



# THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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## Newsletter

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**Divine Mercy Sunday – Second Sunday of Easter (Year A)**  
Second Week of Eastertide

**QUIZ NIGHT**  
**Saturday 9 May 2026**  
**7.30pm**  
 Lower Hall, Sacred Heart Church,  
 Edge Hill, Wimbledon SW19 4LU

**In aid of the  
 Sacred Heart Chorus and Orchestra  
 Summer Concert**  
 supporting Nerve Tumours UK and War Child

**Tickets £15 per person  
 including snacks & supper**  
 Cash bar available

Teams of up to 6  
 No team? No problem!  
 We'll find you one

Prizes to be won!

**Get your tickets from  
<http://www.sacredheartmusic.co.uk/quiz-night>  
 or scan the QR code**



Over 18s only




### Today's Mass

The **First Reading** (Acts 2:42-47) tells of the characteristics of the early Church, in which 'the believers devoted themselves to the Apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread [that is, the Eucharist] and the prayers'. Notice how attractive this was to others. Is our parish and our worship likewise appealing and enticing?

We sing our thanksgiving in more verses from Easter Sunday's **Psalm 118(117)**.

**Second Reading** (1 Peter 1:3-9): On most Easter Sundays in Year A, we read extracts from 1 Peter. Some scholars think that this letter is based on an Easter homily by St Peter. As sharers in the life of the risen Christ, the Baptized are to worship God with joy and to proclaim the Good News of Christ.

**Gospel** (John 20:19-31): John records the first appearance of the risen Jesus to the disciples – through closed doors on Easter Sunday itself – and then His second appearance 'eight days later' (which, in the way the ancients counted, means a week later, that is today), this time including Thomas. Doubting Thomas he may have been, but Thomas is now an example of faith and belief in Christ.

*Canon David*

### 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.

#### Parish Pastoral Team

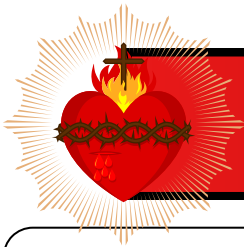
Parish Priest	Canon David Gibbons KCHS
Parish Clergy	Fr Edwin Raj
	Fr Peter Mudu Frank
	Deacon Julian Burling
Team Member	Sr Dorothy Perrott OSU
Faith Minister	Rob Hitchcock

#### Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

Burlington Road, KT3 4ND  
[school@sacredheart.merton.sch.uk](mailto:school@sacredheart.merton.sch.uk)  
Headteacher: Sarah Norville



**Our parish is a Be Well Hub!** If you are concerned about your or anyone else's mental wellbeing, please talk to one of our Be Well Champions at the Continental Breakfast after **the 8.00am Mass**. They will be wearing 'Be Well' name badges.



# SAVE THE DATE: Sunday 14 June 2026 Summer Fair on the Feast of the Sacred Heart



## Thank you!

Notwithstanding the difficulties over getting the Easter Fire lit at the Easter Vigil, all of our Holy Week Liturgies went very well and were very well attended – perhaps too well attended in the case of the 10.00am Mass on Easter Sunday!

Our grateful thanks are due to our Sacristans, Altar Servers, musicians, readers, Ministers of Holy Communion, flower arrangers, those who clean the Church, and all who helped to make it a very grace-filled time. The priests of the parish thank you for your Easter Offering, the total of which will be announced when we have it. Thank you!

*Canon David*

## This Sunday

**Continental Breakfast after the 8.00am and 10.00am Masses**

Please see the front cover.

**Be Well Hub after the 8.00am Mass**

Please see the front cover.

**Social Club after the 8.00pm Mass**

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



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

## This week

The **Parish Office** will be closed this Friday 17 April as Thelma will be on holiday. The **Reception** will be open as usual, from 9.00am to 4.00pm from Monday to Friday.

**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).

**Memory Lane Club church tour**

This Wednesday, Jenny Cairns will conduct a church tour for members of the Memory Lane Club, which meets on Wednesdays to support those living with dementia and their carers.

**No Adoration on Wednesday morning**

There will be no Adoration on Wednesday morning due to the Memory Lane Club church tour. Adoration continues as normal from 5.25pm to 6.25pm on Wednesday.

## Spotlight on...



The **Wimbledon Newman Circle** meets monthly in our parish and hosts a wide range of events on Catholic culture and life, including talks with guest speakers and film screenings, always accompanied by good company and stimulating discussions. For more details, please contact the Parish Office.



**9.00am Thursday  
Mass in the Hall of Sacred Heart  
Catholic Primary School**

All parishioners, parents, and family members are welcome to attend this Eastertide Mass at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School (Burlington Road, KT3 4ND). We are pleased to welcome the Rt Rev'd Bishop Gerard Bradley, our new Area Bishop, to celebrate this Mass.

**Next Sunday: Holy Hour of Prayer  
for the Dignity of Human Life**

Next Sunday 19 April, during their Spring Plenary of the Bishops' Conference, the Bishops have asked for a Holy Hour of Prayer for the Dignity of Human Life at 4.30pm. The Hour of Prayer is to present a unified, prayerful petition to Our Lord for the dignity of life from conception to natural end and to pray that assisted suicide will not become law.

We are unable to hold it in our church as we have Baptisms, choir practice, and the 5.00pm Mass – but you can join in prayer at that time at home. You can find suggested readings, reflections, and prayers at [tinyurl.com/ms47rs85](http://tinyurl.com/ms47rs85).

The Archbishop writes: 'Following the vote in the House of Lords on the evening of Wednesday 18 March, in which peers voted to retain Clause 208 of the Crime and Policing Bill, prayerful witness to the dignity of every human life is ever more urgent.'

**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@safeguardraos.org.uk](mailto:wimbledonsg1@safeguardraos.org.uk))  
Maria Christopher ([wimbledonsg5@safeguardraos.org.uk](mailto:wimbledonsg5@safeguardraos.org.uk))

## 10.45am – 4.30pm Wednesday 13 May Friendship Group Outing to Denbies Wine Estate

The Friendship Group is a parish social club. Come along and make new friends on our daytrip to Denbies Wine Estate, near Dorking. All welcome, but booking is essential. For more details and to book, please email Judy at [judyruston@gmail.com](mailto:judyruston@gmail.com) or call 07977 049239.

## 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.

## Forthcoming parish liturgies and events

7.30pm Wednesday 29 April  
Wimbledon Newman Circle AGM

Rock Tansey is stepping down as Chair of the Wimbledon Newman Circle, and so an Annual General Meeting will take place in the Lounge. Nominations are invited for a new Chair and a Secretary. Future talks and speakers will also be considered. For more details, please contact the Parish Office.

7.30pm Saturday 9 May  
Quiz Night

Please see the front cover.

10.45am – 4.30pm  
Wednesday 13 May  
Friendship Group Outing  
to Denbies Winery

Please see the insert box.

## Other notices

Friday 24 – Monday 27 July  
We Believe Festival 2026

This second We Believe, a festival of Catholic life in the UK, will take place at St Mary's College, Oscott, in Birmingham. For more information and to obtain tickets, please visit [webelievethefestival.com](http://webelievethefestival.com).

7.00pm Saturday 9 May  
Exploring geopolitics:  
How can I promote peace today?

The John Henry Newman Cultural Society invites you to this presentation by José Rodelgo Bueno, a geopolitics expert and retired Air Force Major.

Mr Rodelgo will guide us through today's major geopolitical tensions and concerning global trends. He will also explore constructive pathways towards peace including strengthened international cooperation, reform of the international system, and the development of a more integrated and coordinated European defence. In addition, he will reflect on how the pursuit of peace starts within each individual.

The event will be hosted at the London Oratory (Brompton Road, SW7 2RP). Admission is free, but attendees are required to reserve a ticket at [tinyurl.com/yc5f4sf9](http://tinyurl.com/yc5f4sf9).



## World Youth Day 2027

Initial registration is now open for World Youth Day 2027, to be held in Seoul, South Korea from Monday 2 to Monday 9 August 2027. The Archbishop will lead the Archdiocesan group (ages 18 to 35). The final cost is still to be confirmed, but is expected to be approximately £2,500. You can learn more and register at [tinyurl.com/wyd2027](http://tinyurl.com/wyd2027).

Merton  
**citizens**

6.30pm – 8.30pm  
Monday 27 April  
Local Elections Assembly

Merton Citizens, a local civic alliance of which our parish is a founding member, invites you to its Local Elections Assembly at Wimbledon College (Edge Hill, SW19 4NS). At the Assembly, its Community Manifesto – with key 'asks' on housing, living wages, digital exclusion, and mental health – will be put to candidates for Leader of Merton Council ahead of the local elections. The evening will also include songs, performances, and testimonies from Merton Citizens members. For more information and to reserve your place, please visit [tinyurl.com/ytyZymxm](http://tinyurl.com/ytyZymxm).

## Diocesan notices

### Peter's Pence Collection

Last year's Peter's Pence Collection in the Archdiocese raised £68,255.24, including £1,670.70 in our parish. Pope Leo has cordially imparted his Apostolic Blessing to all in the Archdiocese who support him in his mission. To learn more, please visit [obolodisanpietro.va/en.html](http://obolodisanpietro.va/en.html).



### 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 and to book, please visit [tinyurl.com/shcpstours](http://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](mailto:school@sacredheart.merton.sch.uk) to arrange a tour.

## Celebrants this Sunday

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

## We remember in our prayers

### Those who have died recently

Frances Barden • Paolo Cardazzone • Br Joseph Therese Paul Thirlwall • Alan Toohill

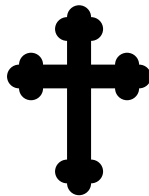
### Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Bryan Snalune • Sadie Brown • Valentina McGough Sarah Boner • Margaret Walsh • Avandale Durand Linda Burgess • Camilla Cervi

### 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 • Teresa Williams Patricia Byrne • Francis O'Farrell • Anthony Murphy Aimee Jones • Marina Francescotti • Jacqueline Dagnall Marie Fitzgerald • Dennis Konopka

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](https://sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/donate). Thank you.



## Weekday Mass Intentions

### Saturday 11 April

10.00am Damascus, Maria, Obdulia D'Souza (RIP)  
6.30pm Joyce Coelho (RIP)

### Monday 13 April

10.00am Mariella Perseghini (RIP)  
6.30pm Peggy Tolmie (RIP)

### Tuesday 14 April

10.00am Mairéad McDonald (RIP)  
6.30pm Thomas Diffley (RIP)

### Wednesday 15 April

10.00am Michael Parker (RIP)  
6.30pm Annette Curzon (Wellbeing)

### Thursday 16 April

10.00am Betty O'Neill (RIP)  
6.30pm Catherine Desmond (RIP)

### Friday 17 April

10.00am Roma Mary Pezzuto-Kerin (Birthday)  
6.30pm Anna & Michael Vaughey (RIP)

### Saturday 18 April

10.00am William Mulloy (RIP)  
6.30pm Rita Aguiar (RIP)

## Music at the 12 noon Mass

Please visit [sacredheartmusic.co.uk](https://sacredheartmusic.co.uk).

## 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

020 8946 0305

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

9.00am – 4.00pm

Monday – Friday

### Executive Assistant

Thelma D'Costa

### Caretaker

Leo Nicolaou

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.

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](mailto:presidentA190704@svp.org.uk).