

Christmas 2025



Sacred Heart Wimbledon

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Before Christmas

Mondays 1, 8, and 15 December

6.30am Advent Rorate Mass

These traditional dawn Masses of Our Lady by candlelight will be celebrated on the first three Mondays of December in the Lady Chapel. If you have never experienced one of these special Advent Masses, do make an effort to come along and help prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas. By popular request, these Masses will be sung Masses and in Latin.

Monday 15 – Saturday 20 December

10.00am Holy Mass

5.45pm – 6.15pm Confessions

6.30pm Holy Mass

Saturday 20 December

10.30am Christmas Penitential Service
with individual Confessions

A short communal Service of Penitence will be followed by individual Confessions, with visiting priests as well as our own. During the Confessions, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration. Come and confess early for Christmas!

Sunday 21 December

Fourth Sunday of Advent

6.30pm (Sat) Holy Mass	12 noon Holy Mass
8.00am Holy Mass	5.00pm Holy Mass
10.00am Holy Mass	8.00pm Holy Mass

Monday 22 – Tuesday 23 December

10.00am **Holy Mass**
5.45pm – 6.15pm **Confessions**
6.30pm **Holy Mass**

The rehearsal for the Children's Christmas Crib Service will take place on Tuesday 23 December (see next page).

Wednesday 24 December

10.00am **Holy Mass** (of 24 December)



Christmas Eve

Wednesday 24 December

3.30pm Children's Christmas Crib Service

There will be a rehearsal for the Crib Service from 10.45am to 12 noon on Tuesday 23 December for children aged 4+ who would like to be involved as actors and children aged 8+ wishing to read. Please contact Rachel Marshall at rachel@marshallmail.net. Offers of help from parents are also most welcome.

5.00pm Vigil Mass

7.30pm Vigil Mass

preceded by Carols from 7.10pm

Midnight Midnight Mass

preceded by Carols from 11.30pm



Reserved seats at the Vigil and Midnight Masses

The front four rows of seats on the left-hand centre aisle (Ambo-side) of the church will be reserved for frail and elderly persons and wheelchairs, until 5 minutes before the Carols begin. Thereafter, they will be available to everyone.

Parking at Wimbledon College and Church Car Park

Additional car parking spaces will be available at Wimbledon College from 3.00pm on Wednesday 24 December until 2.00am on Thursday 25 December.

The parking registration system in the church car park will be deactivated for Masses on the following days. On these days, you do not need to register your car using a registration tablet:

- Wednesday 24 December (Christmas Eve)
- Friday 25 December (Christmas Day)
- Saturday 26 December (St Stephen)
- Wednesday 31 December
- Thursday 1 January (Mary, Mother of God)

Christmas Day

Thursday 25 December

8.00am **Mass of the Dawn**

10.00am **Mass of the Day**

12 noon **Mass of the Day**



Please note that there are no evening Masses.

By diocesan rule, the Collection at all Christmas Masses is your gift to the priests of the parish.

After Christmas

Friday 26 December

St Stephen

10.00am **Holy Mass** only (Bank Holiday: no evening Mass)

Saturday 27 December

St John

10.00am **Holy Mass**

10.30am – 11.30am **Confessions**

6.00pm – 6.20pm **Confessions**

Sunday 28 December

The Holy Family

6.30pm (Sat) **Holy Mass**

12 noon **Holy Mass**

8.00am **Holy Mass**

5.00pm **Holy Mass**

10.00am **Holy Mass**

8.00pm **Holy Mass**

Monday 29 – Wednesday 31 December

10.00am **Holy Mass**

6.00pm – 6.20pm **Confessions**

6.30pm **Holy Mass**

Thursday 1 January

Mary, Mother of God

6.30pm (Wed) **Holy Mass**

10.00am **Holy Mass** only (Bank Holiday: no evening Mass)

Friday 2 January

SS Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

10.00am **Holy Mass**

6.00pm – 6.20pm **Confessions**

6.30pm **Holy Mass**

Saturday 3 January

10.00am **Holy Mass**

10.30am – 11.30am **Confessions**

6.00pm – 6.20pm **Confessions**

Sunday 4 January

Second Sunday of Christmas

6.30pm (Sat) **Holy Mass**

12 noon **Holy Mass**

8.00am **Holy Mass**

5.00pm **Holy Mass**

10.00am **Holy Mass**

8.00pm **Holy Mass**

Monday 5 January

10.00am **Holy Mass**

6.00pm – 6.20pm **Confessions**

Tuesday 6 January

The Epiphany of the Lord

6.30pm (Mon) **Vigil Mass**

10.00am **Holy Mass**

6.00pm – 6.20pm **Confessions**

6.30pm **Holy Mass**

8.00pm **Holy Mass**



Crib Offerings

The Christmas Crib will be displayed in the St Ignatius Chapel. Please take care when lighting votive candles, especially around children.

The Crib Offerings will be sent to the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, earmarked for medical and humanitarian needs, via the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, of which Canon David is a Knight Commander. They will support humanitarian aid convoys, enable the provision of schooling and clinics, and help to rebuild communities devastated in the Holy Land. Aid will get to where it is most needed.



The Parish Clergy and Pastoral Team wish everyone – visitors, friends, and particularly parishioners – a very happy and holy time at Christmas.

Our thoughts and prayers go especially to the sick and the housebound, to all who have suffered bereavement, and to all those in need.

Canon David Gibbons, Fr Edwin Raj,
Fr Peter Frank, Deacon Julian Burling,
Sr Dorothy Perrott, and
Robert Hitchcock

