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Newsletter

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Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time



7.15pm for 7.30pm Tuesday 7 July
**Be Well Hub talk: Using listening
to improve relationships**

Effective communication skills involve clearly conveying information and actively listening, which improves relationships and professional success. Strengthening these skills requires practice in structured speaking, active listening, and adapting to your audience to foster connection and trust.

Join us in the Lower Hall as psychotherapist Elisabeth Roger unpacks how we can improve our listening skills to improve our relationships. All welcome! Come from 7.15pm for pre-talk refreshments.

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

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

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Headteacher: Sarah Norville

Today's Mass

First Reading (Jeremiah 20:10-13): Despite all his sufferings because of his prophesying the (unpopular) word of God, Jeremiah issues a statement of praise and trust in God, who 'has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers'. Jeremiah is thus vindicated as a true prophet.

Psalm 69(68) is a plea for help amid taunts and shame, which turns into a hymn of praise and thanksgiving to God 'who attends to the needy'.

Second Reading (Romans 5:12-15): How can Christ's work save others? St Paul's answer is to point to Adam: if all of humanity shares in Adam's disobedience, how much more will all humanity share in and benefit from Christ's obedience?

Gospel (Matthew 10:26-33): Suffering may be inevitable, but disciples of Jesus should not be afraid. The Day of Judgment will reverse the present ills, and those who persecute Christians cannot kill the soul even if they kill the body, but in the present time, God is still sovereign. This passage offers us consolation amid our present woes.

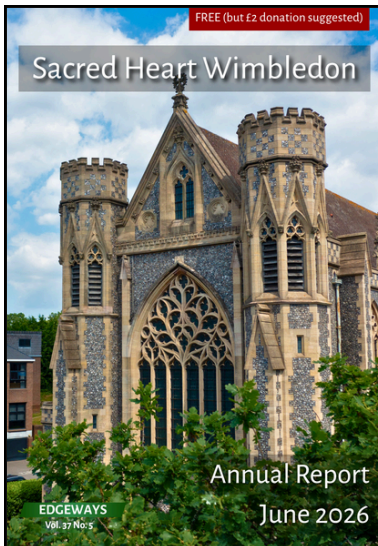
Canon David

Pastoral Letter: *There is no Place for Racism*

'In continuing to be a welcoming Church, we reject all forms of racism. This means creating communities where every person feels safe, valued, and heard.' At Masses this weekend, in place of the homily, there is a Pastoral Letter from Archbishop John on the dignity of every person, entitled *There is no Place for Racism*. You can read the full letter online at tinyurl.com/5y2n2u5c.



For all ages and for all interests - there's something for everyone in our parish! Discover our wide range of liturgical, spiritual, pastoral, and cultural groups and activities at sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/groups.



At last Saturday's Garden Party, a June 2026 Annual Report was unveiled. Commissioned by Canon David, it surveys the wide range of liturgical, spiritual, pastoral, and cultural groups and activities that define our rich and vibrant parish life. And so, as well as cataloguing the very many events and activities that took place in our parish in 2025, the Annual Report promises to be a useful tool for evangelization – showcasing our community to visitors and inviting new parishioners to play a full role in parish life.

You can read the Annual Report online at sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/edgeways. The Annual Report is also exhibited on a temporary display at the back of the church, by the steps to the choir loft. If you would like to take a printed copy home with you from the back of the church, we invite you to consider making a voluntary contribution towards printing costs.

Finally, and most importantly, may we take this opportunity to thank every volunteer who contributed their words and pictures towards the Annual Report.

Thank you!

The Volunteers' Reception and Garden Party went very swimmingly, and both events were well supported and enjoyed by all who attended. We were especially blessed by the weather for the Garden Party.

Our thanks are due to all who worked so hard to put these events on. As one parishioner remarked: 'We are very fortunate to have such a committed and generous group of volunteers, whose hard work and support made both occasions possible.'

Particular thanks are due to Ruth and Thelma, the main organisers of the Garden Party, assisted by trojan work by Leo, our Caretaker, as well as Rob, Alessandro, and many others.

Canon David

This Sunday

Day for Life

The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. The theme of this year's Day for Life is *The Wonder of the Child in the Womb*. Parenthood is a vocation of joys and hopes, of grief and anxieties. On this year's Day for Life, we acknowledge the particular grief of mothers and fathers who have lost a child before birth or in infancy. Many parents find consolation in their faith and its assurance that every child, including those who lose their life before they are born or soon after, is created, willed, and deeply loved by God from all eternity.

You can read the Bishops' message and prayers at dayforlife.org. This Sunday's **Second Collection** is for the Day for Life Fund, which distributes grants to organisations that promote respect for life from conception until natural death. You can also donate online at the link above.

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 5 July. Please email Elizabeth at elizabethbotttriell@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.!

Social Club after the 8.00pm Mass

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



Have you signed the petition to help Faith in Action's Merton Homelessness Project stay at the Salvation Army Hub? Please add your signature today at change.org/SaveMertonFaithInAction, and forward the petition to anyone who might support it.

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

Caroline 'Sally' Pilkington RIP

Funeral Mass at 11.30am on Monday, followed by cremation at the Putney Vale Crematorium.

Holy Matrimony

The Wedding of Akkilash Raveenthiran and Roshini Reji is at 11.30am on Thursday.

The Wedding of Fadi Siman and Erika Nunez is at 2.00pm on Thursday.

7.00pm Thursday Wimbledon Catenians Meeting

The Wimbledon Catenians invite the men of the parish to attend this curry and beer night in the Lounge. Come along and meet fellow parishioners in a fun, relaxed atmosphere! All ages are welcome. For more details, please contact Des at des@boxofcolours.com or Tom at tomconlon.uk@gmail.com.

10.30am – 11.30am Saturday 27 June Bereavement Support Group

Join us in the Lounge for our monthly, confidential support group for all who have been bereaved, whether recently or a while ago. This is a gentle and welcoming space for anyone experiencing loss. All conversations are treated with sensitivity and strict confidentiality. There is no need to book in advance – just drop in.

Polish Saturday School Mass

... takes place at 11.30am on Saturday 27 June in the church. *W sobotę o godz. 11.30 w kościele.*

12.30pm – 3.30pm Saturday 27 June Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School Summer Fair

Join us at the school (Burlington Road, KT3 4ND) for yet another popular event! There will be many attractions, such as the famous tombolas with a slight twist, inflatables, games, external stalls, delicious food, and much more. Kids go free; adults pay £2.50.

Next Sunday 28 June Solemnity of SS Peter & Paul

The 6.30pm Mass on Saturday is the proper Vigil Mass; the Prayers and Readings differ from those of Mass of the Day. As previously advertised, the 12 noon Mass will be Latin.

Next Sunday's Second Collection: Peter's Pence

Sent from bishops throughout the Church to the Holy Father, this collection enables the Apostolic See to exercise works of mercy and charity and to serve the Universal Church.

Did you know you might be a winner... ?



Three raffle prizes from the Garden Party are still waiting to find their lucky owners! If you have any of the winning numbers 210, 229, or 403, please bring your winning stub to the Parish Office to claim your prize.



2.30pm Friday 3 July The Wimbledon Championships at the Friendship Group

Do join us in the Lounge for Wimbledon tennis, Pimm's, tea and cakes, and – of course – strawberries and cream. All are welcome!



ft. Canon David !! Ambassadors for Christ

Watch Canon David's latest video in the *Ambassadors for Christ* series, entitled 'Why do Catholics sit, stand, and kneel during Mass?':

[.youtube.com/watch?
v=4qibC12yVks](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4qibC12yVks)

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. You can watch all videos in the series at:

[youtube.com/@RCSouthwark1](https://www.youtube.com/@RCSouthwark1)

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

Vacancy: Local Leadership and Resource Coordinator

This is a full-time post at the Agency for Evangelization and Catechesis of the Archdiocese of Southwark, paid at £33,000 per annum. For more information, including how to apply before Friday 17 July, please visit tinyurl.com/4ph4ppzs.

Other notices

Assisted Suicide Bill threat

Assisted suicide campaigners are trying to bring back Leadbeater's bill. Not Dead Yet UK has launched a simple tool to help you email your Member of Parliament about the risks the Assisted Suicide Bill poses to people with disabilities. Please take 30 seconds to email your MP today: visit action.notdeadyetuk.org.

Message from the Good Counsel Network

This Tuesday 23 June, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed. For information on the days of Prayer and Fasting, please contact The Good Counsel Network on 020 7723 1740 or visit [goodcounselnetwork.com](https://www.goodcounselnetwork.com).

'And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least ... God saw their efforts to renounce their evil ways. And God relented about the disaster which He had threatened to bring on them, and He did not bring it.' (Jonah 3:5,10)

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

Caroline 'Sally' Pilkington • Ben Bano
George Tabor • Ignatio De Souza

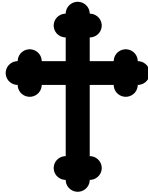
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Suahil Yousif Nasser • Marie Louise Xuereb
Peter McGurk • Percy Batuwitige
John O'Neill • George Davis

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
William Brown • Peter Rhind

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, pastoral, and cultural activities.

To donate, scan the QR code or visit
sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/donate.

Thank you.



Weekday Mass Intentions

Saturday 20 June • S Alban, Protomartyr of Britain

10.00am Michael Lee Kim (RIP)
6.30pm Denis Geoghegan (RIP)

Monday 22 June • SS John Fisher, B, & Thomas More, MM

10.00am Peter Cull (RIP)
11.30am Funeral Mass of
Caroline 'Sally' Pilkington (RIP)
6.30pm Brendan Geoghegan (RIP)

Tuesday 23 June

10.00am Pat Brown (RIP)
6.30pm Brian Mooney (RIP)
[Mass of the Nativity of S John the Baptist]

Wednesday 24 June • The Nativity of S John the Baptist

10.00am Giuseppe Salvatore (RIP)
6.30pm Tony D'Costa (Birthday)

Thursday 25 June

10.00am Sr May McGuinnis (RIP)
11.30am Wedding of Akkilash Raveenthiran
& Roshini Reji
2.00pm Wedding of Fadi Siman
& Erika Nunez
6.30pm Kralija Mira

Friday 26 June • S Thomas Garnet, Pr M

10.00am Mary Aylward (RIP)
6.30pm Roque Cartland & Monica Fontenoy (RIP)

Saturday 27 June • of Our Lady

10.00am Catherine James (RIP)
11.30am Polish Saturday School
6.30pm Tom Starkey (RIP)

Music at the 12 noon Mass

Entry hymn: (257) Holy God, we praise Thy name

Kyrie/Gloria: (459)/(460)

Offertory motet: From the rising of the Sun (F.A.G. Ouseley)

Sanctus: Missal tones

Communion motet: *Pastor bonus* (T. Tallis)

Communion hymn: (699) The king of love

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.