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Newsletter

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Third Sunday of Easter (Year A)
Third Week of Eastertide



You can now watch Canon David's latest video for the *Ambassadors for Christ* series! The video is entitled 'Do I need to confess my sins to a priest? How Confession works':

youtube.com/watch?v=WqEEiR8A5Fo

Ambassadors for Christ is an apologetics project from the Archdiocese of Southwark to help you build a deeper understanding of your faith and become a joyful witness for the Lord Jesus and His Church. Watch all videos at:

youtube.com/@RCSouthwark1

Today's Mass

First Reading (Acts 2:14,22–23): The readings from the Acts of the Apostles continue throughout the 50 days of Eastertide. In these readings, we hear of the early Church, which is the first fruit of Christ's Resurrection, and the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost – and it is on Pentecost that St Peter preaches the homily recorded in today's Reading. **Psalm 16(15)** is the Psalm to which St Peter refers in the middle of his homily.

Second Reading (1 Peter 1:17–21): St Peter says that newly-Baptized Christians must live in the world as strangers or transients, now that Jesus – by the shedding of His blood on the Cross – has paid the ransom to free them from their previous state of sin.

Although we are in Year A (the Year of Matthew), today's **Gospel** is from Luke (24:13–35). It is the famous and touching account of two disciples on the road to Emmaus, who only recognize Him at the breaking of bread. This was not in itself a Eucharist, but this is one of the many passages in the Scriptures from which the Church's understanding of the Eucharist is derived. We too recognize the risen Jesus in the breaking of the bread at Mass.

Canon David

4.30pm – 5.30pm this Sunday: Holy Hour of Prayer for the Dignity of Human Life

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 a Holy Hour in our church because of 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.

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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school@sacredheart.merton.sch.uk
Headteacher: Sarah Norville

Spotlight on...



Could you be an altar server? Altar servers are an important component of good liturgy, especially on Sundays. More altar servers are needed in our church. The popular 10.00am Mass has a good team of servers, but the other Sunday Masses have minimal teams and would greatly benefit from more volunteers.

So don't be shy: young people, please speak to a priest or visit Rehana or Paul in the Sacristy after Mass if you can help.

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 3 May. 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.!

4.30pm – 5.30pm: Holy Hour of Prayer for the Dignity of Human Life

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!

This week

The **Parish Office** will be closed this week as Thelma is on holiday, reopening next Monday 27 April. The **Reception** will remain open as usual, from 9.00am to 4.00pm from Monday to Friday.

Paolo Cardazzone RIP

Funeral Mass at 12.15pm on Monday, followed by burial at Gap Road Cemetery.

Parish Finance Committee

... meets at 7.00pm on Monday.

Donhead Preparatory School

There is a Whole School Mass in the church at 11.00am on Tuesday.

Frances Barden RIP

Funeral Mass at the 10.00am Mass on Wednesday, followed by burial at the Merton & Sutton Cemetery.

No Adoration on Wednesday and Friday mornings

There will be no Adoration on Wednesday and Friday mornings because of the Funeral and Memorial Masses. Adoration continues as normal from 5.25pm to 6.25pm on Wednesday and Friday.

7.15pm for 7.30pm Wednesday Fr Edwin on the Mass

Following our recent popular *Ambassadors for Christ* series, join Fr Edwin in the Lounge for a talk and discussion on the Mass, starting with coffees at 7.15pm.

Thursday: Solemnity of St George, Martyr and Patron of England

The 6.30pm Mass on Wednesday will commemorate St George, as well as the Masses on Thursday.

Rosa Oliveti RIP

Funeral Mass at 11.30am on Thursday, followed by burial at Epsom Cemetery.

12 noon Friday Memorial Mass for Annette King RIP

Annette's family warmly welcomes all who wish to attend. Refreshments will follow in the Lounge.

2.00pm Saturday 25 April Mass for the Holy Child Past Students Association

Fr Joe Donkor will celebrate this Mass for alumnae of the Holy Child School and College. A celebration will follow in the Upper Hall. Parking spaces in the church car park are expected to be limited throughout Saturday.

Next Sunday's Second Collection: Priest Training Fund

The priesthood has always been essential to the life of the Church. On Good Shepherd Sunday, please give generously to our Second Collection for the Priest Training Fund. This Fund helps our Archdiocese to meet the cost of forming students to become priests and permanent deacons, and supports the ongoing formation of the clergy.

We are blessed to have nine men currently in formation for the priesthood in our Archdiocese, with a further two set to begin this autumn, and six more being discerned for 2027. It costs £30,000 per year to sponsor each seminarian, so the Archdiocese relies on your generous support and prayers. You can also donate online at rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF.

2.00pm next Sunday St George's Day Celebration for the Wimbledon & Wandle District Scouts

The annual St George's Parade Celebration takes place in the church, conducted by Canon David.

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)
Maria Christopher (wimbledonsg5@safeguardrcaos.org.uk)

This Thursday 23 April: St George's Day at St George's Hospital

10.30am Holy Hour with
Silent Adoration
and Benediction

11.30am Rosary

12 noon Sung Mass

12.40pm Litany to St George

St George's Hospital, Tooting
(Blackshaw Road, SW17 0QT)

All are warmly invited to join us to celebrate our patron saint. Since so many of our patients are not in a condition to join a conventional patronal celebration, we use the occasion to offer up prayer for all the patients, staff, students, volunteers, and visitors who will pass through the doors of our hospital, this year. We would be so grateful if you could join us at prayer in the Hospital Chapel.

Fr Peter Littleton

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

6.30pm Monday 18 May
London film premiere of *The Inner Sea*

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children and Catholic Mothers warmly invite you to a culture of life fundraising event at Honor Oak (SE23 3LE). The evening features the London film premiere of *The Inner Sea* by Katie Stapleton, exploring adoption, followed by a Q&A with director, live music, and a young adults' social with dancing and cheese and wine. Register at tickettailor.com/events/catholicmothers/2156542 (suggested £10 donation) or for any queries, please email honorroberts@spuc.org.uk.

Monday 10 - Thursday 13 August
Faith Summer Break 2026

Taking place at St Mary's School, Ascot (St Mary's Road, SL5 9JF), this is a residential event for young Catholics aged 11 to 15 to grow in faith, make friends, and enjoy time together in a lively and supportive Catholic setting. The programme includes daily Mass and prayer, age-appropriate talks, small-group discussions, sports, arts and crafts, and a trip to Thorpe Park. The event is led by trained helpers.

The cost is £250, which includes accommodation, meals, and the Thorpe Park visit. For further information and to book, please visit faith.org.uk.

Vacancy: Youth Ministry Internship

Aged 18 to 25 and looking for a new challenge? Come and intern with the Diocese of Lancaster's Youth Ministry team, based in Keswick in the Lake District, which runs retreats at Castlerigg Manor and works in nearby churches and schools. The scheme comes with high-quality training and recognised qualifications. You'll get to join a welcoming community and a vibrant team doing amazing work. For more information, please email director@castleriggmanor.co.uk or visit castleriggmanor.com.

Forthcoming parish liturgies and events

7.30pm Wednesday 29 April
Wimbledon Newman Circle AGM

Rock Tansey is stepping down as Chair, 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.

7.30pm Saturday 9 May
Quiz Night

Join us in the Lower Hall for a Quiz Night in aid of the Sacred Heart Chorus and Orchestra Summer Concert, supporting Nerve Tumours UK and War Child. There are prizes up for grabs! Tickets are £15 per person, including snacks and supper, with a cash bar available. You can enter as a team of up to six people - or we'll find you one if you have none! The quiz night is for over-18s only. Book tickets at sacredheartmusic.co.uk/quiz-night.

Can you pray for evangelization?

The Evangelization Prayer Group meets on Wednesdays 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, please call Sister Gretta on 020 8543 0594 or 07519 037826, or just turn up.

If you cannot attend in person but can commit to praying for evangelization in your own time once weekly, please leave your name and email address at the Parish Office.

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

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 or call 07977 049239.

SAVE THE DATES:

- **Sunday 14 June:** Summer Fair for the Feast of the Sacred Heart
- **8.00pm Saturday 20 June:** Mozart's *Requiem* by the Sacred Heart Chorus and Orchestra

Parish notices

Manna Society

The Manna Society thanks everyone who contributed so much food last month in our collection for their homeless centre. You can learn more about its work at mannasociety.org.uk.

Diocesan notices

Monday 4 May
Southwark Altar Servers Mass & Rally

This day for altar servers will take place at The Friars, Aylesford Priory, in Kent, beginning with registration from 10.15am and altar servers vesting at 10.45am. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Paul Hendricks, followed by lunch (picnic or local refreshments) and football. For more details and to order bronze medals, please email the Southwark Guild chairman at john.bonnici@btopenworld.com.

Celebrants this Sunday

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

We remember in our prayers

Those who have died recently

Frances Barden • Paolo Cardazzone • Br Joseph Therese
Paul Thirlwall • Alan Toohill
Rosa Maria Oliveti • Peter Thompson

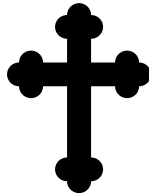
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Agnieszka Ptaszynska • Charles Thirugnanendran
Georgina Russell • Maria Josefa Kuzynska
Matthew Abbey • Halina Czarnocka

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.

Thank you.



Weekday Mass Intentions

Saturday 18 April

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

Monday 20 April

10.00am Mary Greig (RIP)
12.15pm Funeral Mass of Paolo Cardazzone (RIP)
6.30pm Charles Burton (RIP)

Tuesday 21 April • S Anselm, BD

10.00am Blanca Newland (Birthday)
11.00am Donhead Preparatory School
6.30pm Jennie Callender (RIP)

Wednesday 22 April

10.00am Funeral Mass of Frances Barden (RIP)
6.30pm Olga Cockburn (RIP)
[Mass of St George's Day]

Thursday 23 April • S George, M, Patron of England

10.00am Joanna Saldanha (Wellbeing)
11.30am Funeral Mass of Rosa Oliveti (RIP)
6.30pm Jerzy Owoc (RIP)

Friday 24 April • SS Justus & Mellitus, BB

10.00am Susan Porteous (RIP)
12 noon Memorial Mass for Annette King (RIP)
6.30pm Larry Avena

Saturday 25 April • S Mark, Ev

10.00am Joan McKeown (RIP)
2.00pm Holy Child Past Students Association
6.30pm Michael Hamilton (RIP)

Music at the 12 noon Mass

Introit: (113) Christ triumphant • **Kyrie/Gloria:** (459)/(460)

Offertory motet: *O sacrum convivium* (L. Viadana)

Sanctus: (433)

Communion motet: *Ego sum panis vivus* (J. Esquivel)

Communion hymn: (556) O thou who at Thy
Eucharist didst pray

Music at the 5.00pm Mass

Scan the QR code or visit
sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/5pm



Parish services and contacts

Parish Office

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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 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.