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Newsletter

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Sunday of the Word of God) Third Week in Ordinary Time



Poets & Prophets is starting a new series of workshops:

Poetry & Paint

Join us for a creative evening where words, colour, and emotion come together through gentle, guided prompts.

Art supplies provided.

Saturday 14th March 2026
6:30PM - 9:00PM

Sacred Heart Church, Wimbledon
Edge Hill London SW19 4LU
Hosted in the Church Lounge



Today's Mass

The **First Reading** (Isaiah 9:1b-4) is the passage of Scripture referred to in today's Gospel, in which Matthew emphasises that Jesus will fulfil this prophecy in His mission to the Gentiles.

Psalm 27(26) is a simple and confident hymn of trust in the Lord.

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17): St Paul urges the Corinthians to avoid different parties within the Church and tells them to unite around Christ. This is an important text as we observe the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Year A is the Year of Matthew, and from today onwards, the Sunday Gospels work through the First Gospel, allowing the main themes and emphases of Matthew to emerge. In today's **Gospel** (Matthew 4:12-23), Jesus begins His public ministry. First, He fulfils Scripture by bringing light into darkness and begins His preaching with the message of repentance. Then, He calls the four fishermen to be His disciples. Finally, He begins preaching, teaching, and healing.

Canon David

Sunday of the Word of God

The theme of this seventh Sunday of the Word of God is: '**The Word of Christ dwells among you**' (Colossians 3:16). The Sunday of the Word of God is a profoundly pastoral initiative to make it clear how important it is in the daily life of the Church and our communities to refer to the Word of God – a Word that is not confined to a book, but which remains ever alive and becomes a concrete and tangible sign.

Second Collection: St George's Cathedral

St George's Metropolitan Cathedral is the Mother Church of our Archdiocese of Southwark. This collection helps to meet the cost of the Cathedral's upkeep. Leaflets about becoming a Friend of St George's Cathedral are available at the back of the church.

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
Headteacher: Sarah Norville

This Sunday

World Leprosy Sunday

This is a day to pray for and stand in solidarity with people affected by leprosy around the world. We remember the work of the John Bradburne Memorial Society; John Bradburne devoted his life to those with leprosy at the Mutemwa Leprosy Care Centre in Zimbabwe. Please visit johnbradburne.com for more information.

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 8 February. 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.!

6.30pm

'One Body, One Spirit' United Service

Today is the last day of the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity. Churches Together in West Wimbledon's United Service will take place at Christ Church, West Wimbledon (Cottenham Park Road, SW20 0RZ). Everyone is welcome.

Social Club after the 8.00pm Mass

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

This week

St Angela Masses

The feastday of St Angela Merici, foundress of the Ursuline Order, falls on Tuesday of this week. The Ursuline High School has several Masses in our church this week to mark the feast:

- 11.15am on Tuesday (including the Commissioning of the Head Girl);
- 11.00am and 1.30pm on Wednesday; and
- 12.45pm on Friday.

No Adoration on Wednesday and Friday mornings

... due to the school Masses. Adoration continues as normal from 5.25pm to 6.25pm on Wednesday and Friday.

7.30pm Wednesday Judge-and-Jury Trials Talk at the Wimbledon Newman Circle

Join us in the Lounge as former parishioner Dennis Barry, a barrister with over 20 years of experience both prosecuting and defending, discusses judge-and-jury trials in the United Kingdom.

Is it against the common good for the Government to remove the existing right of a person accused of a criminal offence to be tried by a judge and jury? Come and hear Dennis as we unpack the debate!

Donhead Preparatory School Mass celebrated by Fr Peter Gallagher SJ

This Mass will be celebrated in our church by the Provincial of the Jesuits in Britain at 11.00am on Friday. Ruth Pandole, Lay Chaplain at Donhead, warmly invites all parishioners to join.

10.30am – 11.30am
Saturday 31 January
Bereavement Support Group

Are you coping with the loss of a loved one? Having difficulties adjusting to life without that person? Join us in the Lounge for our monthly, confidential drop-in session for all who have been bereaved, whether recently or a while ago. For more information, please call 07865 204995 or email bereavementsacredheart@gmail.com.

Edge Hill Players Panto: *Puss in Boots*
2.30pm and 7.00pm
Saturdays 31 January and 7 February

Come and see Puss in Boots on his amazing journey to fame and fortune, meeting a cast of characters, both good and evil, along the way! This original panto written and directed by Wendy Tansey and Terry Marsh is the perfect antidote to the winter blues!

For tickets and further information, please visit edgehillplayers.com or call 07742 230493.



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 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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Forthcoming parish liturgies and events

Monday 2 February: Candlemas

Mass on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord will be celebrated at the usual times of 10.00am and 6.30pm. You can bring your own candles to be blessed at Mass.

Michael Hamilton RIP

The Funeral Mass of Michael Hamilton, who was Sacristan of our church for 28 years, will be at the 10.00am Mass on Wednesday 4 February.

Edge Hill Players Panto: *Puss in Boots* 2.30pm and 7.00pm Saturdays 31 January and 7 February

Please see 'This Week'.

2.30pm Friday 6 February *Cactus Flower* (1969) film screening at the Friendship Group

Join us in the Lounge as we watch *Cactus Flower* (1969), starring Walter Matthau, Ingrid Bergmann, and Goldie Hawn. There will be ice creams, tea, and biscuits. Everyone is welcome!

Diocesan notices

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 suttonhkchristiansuk@gmail.com.

Could you become a Governor or Director?

Do you have the skills to become a Foundation Governor of a Catholic school or Director of a Multi Academy Trust? Could you spare a few hours a month? This is a fulfilling role that isn't without its challenges!

Governors and Directors work together as a team to ensure good standards of education. You do not need to be a parent or work in the education sector. Find out more and register your interest at tinyurl.com/3z85bnac.

Ash Wednesday 18 February

Put the date in your diary or calendar now, so that you don't miss it!

6.30pm Saturday 14 March Poetry & Paint

As winter softens and the first signs of spring emerge, join Poets & Prophets for a nourishing evening of creativity and connection in the Lounge. We gather to welcome spring through a gentle poetry, writing, and painting workshop designed to awaken imagination and intuition.

This creative environment invites participants of all levels to explore words, colour, and emotion in a supportive, collaborative space. Art supplies are provided with the ticket price and there will be a bar for drinks and snacks. Book your place at tinyurl.com/yrj58cta.

Spotlight on...



The Parish Evangelization Prayer Group meets on Wednesday evenings from 8.00pm to 9.00pm in the Sisters of Christ convent (Norlands, 2B Mayfield Road, SW19 3NF). There is always a Scriptural content and members take a turn at leading. If you would like to join this prayer group to pray for evangelization, please call Sister Greta on 020 8543 0594 or 07519 037826, or just turn up on a Wednesday.

Ambassadors for Christ

This Catholic apologetics project will help you build a deeper understanding of your faith and become a joyful witness for the Lord Jesus and His Church.

Two videos are available so far, both starring the Archbishop: *Is Jesus God?* and *Is the Eucharist the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ?*. Watch the videos at:

youtube.com/@RCSouthwark1

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

6.00pm Saturday 14 February The Good Counsel Black Tie Ball

Join us in Kensington on Valentine's Day for London's Catholic Pro-Life Ball, raising money to help save lives and change lives. Live band, silent auction. Tickets are £135 each, or a table of ten for £1,300. For enquiries and bookings, please email GCNBall@gmail.com or call 07795 205117.

Volunteers needed: Christian Care Merton

Can you pass the IKEA test? Christian Care Merton, the local charity that helps families and individuals in difficulties, has revised its 'furniture project'. It is going to provide new flatpack rather than second hand furniture to clients. Many of our parishioners volunteer in various capacities; can you help by assembling furniture? Please call Graham Bennett on 07792 699948.

Vacancy: Campaigns & Outreach Officer at Jesuit Missions

Are you passionate about social justice and tackling the root cause of global poverty? Can you engage and motivate others to act on campaigns involving those in the Global South? If so, Jesuit Missions would love to hear from you! This is a remote working opportunity, with travel across the UK. For further details and to apply before 9.00am on Monday 2 February, please visit jesuitmissions.org.uk/vacancies.



Would you like your house blessed by one of our clergy? Please contact the Parish Office to arrange an appointment!

Celebrants this Sunday

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

We remember in our prayers

Those who have died recently

Nick Hogarth • Michael Hamilton • Fr Simon Bishop SJ
Angela Reidling • Sheila Morrissey

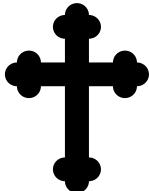
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Mireille Taylor • John Clancy
Mary Arulnesan • Kazimiera Owoc

Those who are sick

Finley Kennedy • Samar Staussi • Maria Tinker • Emily Grey
Electa Almeida • Karolina Masica • Mark Capra
Teresa Escalona • Angela White • Peter Gent
Margaret Brauer • Karoline Wilhelm-Brown
Valeria Kucharsky • Debbie Gargan • Patricia Codd
Hilary Brazier • Ethan Costa Peruzzo • Peter Hayes
Mary Fripp • Sadie Smith • Warlita Villejo
Ryan Lewis • Joseph Lewis • Peter Boyle
Susan McGuinn • Annette King

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

no morning Adoration this
Wednesday 28 and Friday 30 January

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 24 January • S Francis de Sales, BD

10.00am Camilla Cervi & Guerrino Angelini (RIP)
4.00pm Youth 2000
6.30pm Xavier Aitchison & Family

Monday 26 January • SS Timothy & Titus, BB

10.00am George & Teresa Smith (Thanksgiving)
6.30pm Clare Gummett (RIP)

Tuesday 27 January • S Angela Merici, V

10.00am Frances & John Douglas (RIP)
11.15am Ursuline High School
6.30pm John Colaco (RIP)

Wednesday 28 January • S Thomas Aquinas, Pr Dr

10.00am Christopher Cooper (RIP)
11.00am Ursuline High School
1.30pm Ursuline High School
6.30pm Thanks to Sisters of St Anne

Thursday 29 January

10.00am Emma & Gerard Mallan (RIP)
6.30pm Wimbledon Catenians

Friday 30 January

10.00am James Walsh (RIP)
11.00am Donhead Preparatory School
12.45pm Ursuline High School
6.30pm Janusz Baumgart (RIP)

Saturday 31 January • S John Bosco, Pr

10.00am Gabriel Lyons
6.30pm Dan O'Brien (RIP)

Music at the 12 noon Mass

Introit: *Cantate Domino canticum novum* (G. Pitoni)

Kyrie/Gloria: (459)/(460)

Offertory hymn: (738) Thou whose almighty Word

Communion motet: *Salve lux mundi* (J. des Prez)

Organ: *Toccata* (J. Jongen)

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
wimbledon@rcaos.org.uk

9.00am – 4.00pm
Monday – Friday

Executive Assistant
Thelma D'Costa

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.