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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sixth Week in Ordinary Time

Sunday 1 – Saturday 7 March Week of Guided Prayer

The parish invites you to this special opportunity to deepen your prayer life, with particular focus on the Word of God.

The opening group meeting will be in the Lounge at 4.00pm on Sunday 1 March. This will be a time to meet your guide, to experience a time of guided prayer, and to arrange a time and place to meet daily.

Your commitment will be to spend time in prayer each day and to meet your guide. A closing meeting will be held in the Lounge on Saturday 7 March.

If you would like to participate, please fill in the form available at the back of the church, to be returned to the Parish Office not later than Tuesday 3 March.

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

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Today's Mass

First Reading (Sirach 15:15-20): We have free will, but God does not want us to sin. We can choose to keep the commandments faithfully.

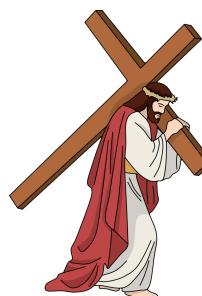
Psalm 119(118): Following God's law is the only thing which can bring happiness, but to do that requires God's help.

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 2:6-10): Paul cleverly uses the Corinthians' own philosophical vocabulary against them: they are claiming to be 'spiritual', but in fact are not. The true wisdom of the Spirit is quite beyond ordinary human knowledge and language.

The sayings in today's **Gospel** (Matthew 5:17-37) are only found in Matthew – although Jesus' claim to be fulfilling the Law and the prophets rather than abolishing them and His criticism of the scribes and Pharisees are common enough. The first point is that we cannot reject the Old Testament: it is part of our salvation history, and Christ does not make sense without it. So the Ten Commandments, for example, are still in force; we cannot replace them with a vague, hippy-style appeal to love. Secondly, Jesus has some hard things to say about anger, lust, divorce, and oaths. There will be few of us who can measure our own lives against these commandments and not be provoked to go to Confession, to acknowledge our shortfalls!

Canon David

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday



7.00pm Fridays in Lent
Stations of the Cross

Starting this Friday, join us in the church every Friday in Lent to pray the traditional Lenten devotion of the Via Crucis. If you cannot attend in person, please join us via the livestream at sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/livestream.

This Sunday

Day for the Unemployed

Today is a Day of Prayer for the Unemployed in the Bishop's Cycle of Prayer.

Second Collection: Clergy Support Fund

This important fund provides care and support for priests in their retirement and old age, and at their time of ill health, after their lifetime of service and devotion to Christ, His Church and His People. Your donations to this worthy fund ensure a dignified retirement for all of our priests. You can also donate online at rcaos.org.uk/donate/CSF. Please continue to keep our priests in your prayers.

Café in the Lounge after the 10.00am Mass

You are warmly invited to join us for tea, coffee, biscuits, etc.!

3.00pm *Shadowlands* (1993) film screening

The John Henry Newman Cultural Society is launching a film club featuring movies that explore life through a Christian perspective. Each session will begin with a brief introduction, followed by the screening of the film, and will conclude with an open discussion reflecting on the film's themes and insights. This week's film is *Shadowlands* (1993), screened in the Lounge.

Social Club after the 8.00pm Mass

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

Moya Hogarth would like to thank everyone for their kind wishes, cards, and prayers following the death of her husband, Nick.

This week

Kathleen Bishop RIP

Funeral Mass at 11.15am on Monday, followed by cremation at the North East Surrey Crematorium.

Nicholas McGough RIP

Funeral Mass at 11.30am on Tuesday, followed by cremation at the Putney Vale Crematorium (East Chapel).

Ash Wednesday

This Wednesday is the first day of Lent, and a day of obligatory fasting and abstinence.

- Fasting (for those aged 18 to 59) means eating one full meal and two smaller collations that do not equate to a full meal, and avoiding snacks.
- Abstinence (for those aged 14 and above) means not eating meat, including soups and gravies made from meat. It is also good to abstain from things like alcohol on this day.

Holy Mass with the Imposition of Ashes will be at 10.00am, 6.30pm and 8.00pm.

Joseph Andre Leong-Son RIP

Funeral Mass at 11.00am on Thursday, followed by cremation on Friday at the North East Surrey Crematorium.

Holy Matrimony

The Wedding of Jonathan Batt and Rhiannon Welch is at 12 noon on Friday.

7.00pm Friday: Stations of the Cross

Please see the front cover.

9.45am - 12.30pm Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem Morning of Recollection

The Knights and Dames of the Order meet on Saturday in the Lower Hall. The programme includes arrivals at 9.45am, Rosary at 10.10am, a Spiritual Conference, and a Sung Mass at 11.30am in the church. Parishioners who are interested in the Order and its work in the Holy Land are welcome to come to some or all of these.

10.30am - 1.00pm Saturday 21 February LHBMSM Half-Day Retreat

Love Heals Body, Mind, and Spirit Ministry invites you to a half-day retreat in the Lounge. Starting after the 10.00am Mass in the church, the programme includes teas and coffees, the Holy Rosary, a talk, meditation, and healing prayers. Everyone is welcome. For further information, please email lovehealsbodymindspirit@gmail.com.

Next Sunday 22 February: International Women's Day Collection for Jesuit Refugee Service

To celebrate International Women's Day on Sunday 8 March, Jesuit Refugee Service is hoping to give each refugee woman a small gift. Can you help make this happen? Please donate any appropriate items such as toiletries, jewellery, scarves, purses, makeup bags and such like, new or used. Donations can be left after every Mass next weekend.

Watch **Jesuit Missions' Stations of the Cross**, a compilation of pupil reflections from Jesuit schools, at youtube.com/watch?v=Tg01KeplJK4.

Jesuit Missions is also publishing an online daily Lenten calendar with reflections, which you can find at jesuitmissions.org.uk/lent-calendar-2026.

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.

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Lent begins this Ash Wednesday

Lent is the principal season of penance. As the People of God, we are called to make this season a period of special penitential observance.

Please take a Lent 2026 leaflet from the back of the church. As well as information about our Lenten devotions, it contains a useful checklist for your Lenten discipline.

Ash Wednesday has an obligation of fasting and abstinence. For the other weekdays of Lent, the Bishops strongly recommend participation in daily Mass, as well as other devotions such as Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the Holy Rosary, and Stations of the Cross.

Lent is the time when we should make a special effort to deepen our practice of the Faith. The time now commences for fulfilling the precept of Easter Communion. Let us also in this season witness to our love and imitation of Christ by our good deeds, such as visiting the sick.

Forthcoming parish liturgies and events

7.30pm Wednesday 25 February
Wimbledon Newman Circle

Join the Wimbledon Newman Circle in the Lounge to watch and discuss a video talk by Dr Wendy Allen, an independent scholar. The video will discuss the three offices or functions of Jesus – prophet, priest, and king – and their application to our church – hierarchy, schools of theology, and pastors and their flocks. Everyone is welcome!

2.30pm Friday 6 March
Friendship Group
Mad Hatters Tea Party

Come and join the Friendship Group in the Lounge for a crazy Mad Hatters tea party! Prize for the best hat. Everyone is welcome!

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.

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.

Diocesan notices

**5.00pm this Ash Wednesday and
5.00pm Fridays in Lent
The Romero Rosary
at St George's Cathedral**

This is a beautiful opportunity to draw closer to the Lord Jesus in prayer. The Archbishop will lead the devotion at the National Shrine of St Oscar Romero at St George's Cathedral (Lambeth Road, SE1 6HR) at 5.00pm this Ash Wednesday 18 February, and again at 5.00pm on Fridays 6 and 27 March. On all other Fridays during Lent, the Cathedral clergy will lead the Rosary, followed by the Stations of the Cross at 6.00pm. Let the Rosary connect you to the Lord Jesus this Lenten season. Find out more at rcaos.org.uk/romerorosary.

Spirituality Commission Lenten Reflections

Each day during Lent, the Archdiocesan Spirituality Commission will be sending a reflection to help you draw closer to the Lord Jesus. The email will arrive in your inbox each morning, featuring thoughts, Scripture, and prayer. Please sign up at tinyurl.com/rcaoslent26.

Ash Wednesday
18 February

Journey with us through Lent!

Easter Sunday
5 April

7.00pm for 7.30pm Tuesdays 3, 10, and 17 March
Lenten talks: The English Doctors of the Church

Come along to the Lower Hall on the following Tuesdays in Lent as Canon David offers three talks on the English Doctors of the Church. Join for refreshments from 7.00pm, with Canon David's talk beginning at 7.30pm.

Tuesday 3 March St Bede the Venerable
Tuesday 10 March St Anselm, Archbishop of Canterbury
Tuesday 17 March St John Henry Newman

7.15pm Wednesdays 4, 11, 18, and 25 March
Lenten discussion evenings: *Ambassadors for Christ*

Join us in the Lounge as Nina Beltran, our Parish Lead for Faith Formation, will share videos from *Ambassadors for Christ*, followed by a discussion. Produced by the Archdiocese of Southwark, the *Ambassadors for Christ* video series is a landmark apologetics project designed to equip you with a deeper understanding of your faith, so that you can confidently answer questions and be a joyful witness to the Lord Jesus and His Church. Refreshments will be provided.

7.00pm Fridays in Lent: Stations of the Cross – please see the front cover.

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
5.00pm	Canon David Gibbons & Dcn Julian Burling
8.00pm	Fr Peter Mudu Frank

We remember in our prayers

Those who have died recently

Sheila Morrissey • Kathleen Bishop • Nicholas McGough
Joseph Andre Leong-Son • Margaret Tolmie • Annette King
James Gallagher • Francis Saldanha • Teresa Escalona
Charles Dominic Burton • Josef Soffer

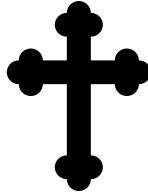
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Sr Ita Conlan • Jenny McVeigh
Jeanette Braganza • Agnes Almeida

Those who are sick

Finley Kennedy • Samar Staussi • Maria Tinker • Emily Grey
Electa Almeida • Karolina Masica • Mark Capra
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 • Theresa Williams
Patricia Byrne • Francis O'Farrell • Anthony Murphy
Aimee Jones • Marina Francescotti • Patricia Jenkins

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
7.00pm Fridays in Lent:
Stations of the Cross

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)

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Thank you.



Weekday Mass Intentions

Saturday 14 February	• SS Cyril, Monk, & Methodius, B
10.00am	Canute & Delia (50th Wedding Anniv.)
12.30pm	Wedding of Thomas Fegan & Rebecca Mangion
6.30pm	Brian Smyth (RIP)

Monday 16 February

10.00am	Catherine & Paul
11.15am	Funeral Mass of Kathleen Bishop (RIP)
6.30pm	Sarah Philips (RIP)

Tuesday 17 February

10.00am	Sheila Jury (RIP)
11.30am	Funeral Mass of Nicholas McGough (RIP)
6.30pm	Cepta McGrath (RIP)

Wednesday 18 February • Ash Wednesday

10.00am	Thomas Michael McGovern (RIP)
6.30pm	June White (RIP)
8.00pm	Marcella Caldwell (RIP)

Thursday 19 February

10.00am	Karolina's Godchildren (Gift Faith & Charity)
11.00am	Funeral Mass of Joseph Andre Leong-Son (RIP)
6.30pm	Mary & Cyril Madement & Family

Friday 20 February

10.00am	Peter (RIP)
12 noon	Wedding of Jonathan Batt & Rhiannon Welch
6.30pm	Dawn Case (RIP)

Saturday 21 February

10.00am	Mireille (RIP)
11.30am	Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem
6.30pm	Mary De Maria (RIP)

Music at the 12 noon Mass

Missa Vidi speciosam (T.L. da Victoria)

Entry hymn: (109) Christ is made the sure foundation

Offertory motet: Teach me, O Lord (W. Byrd)

Communion motet: The God of love Thomas Tallis

Communion hymn: (125) Come down O love divine

Organ: Festival Fanfare (K. Leighton)

Music at the 5.00pm Mass

Scan the QR code or visit
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Parish services and contacts

Parish Office
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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.