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

Today's Mass

I AM THE
WAY THE
TRUTH
AND THE
LIFE



First Reading (Acts 6:1-7): The early Church was increasing so rapidly that some officials had to be appointed to oversee the distribution to the needy and to avoid disunity among the followers. Here we see the origins of the Order of Deacons: the Apostles selected the seven men, laid hands on them, and commissioned them for service (in Greek, *diakonia*).

Psalm 33(32): This hymn of praise has one enigmatic feature: the full psalm has the same number of verses as letters in the Hebrew alphabet.

Second Reading (1 Peter 2:4-9): St Peter thinks of the Church as a building – not literally, but metaphorically, as the people of God. And in a well-known phrase, he describes the people of God in language previously applied to Israel. What does it mean for the Church to be 'a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession'?

Gospel (John 14:1-12): In this extract from His discourse at the Last Supper, as told by John, Jesus announces that He will be going away, to the Father. But we can follow Him, because He 'is the Way, the Truth and the Life'. At the end of this Gospel, He refers to the Church, which will continue the mission of the risen Christ after His return to the Father.

Canon David

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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Headteacher: Sarah Norville

Safeguarding Sunday



In line with today's Gospel, we are called to protect, called to care, and called to act. **Safeguarding is not the work of the few: it is everyone's responsibility.** Each of us must ensure that children and vulnerable adults feel and are safe. Learn more by scanning the QR code or visiting rcaos.org.uk/safeguardingsunday. *Continued overleaf ...*



Will your team win Saturday's special Quiz Night?

This Sunday

We welcome Fr Michael Holman SJ to celebrate our 12 noon Solemn Latin Mass.

Safeguarding Sunday (continued from front cover)

Safeguarding Sunday highlights the importance of safeguarding across the diocese, the Catholic Church, and society; it is about recognising that safeguarding is an integral part of the Church's mission. Safeguarding Sunday is a day to ensure that everyone understands what safeguarding is in the context of the Catholic Church, the structures in place to keep our communities safe, our commitment to those that have been harmed by abuse, and the support available to anyone who wishes to raise a concern.

Our clergy are all up-to-date in their safeguarding training, and all of our parish volunteers in positions which require it are DBS-checked. You can get in touch with our Parish Safeguarding Team for advice using the details in the permanent box below, and the diocesan Safeguarding Office at safeguardingoffice@rcaos.org.uk or 020 7261 1606. In an emergency, call the police on 999.

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

Canon David returns to the parish this Wednesday 6 May.

Monday: The English Martyrs

We commemorate the English men and women martyred for their Catholic faith from 1535 to 1680 and beatified or canonized by the Holy See.

Monday: No Confessions and no 6.30pm Mass

Because this Monday is a bank holiday, the church will close after the 10.00am Mass. There will be no evening Confessions, no evening Mass, and no First Monday Adoration. The Reception and Parish Office will also be closed on Monday.

Tuesday: National Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse

This year's theme is: Jesus said 'I came that they may have life and have it abundantly' (John 10:10). The theme looks at the scourge of domestic abuse, which causes pain and fear that prevents those who experience abuse from living the life Jesus came to bring. Immediately before the much-loved part of this verse from the Gospel of John, we hear Jesus's words: 'The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.' This is how abuse feels to those who experience it: their dignity and value as a unique child of God is stripped away and destroyed.

Thursday: Anniversary of the Consecration of Sacred Heart Church, Wimbledon (1931)

This Solemnity will be observed at the 10.00am and 6.30pm Masses. Can YOU make a special effort to attend Holy Mass on Thursday to give thanks for our beautiful church?

Ursuline High School

At 4.30pm on Thursday, Year 13 will celebrate their End of School Leavers' Mass in the church.

Polling Station

The Lower Hall will be in use on Thursday as a polling station for the London Borough of Merton local elections.

Parish Pastoral Council

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

Pope Leo XIV

Friday sees the first anniversary of Pope Leo's election. *Ad multos annos!*

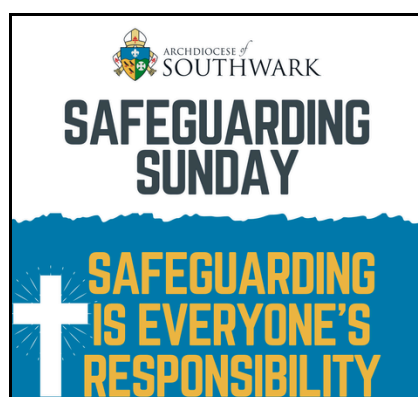
First Holy Communion Mass

The first of this year's First Holy Communion Masses is at 12 noon on Saturday 9 May. We hope it proves a very special and grace-filled experience for the children and their families. Please keep them in your prayers.

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 your tickets at sacredheartmusic.co.uk/quiz-night.



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 (wimbletonsg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk)
Maria Christopher (wimbletonsg5@safeguardrcaos.org.uk)

Forthcoming parish liturgies and events

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.

Thursday 14 May
Solemnity of the Ascension
Holyday of Obligation

This is a most important Holyday of Obligation, when you should attend Holy Mass if at all possible. The Vigil Mass will be celebrated at 6.30pm on Wednesday, and the Mass of the Day at 10.00am, 6.30pm, and 8.00pm on Thursday. Holy Mass will also be celebrated at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School at 2.00pm on Thursday.

11.00am – 4.00pm Saturday 16 May
Day with Ignatius

Join us in the Lounge for this special prayer day. We'll spend time rejoicing with St Ignatius as he invites us in the *Spiritual Exercises* to share in the peace and joy of the Risen Lord. We will also ponder prayerfully his concluding contemplation of the *Spiritual Exercises*, 'Contemplation of the Love of God'. In this contemplation, we draw on the experience of God's overwhelming love for us. All are welcome!

Rena Desouza RIP

Rena's executor, who is based in Australia, is anxious to make contact with David Saldanha and Linda Tetlow, who he understands were fellow Sacred Heart parishioners of Rena – or anyone else connected in some way to them. If you can help, please email Jenny at cairns.jenny@gmail.com, who will forward the information on to the executor.

Afternoon of Sunday 14 June
Sacred Heart Feast Day

You're invited! There will be food, drinks and stalls. All welcome! No ticket is required; donations towards the costs of the event are welcomed.

We are looking for volunteers to help with set-up at the following times:

- 1–2 hours on the morning of Saturday 13 June
- 1–2 hours from 10.00am on Sunday 14 June

We are also inviting donations of:

- salads (on the day)
- cakes (on the day)
- brand-new items for the raffle (please bring these to the Presbytery)
- bottles of wine or spirits for the bottle stall (please bring these to the Presbytery)

If you think you could help with any of these, please email Ruth Naylor at ruthenaylor@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE:

- **8.00pm Saturday 20 June:**
Mozart's *Requiem* by the Sacred Heart Chorus and Orchestra

Diocesan notices

Rosary For Life

The Archbishop is calling on all of us to join him in praying the Rosary for Life this May, the Month of Mary. Together, we will pray through the Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious, and Luminous Mysteries, each one offered for the most vulnerable facing growing threats to life: unborn children at risk of abortion, victims of war and persecution, people with disabilities, and the elderly and vulnerable. Please visit rcaos.org.uk/rosaryforlife.

Safe Spaces

Safe Spaces is a free and independent support service that provides a confidential, personal, and safe space for anyone who has been abused by someone in the Church or as a result of their relationship with the Church of England, the Catholic Church in England and Wales, or the Church in Wales. Their website is safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk and their helpline is 0300 303 1056.

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

2.00pm – 4.00pm
this Wednesday 6 May
Richard Challoner School Community
Afternoon Tea and Entertainment

Richard Challoner School, Malden Manor (Manor Drive North, KT3 5PE), will be hosting its annual event for local senior citizens. Hospitality and Catering students will be preparing the food, and there will be entertainment provided by Music and Drama students. The event is free to join and carers are also welcome! Please RSVP at forms.gle/s3yEN2bqRABEyHLu6 as soon as possible.

CAFOD: Stand with Sudan

On the third anniversary of the war in Sudan, Kayode Akintola, CAFOD's Head of Region for Africa, asks for your help: 'So many of our sisters and brothers in Sudan are facing increasing violence, hunger, and disease. That is why today, I'm asking you to consider setting up a monthly gift to support families who are fleeing the violence – with food, safe water and other vital support. Monthly gifts are an act of steady love for our neighbours, a way of saying: we will not abandon you, we will stand with you until peace is restored.' Find out more and donate at cafod.org.uk/StandWithSudan.

Support our church

Your generosity helps to fund our parish's wide range of liturgical, spiritual, and cultural activities – including welfare initiatives such as the Memory Lane Club for those living with dementia and the Winter Night Shelter. Your donations also help to maintain our beautiful Grade II*-listed church. Can you help? Donate at:

[sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/
donate](http://sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/donate)

Celebrants this Sunday

6.30pm (Sat) Fr Peter Mudu Frank
8.00am Fr Edwin Raj & Dcn Julian Burling
10.00am Fr Peter Mudu Frank
12 noon (Latin) Fr Michael Holman SJ & Dcn Julian Burling
5.00pm Fr Edwin Raj
8.00pm Fr Peter Mudu Frank

We remember in our prayers

Those who have died recently

Paul Thirlwall • Peter Thompson • Kathleen Mary Massara
Mary Fripp • Sami Andrea • Brendan Geoghegan
Dennis Konopka • Patrick McBrien • Teresa O'Connell

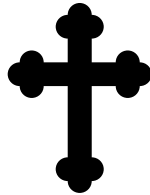
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Eddie Power • Patricia O'Donnell • Shaun McCarthy
Anne Lander • Julio Palha • Ian Parr • Augusto Frondaroli
Margaret Atkins • Michael O'Connell • Michael Lee Kim

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 • 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

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 First Monday Adoration
on bank holiday Monday 4 May

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 2 May • S Athanasius, BD

10.00am Victor Barrie Partington (RIP)
12.30pm Wedding of Aaron Rigley & Rebecca Dunn
6.30pm Ahmed Bayat (RIP)

Monday 4 May • The English Martyrs

10.00am Aidan McDermott (RIP)
~~6.30pm~~ Bank holiday: no evening Mass

Tuesday 5 May

10.00am George Lally (RIP)
6.30pm Albert D'Sousa (RIP)

Wednesday 6 May

10.00am Cyril Santhiapillai (RIP)
6.30pm Tony Vogg (RIP)

Thursday 7 May • Anniversary of the Consecration of Sacred Heart Wimbledon (1931)

10.00am George Lally (RIP)
4.30pm Ursuline High School Leavers
6.30pm Thanksgiving to St Anthony

Friday 8 May

10.00am Sarah Nobo (Thanksgiving)
6.30pm Gabriel Lyons

Saturday 9 May

10.00am Sheila & Karimu Smith (RIP)
12 noon First Holy Communicants
6.30pm Jean Marciano (RIP)

Music at the 12 noon Solemn Latin Mass

Missa super Frère Thibault (O. di Lasso)
Jubilate Deo (O. di Lasso) • Vias tuas Domine (G. Pitoni)

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

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.

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.