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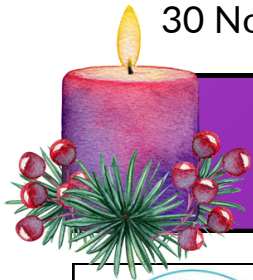
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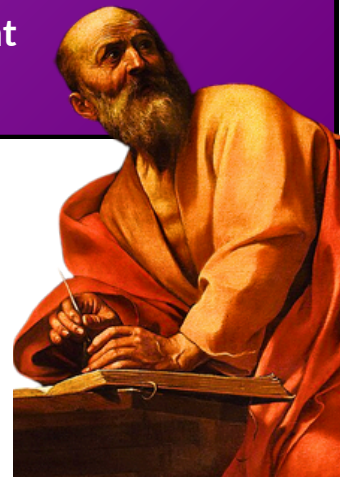
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## Newsletter

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First Week of Advent



### Today's Mass

Today is the first day of the Church's liturgical year. It is also the beginning of Year A in the Sunday Lectionary, the **Year of Matthew** – that is to say, most of the Gospel readings at Sunday Mass this year are taken from St Matthew's Gospel.

Advent is the season when we prepare to celebrate Christmas, the annual remembering of Christ's coming into the world. In Advent, we also direct our minds to His Second Coming. It is no surprise, then, that these are the themes of today's Readings.

The **First Reading** (Isaiah 2:1-5) – like so many in Advent – is taken from the prophecy of Isaiah, although rather mysteriously almost the same words are found in Micah 4:1-3. It is a vision of the restoration of the Temple in Jerusalem – i.e. the restoration of true worship of God – and of peace among the nations. Christ's coming ushered in this new age, and this vision should inspire us to work for true worship of God and for world peace. **Psalm 121(122)** continues the same themes.

In the **Second Reading** (Romans 13:11-14), St Paul – using the imagery of night turning to day – tells us that, as Christians, we now live in the new age (of Christ) and should behave accordingly: we should 'wake up now' and live in the light of Christ.

In the **Gospel** (Matthew 24:37-44), Jesus compares His second coming to Noah's flood: it will be sudden and unexpected; some will be taken, and others left; some will be saved, and others not – so we must 'stay awake' and always be prepared to account for ourselves at the Day of Judgment.

*Canon David*



**THURS 18 Dec 2025 7.45pm**  
Sacred Heart Church, Edge Hill,  
Wimbledon, SW19 4LU

MULLED WINE & MINCE PIES  
6.30pm UPPER HALL

RAFFLE AND BAR

Invite you to their  
**Christmas Celebration**  
AN EVENING OF TRADITIONAL CAROLS  
& FESTIVE MUSIC

Katy Lees, Katy's Songbirds, Giles Kennedy  
Putney & Wimbledon Brass Band  
Lantern Arts Youth Choir  
Edge Hill Players

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Children under 14 free



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### 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
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: Sarah Norville



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).

## Called to Bear Fruit



Called to Bear Fruit is the Archdiocese of Southwark's synodal process of renewal. The initiative hopes to inspire and equip parishes to become communities that form disciples, evangelise, and inspire witness to the Catholic faith. Copies of the **report on the recent lay consultation** are available at the back of the church; you can also read the report online at [rcaos.org.uk/calledtobearfruit](http://rcaos.org.uk/calledtobearfruit).

The Parish Pastoral Council will be analysing the report, which includes fifteen action points, in due course.

## This Sunday

### 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 7 December. Please email Elizabeth at [elizabethbottriell@hotmail.com](mailto: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 social gathering!

## This week

During Advent, the church is heavily used by local schools, especially for carol services and rehearsals. Such things as access to the church, livestreaming, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament may occasionally be restricted.

### 6.30am Monday: 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.

Mass will also be celebrated at the usual times of 10.00am and 6.30pm.

### 7.00pm First Monday Adoration

Adoration will start promptly after the 6.30pm Mass. This time of community worship will be led by musicians from the Jesuit young adult community at No. 9 Edge Hill.

Come along and meet Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament with gentle music and guided prayer. *'A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent in sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.'* (Padre Pio, St Pio of Pietrelcina)

### Eileen Norris RIP

Funeral Mass at 10.00am on Wednesday, followed by cremation at the Putney Vale Crematorium.

### 9.00am Thursday: 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).

### Parish Pastoral Council

The PPC meets at 8.00pm on Thursday in the Lounge.

### 2.30pm Friday

### Friendship Group Christmas Singalong with Songs on Wheels

Do join us in the Lounge for tea, cakes, and sherry. Everyone is welcome!

### No First Friday Evening

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

This First Friday, a monthly day of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, there will be no evening Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament due to the carol service. The following schedule applies:

**Holy Mass:** 10.00am • 6.30pm

**Adoration:** 10.30am – 12 noon  
and 5.25pm – 6.25pm

**Confessions:** 6.00pm – 6.20pm

### Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School Key Stage 2 Carol Service

...follows the 6.30pm Mass on Friday, in the church. All parishioners are welcome to attend!

### Next Sunday's Second Collection: Aid to the Church in Need

Next weekend, Amy Balog and Patricia Hatton will make an appeal on behalf of ACN. This Catholic charity brings help to Catholics and other Christians where they are persecuted, oppressed, or in pastoral need through prayer, information, and action. ACN supports over 5,000 projects worldwide, helping the Church's mission in areas affected by persecution, conflict, and poverty.

There will be a retiring collection after all Masses to support ACN's vital work, or you can donate online at [acnuk.org](http://acnuk.org). If you would like to get involved or become an ACN volunteer, please call 07908 033878 or email [aloma.dorozario@acnuk.org](mailto:aloma.dorozario@acnuk.org).

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

**Parish Safeguarding Representatives:** Victoria Wheatley ([wimbledonsg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk](mailto:wimbledonsg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk))  
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## Parish notices

### Action needed: Christmas hampers!

This Christmas, together with our parish's St Vincent de Paul Society and Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, our parish will prepare Christmas hampers and distribute them to people and families in need in our community.

But we need your help! Could you donate items for the hampers? Our suggestions include tinned peas, carrots, potatoes, stuffing mix, mince pies, custard, Christmas treats, and other long-life goods.

Please bring items to the Parish Office or place them in the dedicated boxes at the back of the church. Donations towards the purchase of items are also gratefully received.

### Parish Vacancy: Caretaker

George McLennan, our Parish Caretaker, is retiring at the end of December. We send him our gratitude for his sterling caretaking over a number of years. A new Caretaker is required. The salary is £29,427 for a 35-hour week. For a Job Description, Person Specification, and Application Form, please email Thelma at [wimbledon@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:wimbledon@rcaos.org.uk). Applications close on Wednesday 10 December.



## 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.



You can watch **Archbishop John's Advent Reflection** on the 'astonishing truth that the Lord Jesus is, and always will be, Emmanuel: God with us, God beside us, God within us' at [rcaos.org.uk/advent2025](http://rcaos.org.uk/advent2025).

## Forthcoming parish liturgies and events

**6.30am Mondays 1, 8, and 15  
December: Rorate Masses**

Please see 'This Week'.

**1.30pm – 3.00pm Tuesday 9  
December: Christmas Tea Party  
at Ursuline High School**

The Ursuline High School is hosting a tea party to which all retired parishioners – and especially those who have a connection with the school – are invited. Please book your place by emailing Polly Harrison at [polly.harrison@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk](mailto:polly.harrison@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk) or by talking to Sister Dorothy. Kindly note that the entrance is on The Downs (not Crescent Road). We look forward to welcoming you!

**6.30pm for 7.45pm  
Thursday 18 December  
Katy's Songbirds  
Christmas Celebration**

Please see the front cover. Book your place at [trybooking.com/uk/FPEQ](http://trybooking.com/uk/FPEQ).

**Pope's Intention for December 2025:** For Christians in areas of conflict. Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

**10.00am Saturday 20 December  
Advent Penitential Service  
with individual Confessions**

Following the 10.00am Mass, there will be a short communal Service of Penitence. Visiting priests as well as our own will then be available to hear individual Confessions. During the Confessions, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration. Come and confess early for Christmas!

**Save the date:** The Parish Dinner will take place at 7.00pm on Friday 13 February 2026 in the Upper Hall.

During Advent, the Archdiocese of Southwark's Spirituality Commission will send daily **Advent reflections** featuring thoughts, Scripture, and prayer. These reflections will allow us to hear the readings anew, looking at where they resonate in our own lives, and how they can draw us nearer to God. Please sign up at [tinyurl.com/rcaosadvent25](http://tinyurl.com/rcaosadvent25).

**2.55pm Thursday 11 December or  
2.55pm Tuesday 16 December  
Care Home Carol Singing**

Are you free for about an hour to sing carols for residents of The Beaumont (Arterberry Road, SW20 8AG – Thursday) or Link House (Blenheim Road, SW20 9BA – Tuesday), organised by Churches Together in West Wimbledon? Please contact Pat ([pat.spencer60@talktalk.net](mailto:pat.spencer60@talktalk.net)) or Elaine ([elainemiller051@gmail.com](mailto:elainemiller051@gmail.com)).

### Catholic Union Advent Calendar

The Catholic Union's Advent Calendar features daily contributions from leading Catholic figures in public life. You can download the calendar at [catholicunion.org.uk/advent-2025](http://catholicunion.org.uk/advent-2025) or get a copy from the back of the church.

### Manna Society

The Manna Society provides a day centre for homeless people and those in need. This Christmas, you can double the value of your donation at no extra cost to yourself: the Aviva Community Fund is kindly matching every donation received, up to a maximum of £250 per donation, until Wednesday 31 December. Please donate online at [mannasociety.org.uk](http://mannasociety.org.uk).

The **Jubilee Year** concludes in just six weeks. There is still time to visit designated shrines and churches and receive the Plenary Indulgence: please visit [tinyurl.com/rcaosjubilee25places](http://tinyurl.com/rcaosjubilee25places).



## Celebrants this Sunday

6.30pm (Sat)	Fr Edwin Raj
8.00am	Canon David Gibbons
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 & Dcn Julian Burling

## We remember in our prayers

### Those who have died recently

Septimus Waugh • Marie Whitehead • Clare Gummatt  
Diarmuid 'Dee' Santry • Eileen Norris  
John Ebbans • Timothy Hayes

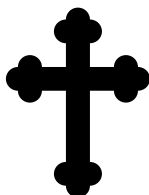
### Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

John Patron • Sheila Wadhwa • Sarah Cooper

### Those who are sick

Finley Kennedy • Samar Staussi • Maria Tinker • Emily Grey  
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 • Brian McQuaid • Mary Fripp

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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Thank you.



## Weekday Mass Intentions

### Saturday 29 November • of Our Lady

10.00am	Fr John Maria (RIP)
12 noon	Wedding of Gabriel Smith and Caitlin O'Keeffe
6.30pm	Denis Quinn (RIP)

### Monday 1 December • SS Edmund Campion, Ralph Sherwin, & Alexander Briant, Prs, MM

10.00am	Sandra Manuel (RIP, 1 month)
6.30pm	Marisa Pezzuto & Family

### Tuesday 2 December

10.00am	Michael Molloy (RIP)
6.30pm	Joaquim Pires & Ana Rosa Carneiro (RIP)

### Wednesday 3 December

10.00am	Funeral Mass of Eileen Norris (RIP)
6.30pm	Rinat & Ruslan Dusumov

### Thursday 4 December

9.00am	School [ <i>Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School</i> ( <i>Burlington Road, KT3 4ND</i> )]
10.00am	Betty Scollard (RIP)
6.30pm	John Neville (RIP)

### Friday 5 December

10.00am	Phyllis Cummins (RIP)
6.30pm	Deceased Members of the Stacewicz & Kuzniar Families (RIP)

### Saturday 6 December

10.00am	Declan MacDaid (RIP)
6.30pm	Bertha D'Costa (RIP)

## Music at the 12 noon Mass

**Entry:** *Ad te levavi* (J. Aiblinger)

**Kyrie:** (468) *Missa Orbis Factor*

**Offertory motet:** *Ad te, Domine, levavi* (J.J. Fux)

**Communion motet:** *Creator alme siderum* (plainsong, arr. J. Scott)

**Communion hymn:** (762) Wait for the Lord

## 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**  
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[wimbledon@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:wimbledon@rcaos.org.uk)  
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](mailto: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.