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## Newsletter

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**Pentecost Sunday (Year A)**  
Eighth Week in Ordinary Time

**WIMBLEDON YOUNG ADULTS**  
**PRAYER & A PINT**  
**2026 Summer BBQ!**

Book your tickets via the QR code or link!

- Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> of June 6-9:30pm
- Sacred Heart Church, Wimbledon
- Open to all aged 18-35
- BBQ included in tickets - feel free to BYO food\*, drinks, games + picnic blankets (\*bonus points for regional specialties!)

**ASADO**

<https://www.shwimbledon.org.uk/whats-on/young-adults-2026-summer-bbq>

### Today's Mass

Fifty days after the Resurrection, we celebrate the promised descent of the Holy Spirit, on the day of the Jewish feast of Shavuot. Pentecost is often called Whitsun ('White Sunday') in England.

At the **Vigil Mass** (6.30pm on Saturday), we wait in vigil for the descent of the Holy Spirit, which will happen liturgically on Sunday. The **First Reading** from the Old Testament (Genesis 11:1-9) is significant: it tells of the confusing variety of languages resulting from the attempt to build the Tower of Babel. Pentecost undoes this. In the **Reading from Joel** (2:28-32), the prophet foretells the gift of the Spirit on the People of God. The coming of the Spirit is promised in the **Gospel** (John 7:37-39).

At **Mass during the Day** (all other Masses), the **First Reading** is the famous account in Acts (2:1-11) of the tongues of fire coming upon the Apostles on the day of Pentecost. This marks the beginning of the Church's proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Psalm **104(103)** is a poem of Creation, recalling the Spirit's role at Creation.

**Second Reading** (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7,12-13): The Spirit is given to every Baptized person, but different people have different gifts. The obligatory **Sequence** is a beautiful poem composed by Stephen Langton, Archbishop of Canterbury, who died in 1228.

**Gospel** (John 20:19-23): Christ Himself confers the Holy Spirit on the disciples. The greeting of the risen Jesus - 'Peace be with you' - is that used by a bishop at the beginning of Mass.

In summary, the Holy Spirit is present in the universe (*Psalm*), in the Bishops, successors of the Apostles (*First Reading and Gospel*), in every Baptized member of the Church (*Second Reading and Sequence*), and is active in the preaching of the Church (*First Reading and Gospel*).

*Canon David*

### Parish Pastoral Team

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

### Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

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Headteacher: Sarah Norville



Please see important notices inside about the Synod, Latin Masses, and the Parish Fair!

## The Synod and Synodal Process in the Archdiocese of Southwark

Coordinated by the Synod Office in Rome, the Synodal Process is now in its third phase – the Implementation for a Synodal Church – which will continue until December 2026. Each diocese has been invited to share how our understanding of synodality has changed and how synodal practices have been, or might be, implemented in the life of our parishes.

A key aspect of this phase is a reading of the Final Document (FD; read online at [aec.rcaos.org.uk/synod-implementation](http://aec.rcaos.org.uk/synod-implementation)) from the XVI General Ordinary Assembly of the Synod of Bishops. This reading is to be supported and sustained by communal and personal prayer, centred on Christ and open to the Holy Spirit. The Final Document proposes to the whole Church and to every Baptized person the prospect of a journey of conversion: 'the call to mission is, at the same time, the call to the conversion of

each local Church and of the whole Church' (FD 11). This will inform the continuing diocesan renewal process, Called to Bear Fruit.

Accordingly, the Archbishop has asked for the appointment of two parish lay delegates, who will attend a day gathering with the Parish Priest in June. Our two delegates are Will Morris, Chair of the PPC, and Rachel Marshall, Cantor at the 10.00am Mass on Sundays.

The gatherings will be followed by:

- parish conversations, via small group discussions;
- an online gathering in November or December;
- the publication of a Study Guide in January 2027, which parishes will be invited to use, as a further step in *Called to Bear Fruit*;
- and a Diocesan Evaluation Assembly in June 2027.

### 12 noon Latin Masses

Balancing increasing requests from young people for Mass in Latin with the need for the Corpus Christi Mass to be in English for the benefit of First Communicants, I have decided that the 12 noon Mass today and next Trinity Sunday 31 May will be in Latin, whereas on Sunday 7 June (Corpus Christi) it will be in English. On the Solemnity of SS Peter & Paul (Sunday 28 June), it will also be in Latin. In July, we shall revert to the normal pattern.

*Canon David*

### This Sunday

**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!

We would really appreciate your support for the **Parish Fair** on Sunday 14 June. 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!

### This week

**Sr Dorothy** is away until this Thursday 28 May.

**Mary Fripp RIP**

Funeral Mass at 12.15pm on Tuesday, followed by cremation at the North East Surrey Crematorium.

#### Ordinary Time and Feasts

Pentecost is the last day of Paschaltide, the season of Easter. On Monday, we resume Ordinary Time, with Eighth Week, Week 4 in the Psalter.

#### Holy Matrimony

The Wedding of Roache Boateng Abraham and Elizabeth Asomaning is at 1.00pm on Saturday 30 May.

On Monday, the Memorial of S Bede is passed over in favour of the Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church. Wednesday is the Feast of S Augustine of Canterbury, Apostle of England and secondary patron of the Archdiocese. Thursday is the Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest.

#### Next Sunday: Trinity Sunday

Trinity Sunday is the last day to fulfil the fourth precept of the Church, which requires us to receive Holy Communion at least once a year during the Easter season. The 'Easter Duty' is one of the three precepts of the Church that are binding obligations for Catholics. Receiving Holy Communion during this time is a way to connect with the Paschal Mystery, the central event of Christian faith, and to deepen one's spiritual life.

#### 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 and no evening Mass. The Reception and Parish Office will also be closed on Monday.

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

## 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 prizes. Everyone is welcome!



**Erratum:** Oh dear! Last week's newsletter promised pizzas. The Bingo Bonanza is in fact a pizza-free zone, but there will be prizes instead. The editor, evidently hungry, apologises for his mistake.

### 6.00pm – 9.30pm Saturday 6 June Young Adults' Summer BBQ

Please see the front cover. Book your tickets at [zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/prayer-and-a-pint-2026-summer-bbq](http://zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/prayer-and-a-pint-2026-summer-bbq).

### 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.

### 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:alphonse.mary@gmail.com) or Thelma D'Costa at [wimbledon@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:wimbledon@rcaos.org.uk).

## Parish notices

### Children's Liturgy of the Word

Sunday 7 June is Corpus Christi – when children will be taking part in the Procession! – and so it has been agreed to cancel the session that Sunday. The Children's Liturgy of the Word resumes at the 10.00am Mass on Sundays 21 June, 5 July, and 19 July.

### Wimbledon Newman Circle

Following the retirement of Rock Tansey, Dr Paddy Stone, a professor of palliative care before retirement, is the new Chair. Rock sends his thanks to all for their support over the years.

### Finances

We regularly get foreign coins in the Offertory collection, especially euros. Tim Everson, our counters' co-ordinator, takes them from time to time to auction. We received about £175 for the most recent lot.

## 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.

## Other notices

### 10.00am – 3.30pm Tuesday 16 – Saturday 20 June The Life of Christ

Book to see this outdoor biblical drama at Wintershall, Bramley, Guildford (GU5 OLR) by visiting [wintershall.org.uk](http://wintershall.org.uk) or calling 01483 892167.

### 10.00am – 5.00pm Saturday 11 July Historical Norbertine Rite Mass at Bayham Old Abbey

This special day at Bayham Old Abbey near Lamberhurst, Kent (TN3 8LP), will celebrate the Abbey's original Norbertine heritage with a *Missa Cantata* (Gregorian Chant Mass). Arrive from 10.00am, with a Chant Workshop at 10.45am, a historical talk on the Abbey at 2.00pm, and Solemn Mass in the Norbertine Rite at 3.00pm. For more details and to book, please visit [tinyurl.com/bayhamnorbertine26](http://tinyurl.com/bayhamnorbertine26).

### Saturday 1 August Annual Pilgrimage of Reparation to Walsingham

For more details on the Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, including coach transport, please visit [prolifepilgrimage.org](http://prolifepilgrimage.org). If you cannot join in person, please consider uniting with the pilgrims in prayer.

### 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 and costs £250. For more details and to book, please visit [bit.ly/4sCWYm2](http://bit.ly/4sCWYm2).

## Celebrants this Sunday

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

## We remember in our prayers

### Those who have died recently

Paul Thirlwall • Peter Thompson • Kathleen Massara  
Mary Fripp • Sami Andrea • Brendan Geoghegan  
John McBrien • Caroline Pilkington

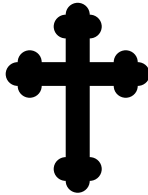
### Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Helen Kaegler • Bill Walsh • Susan Curmi  
Stephen Osborne • Caroline Elkins

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



## Weekday Mass Intentions

### Saturday 23 May

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

### Monday 25 May • Mary, Mother of the Church

10.00am	Arthur Staussi (Birthday)
<del>6.30pm</del>	Bank holiday: no evening Mass

### Tuesday 26 May • S Philip Neri, Pr

10.00am	Jacqueline McAteer (RIP)
12.15pm	Funeral Mass of Mary Fripp (RIP)
6.30pm	Mothers Prayers (Thanksgiving & Intentions)

### Wednesday 27 May • S Augustine of Canterbury, B

10.00am	Gerry & Leo Rodrigues (Thanksgiving)
6.30pm	Victor Barrie Partington (RIP)

### Thursday 28 May • Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest

10.00am	Irene & Tony Goes (Thanksgiving)
6.30pm	Rosanne Gomez (RIP)

### Friday 29 May

10.00am	Francis Saldanha (RIP)
6.30pm	Lindsey Penelope (Thanksgiving & Health)

### Saturday 30 May • of Our Lady

10.00am	Grace Lobo (Thanksgiving)
1.00pm	Wedding of Roache Boateng Abraham & Elizabeth Asomaning
6.30pm	Cindy-Lou Bayat (RIP)

## Music at the 12 noon Mass

Missa brevis in Eb (A. Lotti)

Offertory: *Factus est repente* (G. Aichinger)

Communion: *Veni Creator Spiritus* (Plainchant)

## 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

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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](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).