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Remembrance Sunday
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Newsletter

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Year of Jubilee 2025 • The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time



7.30pm Wednesday: 'Love the Stranger' at the Wimbledon Newman Society

Everyone is welcome to this talk in the Lounge by Liam Allmark, Head of Communications, Fundraising, and Advocacy at the Jesuit Refugee Service (jrsuk.net). The talk's title is inspired by a 2023 document by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. With so much adverse and hostile commentary, it is important for us to reflect carefully on the Church's teaching about how we should love the stranger. On this matter, our speaker is a very knowledgeable expert.

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

The Pope's Cathedral as the Bishop of Rome is not St Peter's in the Vatican – as many people suppose – but the Archbasilica of St John Lateran in Rome. It is dedicated to the Most Holy Saviour (and both St John the Baptist and St John the Evangelist), and thus the anniversary of its Dedication, as a Feast of Christ, displaces the Sunday of Ordinary Time. The feast's theological importance is that it expresses our communion with the Bishop of Rome, the Pope; it is this communion which makes us Catholic.

On Friday, we celebrated the feast of the Dedication of our Cathedral Church of St George; this feast expresses our communion with the Archbishop of Southwark, and it is this which makes us members of the local church of Southwark.

The Readings at Mass today are taken from the Common of the Dedication of a Church. The **First Reading** (Ezekiel 47:1–2,8–9,12) is Ezekiel's vision, written during the exile, of the Lord's return to Jerusalem and the restoration of the Temple as a place of healing and refreshment. **Psalm 45(46)** continues the same idea.

In the **Second Reading** (1 Corinthians 3:9–11,16–17), St Paul uses a building as an image of the Church community being developed in Corinth, which is God's holy Temple.

Gospel (John 2:13–22): Jesus clears the sellers and money-changers out of the Temple, but speaks of His body as the Temple – although the disciples only understood this later. Jesus Christ – whose Body comes to us in the Mass – has replaced the old Temple in Jerusalem.

Canon David

Confirmation 2026: registration now open!



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

Remembrance Sunday

The **12 noon Mass**, as is permitted in England and Wales, will be a Requiem Mass for the War Dead.

Canon David will represent the parish at the **Act of Remembrance** at the Wimbledon War Memorial in Wimbledon Village (SW19 5AZ). The service begins at 10.40am.

Second Collection: Archbishop's Appeal

Please see the dedicated box.

Last day for a Plenary Indulgence for the Holy Souls

A Plenary Indulgence, applicable only to the Holy Souls, may be gained once in church today 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.

Continental Breakfast after the 8.00am and 10.00am Masses

Join us in the Lower Hall for bacon, pastries, sausage rolls, teas, and coffees – all to accompany good chats with fellow parishioners! There is no charge, but donations are gratefully received.

2.30pm Blessing of Graves

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

Social Club after the 8.00pm Mass

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



Confirmation 2026

Are you in Years 8 to 13? Would you like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next year? Registration is now open! Please ask your parent or guardian to complete the online form before Monday 5 January 2026: tinyurl.com/shwconf26. If you were baptised outside the parish, they will need to upload a copy of your baptismal certificate.

If you have any questions, please contact Rob, our Faith Minister, at wimbledonpfm@rcaos.org.uk.

Second Collection: Archbishop's Appeal

This collection funds three key areas of ministry: Youth and Evangelization, Faith in Action (Caritas), and Clergy Care and Formation. Your generosity will enable the Archdiocese to support innovative projects in our parishes and schools, seeking to bring faith, hope, and love into the communities they serve.

Please be generous, and please use an appeal envelope to Gift Aid your donation.

This week

8.00am Monday: DHM Convent Mass

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

7.30pm Wednesday 'Love the Stranger: A Catholic Response to Asylum Seekers, Migrants, and Refugees' at the Wimbledon Newman Society

Please see the front cover.

10.30am – 1.00pm Thursday Filming in Church

A team from the Diocesan Communications office will be filming in Sacred Heart Church a section of a new apologetics series entitled Ambassadors for Christ. Five of the scripts have been written by Canon David, and he will be speaking in them. You are welcome to come and see how the filming works, but please keep silence during the filming.

7.30pm Thursday 13 November 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 (18+), come to the Lounge! (Bring drinks and games!) Any donations are gratefully received.



School tours at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School and Nursery

There's no substitute for visiting our parish's primary school to appreciate what makes it special. Throughout the year, the school offers bespoke, small group school tours with the Headteacher or another senior member of staff.

For available tour dates in Autumn, Spring, and Summer Terms, and to book, please visit tinyurl.com/shcpstours. If you cannot make any scheduled tour, please contact the school office on 020 8942 0215 or email school@sacredheart.merton.sch.uk to arrange a tour.

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)
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WELCOME

Now that **Frs Edwin and Peter**, our new Assistant Priests, have settled in, why not invite them for a visit, a cup of tea or coffee, or even for a meal? This will help them to get to know people and the parish. You can email Fr Edwin at edwinraj@rcaos.org.uk and Fr Peter at petermuduf Frank@rcaos.org.uk.



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.

Forthcoming parish liturgies and events

Please note that the **Musicians' Jubilee Year Mass**, which was to have taken place on Saturday 22 November, has been postponed.

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 day at St Teresa of the Child Jesus, Morden (Bishopsford Road, SM4 6BZ). Canon David will speak on 'The Mass'. Please bring a packed lunch; car parking is available. The programme is:

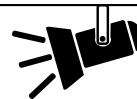
11.00am	Holy Mass
11.45am	First session
12.45pm	Lunch break
1.30pm	Second session
2.30pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
3.00pm	Departure

There are (stomach) rumblings of a **Parish Dinner** to be organised early next year ... watch this space!



Save the date! Edge Hill Players Puss in Boots panto, an original pantomime written and directed by Wendy Tansey and Terry Marsh: 2.30pm and 7.00pm on Saturdays 31 January and 7 February 2026

Spotlight on...



The **Thursday Group** was formed over 30 years ago and has continued ever since. The purpose of the group is to offer support in a safe and friendly setting to anyone with mental health problems. It provides an opportunity for sharing, confidentially, any difficulties people might be experiencing. Close bonds and friendships have been made and support has been shared by many over the years.

We currently meet every Thursday in the Lounge between 3.00pm and 5.00pm. We start by looking at the Sunday's readings, followed by a short discussion on what they mean to us. We then have time to chat over a cup of tea and biscuits/cake. We warmly invite you to come and see us one Thursday, with no strings attached if it's not for you.

For more information, please call Sister Peggy on 07749 300964 or email peggySSA14@yahoo.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

10.30am this Monday 10 November
Interfaith Ladies' Coffee Morning

The Muslim Women of Merton invite ladies to a Coffee Morning in the Upper Hall of the Morden Islamic Community Centre (London Road, SM4 5AX). They will provide vegetarian and vegan food. Shoes will need to be removed as the hall is used for prayers. This is a women-only event.

3.30pm Sunday 16 November
Rosary at Hampton Court Palace

UK Prays (ukprays.org) are attending Evensong in the Chapel Royal at Hampton Court Palace. The rosary will be prayed silently to place the United Kingdom under the protection of Our Lady. For free entry, please go to the Security Office to be escorted in. All are welcome; UK Prays is grateful to the chaplain for his warm welcome.

7.00pm – 9.00pm
Thursday 20 November
Faith Forum

We have been invited to send representatives to a Faith Forum at the Buddhapadipa Temple (Calonne Road, SW19 5HJ – the local Temple of the Thai Theravada Buddhism faith). This event brings together leaders and representatives from faith communities in our local area to share insights, foster understanding, and explore ways to work harmoniously together for the benefit of the community. Please contact Thelma in the Parish Office if you would like to attend.

7.00pm Monday 1 December
Jesuit Refugee Service
Advent Service and Reception

As we begin our preparations for Advent and reflect on the Holy Family's flight into exile, join the Jesuit Refugee Service for an evening of carols and a special performance by their refugee music group at Farm Street Church in Mayfair (W1K 3AH).

Celebrants this Sunday

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

We remember in our prayers

Those who have died recently

Margaret de Larrazabal • Septimus Waugh
John Engley • Zdzisław Szachraj • Marie Whitehead

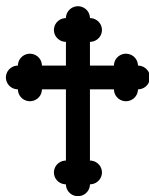
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Jennifer Topley • Wassim Tappuni • Norma Patton
Patricia Brady • Harriette Therese Gomez
Brenda Park • Angelino Uggias Nalon
Juliana Rajakone • Maureen Sinnott

Those who are sick

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 • Sheila Morrissey • Peter Hayes

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 8 November • of Our Lady

10.00am Aidan Gordon (RIP)
6.30pm Victor Barrie Partington (RIP)

Monday 10 November • S Leo the Great, P D

8.00am Sisters [41 Murray Road, SW19 4PD]
10.00am John Foley (RIP)
6.30pm Timothy McBride (RIP)

Tuesday 11 November • S Martin of Tours, B

10.00am Margaret McKerney (RIP)
6.30pm Mick Molloy (RIP)

Wednesday 12 November • S Josaphat, B M

10.00am Viji Pillay (Birthday)
6.30pm Alfred Jessiman (RIP)

Thursday 13 November • S Francis Xavier Cabrini, Rel

10.00am Matthew Forsyth (RIP)
6.30pm Thomas Gabriel (RIP)

Friday 14 November

10.00am Jack Gilligen (RIP)
6.30pm Maria Eugenia Lara (RIP)

Saturday 15 November • of Our Lady

10.00am Sangwtha Perpetua (Thanksgiving)
6.30pm Fr John Fairhurst SJ (RIP)

Music at the 12 noon Mass

Introit: *Requiem aeternam* (plainsong)

Kyrie/Sanctus/Agnus: Mass 18 (plainsong)

Offertory motet: Greater love hath no man (J. Ireland)

Communion motet: *Locus iste* (A. Bruckner)

Communion hymn: (286) I vow to thee, my country

Organ: *Elegy* (G. Thalben-Ball)

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.