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



Saturday 27 June Edith Arendrup Pilgrimage

Join the parish and the Daughters of the Heart of Mary Sisters for a day of prayerful pilgrimage to the grave of Edith Arendrup, the founder of our parish, at Bocking, Essex – honouring the Sacred Heart of Jesus, whom Edith loved in a special way. The coach fare is £30 (excluding food). For more information and to book, please email Sr Mary Alphonse at alphonse.mary@gmail.com or Thelma D'Costa at wimbledon@rcaos.org.uk.

Today's Mass

First Reading (Acts 8:5–8,14–17): Philip makes many converts among the Samaritans. Here, we see the beginnings of the mission of the Church – under the guidance of the Holy Spirit – beyond the Jews themselves (for the Jews regarded the Samaritans as racially-impure Jews).

Psalm 66(65): This psalm of praise recalls the Exodus through the waters of the Red Sea.

Second Reading (1 Peter 3:15–8): St Peter urges us to know our faith well enough to be able to give others reasons for our hope. If we have to suffer in this, our model – and our help – is Christ. You can learn more about our faith – so as to be able to spread the Good News to others – by watching the *Ambassadors for Christ* series on the diocesan YouTube Channel: youtube.com/RCSouthwark1.

Gospel (John 14:15–21): Jesus underlines that to keep His commandments is to remain in His love. He also says that (after His Ascension) He will send the 'Paraclete', which can mean an advocate (as in a court of law) or a consoler. The Holy Spirit, which follows Jesus, is probably both.

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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The Second Collection is for a new playground for Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School and Nursery.

Thursday: The Solemnity of the Ascension



This Thursday is a Holyday of Obligation, when you should attend Holy Mass if you possibly can. Please see the insert inside for our Mass times and other details.

This Sunday

Second Collection: New playground for Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School and Nursery

Please give generously to support our parish's primary school.

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.

be well

Our parish is a Be Well Hub! If you would like to know how our parish can help you improve yours

and others' wellbeing, please talk to one of our Be Well Champions at the Continental Breakfast after the 8.00am or 10.00am Masses. They will be wearing 'Be Well' name badges.

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 7 June. Please email Elizabeth at elizabethbottrill@hotmail.com if you have any questions.

Social Club after the 8.00pm Mass

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

This week

6.30pm Mass Monday: Canon David's Anniversary of Ordination

Canon David warmly invites you to join him for this Mass, celebrating 30 years of Ordination, and for refreshments afterwards.

Teresa O'Connell RIP

Funeral at 12.30pm on Wednesday. Please note that Adoration will finish at 11.30am on Wednesday morning.

10.45am – 4.30pm Wednesday 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: 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. Please see the insert box.

7.00pm Thursday: Prayer and a Pint Young Adults Group

A place to build community, pray, have a pint (cash bar), play piano, sing, and play pool and darts. Young adults, come to the Lounge! (Bring drinks and games!)

Parish notices

Thomas Michael Searle RIP

Thomas' Memorial Mass will be at 12 noon on Tuesday 12 May at St Matthias Church, Worcester Park (Cheam Common Road, KT4 8SX), followed by refreshments in the parish hall. Please RSVP: call Angela on 07753 614735 or email searlearn@aol.com.

Friday: Novena for Christian Reunion begins

This Novena (nine days of prayer) to the Holy Spirit for the reunion of Christendom is considered the oldest Novena, originating in the Apostles praying in the Upper Room between the Ascension and Pentecost, and focussing on invoking the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit to bring about reconciliation. Please pray fervently for Christian Unity. You can visit tinyurl.com/2wbtvuej for daily prayers.

10.00am and 12 noon Saturday 16 May First Holy Communion Masses

Please keep the children and their families in your prayers. Confessions on Saturday morning will be severely circumscribed; we advise you come to Confession on another occasion.

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!

Next Sunday's Second Collection: Catholic Communications Network

On World Communications Sunday, we are asked to keep those who work in the media in our prayers. Our Second Collection will be for the media office of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, which supports the bishops, promotes the Gospel through the media, answers media enquiries, provides news releases, and trains spokespeople.

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

Thursday: The Solemnity of the Ascension

On this Holyday of Obligation, you should attend Holy Mass if you possibly can. The Vigil Mass (with different prayers and antiphons from the Mass of the Day) will be at 6.30pm on Wednesday. On Thursday, Holy Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am, 2.00pm (at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School – all are welcome), 6.30pm, and 8.00pm.



The Scripture Readings are the same at all Masses. The **First Reading** is the famous account at the beginning of the Acts of the Apostles (1:1-11) of the Lord's Ascension: 'He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him out of their sight.' **Psalm 47(46)** – although composed many years before Christ – seems to describe Christ's Ascension. The **Second Reading** (Ephesians 1:16-23) explains where Jesus Christ has gone: to sit at the Father's right hand in heaven. The **Gospel** is the end of St Matthew's (28:16-20). Jesus' words make it clear that His Ascension does not mean He has abandoned us; on the contrary, it means He is 'with us always, to the end of the age'.

Forthcoming parish liturgies and events

10.30am – 1.00pm

Saturday 23 May

LHBMSM Retreat of Quiet Reflection

Love Heals Body Mind and Spirit Ministry invites you to a half-day retreat of quiet reflection in our church following the 10.00am Mass. The programme includes the Holy Rosary, a scripture-based talk, meditation, and healing prayers. For further information, please email lovehealsbodymindspirit@gmail.com.

7.15pm for 7.30pm Tuesday 9 June Be Well Hub talk: Managing wellbeing during life-changing events

'I knew who I was this morning – but I have changed my mind a few times since then!' Join us in the Lower Hall as David Hurst, Parish Lead for Merton Citizens, and Giulia Pezzuto, parishioner and psychotherapist, consider incidents in our lives that create stress and how we can manage these for our own good. Refreshments will be served at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start; the talk ends at 8.30pm.

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.

8.00pm Saturday 20 June

Mozart's Requiem

Join us for a deeply moving evening of choral and orchestral music as the Sacred Heart Chorus and Orchestra presents Mozart's *Requiem*, one of the most powerful and enduring works in the choral repertoire – a masterpiece of profound emotion, drama, and beauty. The evening also includes Mozart's *Overture to the Magic Flute* and Haydn's *Trumpet Concerto*, performed by Christian Barraclough. For more details and to book, please visit sacredheartmusic.co.uk/concerts/mozart-requiem.

Saturday 27 June

Edith Arendrup Pilgrimage

Please see the front cover.

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

10.15am Saturday 23 May
Encounter Pentecost 2026

Encounter Pentecost is a day to gather at St George's Cathedral, Southwark (Lambeth Road, SE1 7HY), to celebrate this feast together with people from across the Archdiocese and beyond. Through worship, prayer, teaching and fellowship, the day offers an opportunity to reflect on the gift of the Holy Spirit and to renew our faith. The day is open to everyone – individuals, families, parish groups and those simply curious to explore the life of the Church. For more details, please visit encounterpentecost.com/programme.

8.00pm Tuesday 2 June

Raising Teenagers in a Catholic Family Online Webinar

Adolescence is in many ways a child's 'rebirth', which makes many parents feel as if they are learning how to be parents all over again. But God always gives the grace parents need. In this webinar, Mike and Alicia Hernon of the Messy Family Project, a Catholic family ministry from the USA, will offer guidance on how to navigate the tween and teen years by modelling for children the behaviour they wish to see in their sons and daughters. For more details and to book, please visit celebratetrust.org/faith-parenting.

Saturday 27 June
Day Pilgrimage to Walsingham

On the Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, join the Archbishop for a Diocesan Day Pilgrimage to the National Catholic Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham, Norfolk. For more details, please email jamesclark@rcaos.org.uk.



In April, representatives from projects supported by Jesuit Missions in Guyana, India, Madagascar, and South Sudan visited the UK to speak with schools, parishes, and supporters about their life-changing work. You can read more about their visit at tinyurl.com/ufsfjfb.

Celebrants this Sunday

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

We remember in our prayers

Those who have died recently

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

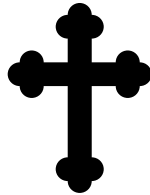
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Josephine Gatt • David Lloyd
Alana Russell-Gear • Beryl Shannon

Those who are sick

Finley Kennedy • Samar Staussi • Maria Tinker • Emily Grey
Electa Almeida • Karolina Masica • Mark Capra
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

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 9 May • S Athanasius, BD

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

Monday 11 May

10.00am	Francis Saldanha (RIP)
6.30pm	Eileen Casey (RIP)

Tuesday 12 May

10.00am	Lucia Adami (RIP)
6.30pm	Jennifer Badger (RIP)

Wednesday 13 May

10.00am	Gavin Blair-Watson (RIP)
6.30pm	Valeria Kucharsky (Healing) [Vigil Mass of the Ascension]

Thursday 14 May • The Ascension of the Lord

10.00am	Edward Newland & William Lindsay
2.00pm	School [Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School (Burlington Road, KT3 4ND)]
6.30pm	Timothy Joe Forde
8.00pm	People of the Parish

Friday 15 May • S John Stone, Pr M

10.00am	Darryl DeSouza (RIP)
6.30pm	Mary & Argelo Pezzuto (Wedding Anniv.)

Saturday 16 May • S Simon Stock, Pr

10.00am	First Holy Communicants
12 noon	First Holy Communicants
6.30pm	Rita Westbrook (RIP)

Music at the 12 noon Mass

Entry hymn: (37) Alleluia, sing to Jesus

Kyrie/Gloria: (459)/(460)

Offertory motet: O sing joyfully (A. Batten)

Communion motet: If ye love me (T. Tallis)

Communion hymn: (183) Forth in the peace of Christ I go

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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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.