visit tinyurl.com/yyv4h7ht or contact Deacon Julian. Please bring a packed lunch.

Next Sunday: All Saints

The Solemnity of All Saints – a Holyday of Obligation – is usually observed on 1 November, but this year, under the rules in England & Wales, the Solemnity is transferred to next Sunday 2 November. Mass readers and musicians please take note. The Saturday 6:30pm Mass will be the first Mass of All Saints.

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) • Maria Christopher (wimbledonsg5@safeguardrcaos.org.uk)

Forthcoming parish liturgies and events

Saturday 1 – Sunday 9 November Plenary Indulgences

A Plenary Indulgence, applicable only to the Holy Souls, may be gained once in church either on All Souls' Day (Monday 3 November), or on the preceding or following Sunday, on the usual conditions. These conditions are: visit a church, recite the Our Father and a Creed, receive sacramental Confession and Holy Communion, and pray for the Pope's intention.

Those who visit a cemetery between Saturdays 1 and 8 November and pray for the Faithful Departed may obtain a Plenary Indulgence applicable to the Holy Souls (and at other times a Partial Indulgence).

Monday 3 November: All Souls' Day

The transfer of the Solemnity of All Saints means that the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed is also transferred to the next day. Therefore, this year, All Souls' Day is on Monday 3 November. A Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 8.00am, as well as the normal 10.00am and 6.30pm.

2.30pm Friday 7 November Screening of High Noon (1952) at the Friendship Group

Once voted 'the greatest Western of all time', join us in the Lounge with ice creams, teas, and biscuits. All are welcome!

2.30pm Sunday 9 November Blessing of Graves

There will be a short service outside the chapel at the Merton and Sutton Joint Cemetery in (Garth Road, SM4 4NW). After the service, clergy will be available to bless individual graves of any relatives or friends of parishioners who are buried there or in the adjacent Morden Cemetery.

8.30pm Mondays 10 November to 15 December inclusive Rehearsals for Katy's Songbirds Christmas Celebration

Calling all singers! Katy's Songbirds invite you to lend us your voice for our Christmas Celebration Concert, hosted in our church at 7.45pm on Thursday 18 December. Rehearsals will be held on the above Mondays at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School (Burlington Road, KT3 4ND) – come to as many as you like! To register, please email katylees3009@gmail.com.

11.00am – 3.00pm Saturday 22 November Deanery Day of Recollection

All Ministers of Holy Communion and Mass Readers – and everyone else who would like to attend – are invited to this Deanery Day of Recollection at St Teresa of the Child Jesus, Morden (Bishopsford Road, SM4 6BZ). Starting with Mass of the Day, the day includes two talks by Canon David on 'The Mass'. Car parking is available; car sharing would be good.

Diocesan notices

Until Sunday 2 November Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles of St Carlo Acutis

St John Fisher Parish (Cannon Hill Lane, SW20 9DB) is hosting this self-explanatory exhibition, which aims to inform the many Catholics who are uncertain of the real presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. The exhibition is free and open for a couple of hours each weekday except Thursday, and from 8.00am to 7.30pm on Saturdays and Sundays.

3.00pm every first Saturday Monthly Cantonese Mass

Fr Philip Pak invites you to Holy Family Church in Sutton Green (Sorrento Road, SM1 1QU) at 3.00pm every first Saturday of the month for an anticipated Sunday Mass, celebrated bilingually in English and Cantonese, followed by teas in the hall after Mass. Everyone is welcome! For more information, please email suttonhkcatholicsuk@gmail.com.

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

2.00pm Tuesday 4 November High Society (1956) film screening at Sherwood Grange's free Dementia-Friendly Cinema Club

Come to Sherwood Grange in Kingston Vale (Robin Hood Lane, SW15 3PU) to watch this 1956 classic starring Bing Crosby, Grace Kelly and Frank Sinatra. The event is free for attendees and carers. Arrive at 2.00pm for tea, coffee, and cakes; the film will start at 2.30pm. For more details, please contact paul.boyce@careuk.com.

Wimbledon Marriage Care

Wimbledon Marriage Care is seeking volunteers to join their team of chaperones: could you help? This vital role involves welcoming clients and ensuring that their session with the counsellor goes uninterrupted. These in-person sessions take place for up to two hours on Monday mornings from 9.00am and for up to three hours on Tuesday evenings from 7.00pm in Wimbledon. To learn more, please contact Clive or Teresa Weeks on 020 8393 1607 or 07815 854007 or email c.a.weeks@hotmail.co.uk. For counselling appointments, please call the National Appointment Service on 0800 389 3801.

Message from the Good Counsel Network

There have now been over ten and a half million abortions in Great Britain since the Abortion Act was passed 58 years ago, on 27 October 1967. On this terrible anniversary, please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this country. On Monday 27 October, please go to Mass, say an extra Rosary, and give up some food for the day. Learn more and share this message with your friends on Facebook: facebook.com/events/2088827391922348/.

Celebrants this Sunday

6.30pm (Sat)	Canon David Gibbons
8.00am	Fr Peter Mudu Frank
10.00am	Fr Edwin Raj
12 noon	Canon David Gibbons
5.00pm	Fr Peter Mudu Frank
8.00pm	Fr Edwin Raj

We remember in our prayers

Those who have died recently

Thomas MacNamara • Luis L. Echezabal
Isabella Irmgard Mills • Elena Ricks

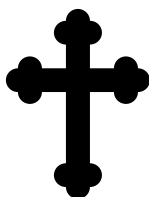
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Mary Robinson • Desmond McGrath • Alina Hancock
Cecilia Wiggins • Gerald Platts • Marie Vincent
John Castro • Jorge Vanegas

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 • Patricia Codd
Hilary Brazier • Ethan Costa Peruzzo

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.

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sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/donate.
Thank you.



Weekday Mass Intentions

Saturday 25 October • of Our Lady

10.00am Daria Coutinho (RIP)
6.30pm Jenny Elborough (RIP)

Monday 27 October

10.00am David Murphy (RIP)
6.30pm Betty Gibson (RIP)

Tuesday 28 October • SS Simon & Jude, App

10.00am Cecil Lobo (RIP)
6.30pm Patricia Howell

Wednesday 29 October

10.00am Baby Nicholas (Thanksgiving)
6.30pm Camille & William (Thanksgiving)

Thursday 30 October

10.00am Alina Hancock (RIP)
6.30pm Fr Michael Ashworth (RIP)

Friday 31 October

10.00am Fr Vincent Flynn
6.30pm Ginetta Gazzi (RIP)

Saturday 1 November • of Our Lady

10.00am Baby Nicholas
6.30pm Nora Quinn (RIP)

Music at the 12 noon Mass

Entry hymn: (529) O God, thy people gather

Kyrie/Gloria: (459)/(460) • **Sanctus:** (433)

Offertory motet: King of glory, King of peace (J.R. Ahle / J.S. Bach, arr. W.H. Harris)

Communion motet: Ave verum corpus (C. Saint-Saëns)

Communion hymn: (182) Forgive our sins, as we forgive

Organ: Prelude & Fugue in E flat (C. Saint-Saëns)

Music at the 5.00pm Mass

Scan the QR code or visit
sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/5pm



Parish services and contacts

Parish Office

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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) via a registration tablet at the church entrance, presbytery reception, or 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.