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Newsletter

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

**be
well**

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. All welcome! Refreshments will be served at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start, ending at 8.30pm.

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
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Today's Mass

First Reading (Acts 1:12-14): After Jesus' Resurrection, the Apostles, along with Mary, the women, and Jesus' brothers and sisters – who had once opposed Him! – return to the Upper Room to pray together, waiting for the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. This was the very first Novena of Prayer.

Psalm 27(26) is a prayer to God, petitioning God that we shall be with him in eternal life, 'to live in the house of the Lord' and there 'to gaze on the beauty of the Lord'.

Second Reading (1 Peter 4:13-16): If Christians suffer persecution for their faith in Christ – and only for their faith, not for any criminal or antisocial behaviour – they will be blessed.

Gospel (John 17:1-11a): This is 'one of the most majestic moments in the Fourth Gospel, the climax of the Last Discourse where Jesus turns to His Father in prayer' (Raymond E. Brown, in his *Commentary*). Jesus does not ask to be delivered from the suffering of the Cross, but only that He leave the world in which He has been a stranger. By this leaving – at His Ascension – He will be glorified.

That Jesus prays aloud indicates that He is speaking to the Apostles as much as to God the Father, because Jesus wants them to share His union with God the Father. And the fact that it was recorded by John, and that we hear it today as our Gospel Reading, indicates that it is a living message, addressed to Christians after the Apostles, including us: if we remain united to Christ, we shall have eternal life.

Canon David

The **Parish Fair** is coming up on Sunday 14 June, and we would really appreciate your support. If you have any **bottles or unused gifts** you could donate, it would help make the event a success. Please bring your donations to the Presbytery. Thank you for your generosity!



FAITH IN ACTION
helping with homelessness

We need your help ...

We have received news of a grave threat to the continuation of the work of **Faith in Action's Merton Homelessness Project**.

The Project has been a beacon of hope and support for very many individuals experiencing homelessness across Merton. For years, it has provided vital services such as food, hot showers, clothing, and casework to those in need. It operates out of the Salvation Army Building, which has become a safe haven and a trusted landmark for our most vulnerable neighbours.

Following a change in local management, the Salvation Army is about to serve notice to quit. Faith in Action may have to vacate the premises as early as November, and finding suitable alternative premises will be very difficult.

Faith in Action has launched a petition asking the Salvation Army to reconsider. Please add your signature at:

[change.org/
SaveMertonFaithInAction](http://change.org/SaveMertonFaithInAction)

Please forward the petition to anyone who might support it. Thank you.

Parish notices

Finances

The Offertory in March came to £36,985.70. The Second Collections were £1,582.00 for the Holy Places and £1,277.38 for the Priests' Training Fund. Thank you for your generosity.

This Sunday



World NF Awareness Day

The church is lighting up blue this Sunday for World NF Awareness Day.

NF is the medical group name for Neurofibromatosis Type 1, NF2-related Schwannomatosis and Schwannomatosis. It is an incurable, neuro-genetic condition that causes tumours to grow on nerve endings, affecting over 26,500 children and adults in the UK. Parishioners Karen Cockburn and Alison Lobo work for Nerve Tumours UK (nervetumours.org.uk), the leading voice and support network for individuals with NF in the UK. Thank you to Joe Ruston, Canon David, and Leo Nicolaou for their help.

World Communications Sunday

This year's theme, chosen by Pope Leo, is: *Preserving Human Voices and Faces*. 'In today's communication ecosystems, technology influences interactions more than ever before - from algorithms curating news feeds to artificial intelligence authoring entire texts and conversations' (Dicastery for Communication).

For Pope Leo's message for the day, as well as prayers and intercessions, please visit cbcew.org.uk/wcd.

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.

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 elizabethbottriell@hotmail.com if you have any questions.

Erratum: This notice was erroneously included in last weekend's newsletter. The editor apologises for all confusion.

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!

Vacancy - Lettings Caretaker at St John Fisher RC Primary School: The school, in West Wimbledon (Grand Drive, SW20 9NA), is searching for a Saturday caretaker (monthly pay approx. £552) to start as soon as possible. For more details and to apply, please visit eteach.com/job/lettings-caretaker-1550616.

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)

This week

6.00pm Thursday: Religious Meeting

Open to those in the religious life only. Bishop Gerard Bradley will talk on 'A New Life in the Spirit' in the Lower Hall. Please bring something to share; tea and coffee will be provided.

7.00pm Thursday: Young Adults Seeking Happiness

Our Prayer & A Pint group invites young adults to the Youth Room for a Sycamore-inspired session on the meaning of happiness. Come along and invite your friends!

10.30am Saturday 23 May Wimbledon Village Walk & Talk visits Sacred Heart Wimbledon

Walk & Talk is a free community walk that meets at 10.30am every Saturday by the Wimbledon War Memorial. Every week, the walk features a different speaker on a topic discussed at intervals during the walk. No registration is required.

This Saturday's walk will be led by parishioner David Hurst and finish at our church for a talk on Pentecost, followed by coffee in the Lounge.

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.

Holy Matrimony

The Wedding of Joshua Nagenthiran and Beth Spackman is at 2.00pm on Saturday 23 May.

Other notices

Vacancy: School Transport Driver at Marymount International School

Our independent day and boarding school for girls with a Catholic ethos is seeking a School Transport Driver to cover an existing route on a term-time only basis. For more details, please call 0208 9490571.

Next Sunday 24 May: Pentecost

Pentecost (or Whit Sunday as it is known in England) - sometimes called the 'Birthday of the Church' - is, after Easter and Christmas, the third most important Solemnity in the Church's year. Pentecost Sunday is a Day of Prayer for the Church. It is also the last day of Paschaltide, the season of Easter.

The 6.30pm Mass on Saturday will be the Pentecost Vigil, at which we wait in prayer - with the Apostles and Our Lady - for the descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday. There are extended Old Testament readings, and the Readings are different from those of Mass of the Day. The Masses on Sunday will be of the Mass of the Day.

Forthcoming parish liturgies and events

2.30pm Friday 5 June Friendship Group Bingo Bonanza

Join the Friendship Group in the Lounge for its annual Bingo Bonanza, featuring tea, cakes, and pizza. Everyone is welcome!

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

Please see the front cover.

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 and cakes (on the day)
- new and unused gifts for the raffle (please bring these to the Presbytery)
- bottles of any kind 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.

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.

Pope Leo XIV's first anniversary

'Since his election, he has been a clear and consistent voice calling us to share the peace of Christ.' Most Rev'd Richard Moth, the new President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference, reflects on the Pope's first year at tinyurl.com/7waf2vvu.

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

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.

Celebrants this Sunday

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

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 • Sheila Kapila

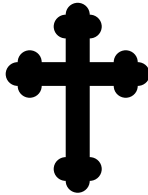
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Teresa Smith • Zofia & Bolek Pawlik

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 16 May • S Athanasius, BD

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

Monday 18 May

10.00am	Clara D'Sa (RIP)
6.30pm	Pacita Osano (RIP)

Tuesday 19 May

10.00am	Ronald Perera (RIP)
6.30pm	James Walsh (RIP)

Wednesday 20 May

10.00am	Peter & Martin Stephens
6.30pm	Diana Guerrini

Thursday 21 May

10.00am	Kathleen Mary Massara (RIP)
6.30pm	Marian O'Sullivan (RIP)

Friday 22 May

10.00am	Sisters of Christ (More Vocations)
6.30pm	Julio Palha (RIP)

Saturday 23 May

10.00am	Bridie Carolan (RIP)
2.00pm	Wedding of Joshua Nagenthiran & Beth Spackman
6.30pm	Patricia Small (RIP)

Music at the 12 noon Mass

Entry hymn: (602) Praise my soul the King of Heaven
Kyrie: (459) • Gloria: (467) *De Angelis*
Offertory motet: *Ave Maria* (attrib. T.L. da Victoria)
Sanctus/Agnus Dei: T. Tallis (adapted)
Communion motet: *Tantum ergo* (L. Vierne)
Communion hymn: (87) Blessed Jesus at Thy word

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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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.