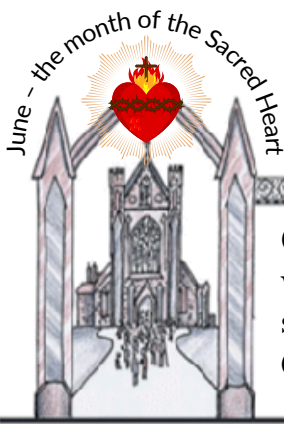


June – the month of the Sacred Heart



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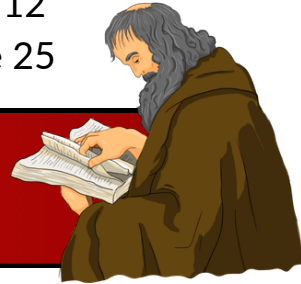
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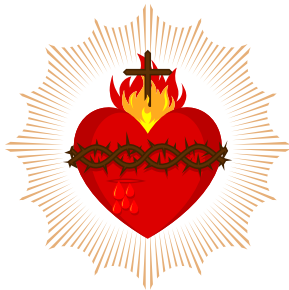
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## Newsletter

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**Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul (Year A)**  
Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time



### First Friday Adoration

This First Friday is a monthly day of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Can YOU attend Mass, Adoration, and/or Confession this Friday?

**Holy Mass:** 10.00am • 6.30pm  
**Adoration:** 10.30am – 12 noon •  
5.25pm – 6.25pm • 7.00pm – 8.00pm  
**Confessions:** 6.00pm – 6.20pm

Please see the back cover for all our times of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions.

### Today's Mass

This Solemnity celebrates the two apostles who were the founders of the Church of Rome, of which we in Southwark are a part. There are different readings for the Vigil Mass (i.e. the 6.30pm Mass on Saturday) and Mass during the Day (all other Masses).

The **First** (Acts 3:1–10) and **Second** (Galatians 1:11–20) **Readings** at the Vigil Mass describe the part played by Saints Peter and Paul in the preaching of the early Church and in passing on the good news of Jesus Christ. The **Gospel** (John 21:15–19) is especially evocative, as Simon Peter three times promises to feed Christ's sheep, undoing his previous triple denial of Christ as the cock crew.

The **First** (Acts 12:1–11) and **Second** (2 Timothy 4:6–8,17–18) **Readings** at the Mass on the Day depict the trials and tribulations both Peter and Paul suffered in their evangelization, but also the miracles and graces they received from God. The **Gospel** (Matthew 16:13–19) contains the important declaration by Christ that His Church will be founded on Saint Peter (which is, of course, the basis of our belief in the role of Peter's successor, the Bishop of Rome, the Pope), and that 'the gates of hell shall not prevail against it' (which, combined with the authority granted to the apostles to 'bind and loose', is the basis for our belief in the infallibility of the Church).

*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

### Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

Burlington Road, KT3 4ND  
[school@sacredheart.merton.sch.uk](mailto:school@sacredheart.merton.sch.uk)  
Headteacher: Sarah Norville

### ANNUAL REPORT

For all ages and for all interests – there's something for everyone in our parish! Our **Annual Report** surveys the wide range of liturgical, spiritual, pastoral, and cultural groups and activities in our rich and vibrant parish life. You can read it online at [sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/edgeways](http://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.

## This Sunday

As previously advertised, this Sunday's **12 noon Mass** is in Latin.

### Second Collection: Peter's Pence

Sent from bishops throughout the Church to the Holy Father, this annual collection offers each of us a tangible way of supporting the Holy Father in his mission of service to the Universal Church. This practice of sending funds to the Holy See began in England under the Saxons in 1031 and spread throughout Europe.

Pope Leo XIV gives concrete aid to poor dioceses, humanitarian initiatives, religious institutes and the faithful in grave difficulties. Peter's Pence is a gesture of communion – an expression of solidarity with the Pope in his work.

To learn more about Peter's Pence or to donate online, please visit [obolodisanpietro.va/en.html](http://obolodisanpietro.va/en.html).

### 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!

The **Garden Party** made a profit of approximately £750. Although it is meant to be a social function, it is pleasing that it doesn't cost us money!

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.

**Are you registered as a parishioner?** Registration means that:

- ✓ the Parish Office can contact you more quickly when needed;
- ✓ Canon David can complete references to certify you and your children are parishioners, e.g. for schools and Sacraments; and
- ✓ you will receive the newsletter by email, making sure you stay in touch with the latest news and saving the planet by saving paper.

You aren't automatically registered through, e.g., a Baptism or First Holy Communion! **Please register online at [sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](http://sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk) or by filling out a registration form from the back of the church.**

## This week

### Holy Matrimony

The Wedding of Kabildev Kajendran and Magaaline Milroy-Callistus is at 12 noon on Monday.

### 9.00am Thursday: Mass in the Hall of Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

All parishioners, parents, and family members are welcome to attend this Votive Mass of SS Peter & Paul at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School (Burlington Road, KT3 4ND).

### 2.30pm Friday

### 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!

### First Friday Devotion

Please see the front cover.

### Sacrament of Confirmation

We welcome Bishop Gerard Bradley, Area Bishop for South West London, to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation at Mass at 11.30am on Saturday 4 July.

Consequently, Confessions on the morning of Saturday 4 July will be heard from 10.30am to 11.00am only.

### Next Sunday's Second Collection

The Second Collection next weekend will be for a Wedding Present for Rob Hitchcock and Maisie Berry, who are getting married in August. Rob is our Parish Faith Minister, responsible for catechetical programmes and young people's ministry.

### Recent **Second Collections** totalled:

£571.03	Catholic Communications Network
£576.51	Nerve Tumours UK & War Child
£3,970.15	Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School Playground Appeal

In the newsletter of Sunday 17 May, we reported a total of £1,277.38 for the Priest Training Fund. The Editor apologises: the final total is £2,254.38.

### Recent **Offertories** totalled:

£23,236.32	Easter Offering (for the priests of the parish)		
£35,697.10	April	£36,805.19	May

Thank you for your generosity and support of these good causes.

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

## Forthcoming parish liturgies and events

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.

## Diocesan notices

### Vacancies: Parish Fundraising Officers

The Archdiocese of Southwark is seeking two full-time Parish Fundraising Officers to launch its Planned Giving & Gift Aid Renewal Programme. The 12-month contract is paid at £34,000 per annum, with a strong likelihood of becoming permanent. For more details, including how to apply by Saturday 1 August, please visit [tinyurl.com/yup2b4ah](https://tinyurl.com/yup2b4ah).

### Cause for Canonisation of Fr Willie Doyle SJ

In 2022, Bishop Tom Deenihan, the Bishop of Meath, opened the cause for the beatification and canonisation of Fr Willie Doyle SJ. Asked to gather evidence in London, Archbishop John set up a canonical commission, which has now sent the testimony of various witnesses to Bishop Deenihan.

Born in Dublin in 1873, Fr Doyle entered the Society of Jesus in 1891 and was ordained in 1907. He volunteered as a military chaplain in the First World War. He was renowned for his selfless care of young soldiers, his heroism, and his deep penitential spirituality. Many draw attention to his sense of humour, positive attitude, and upbeat disposition. Fr Doyle was killed in action in Langemarck on 16 August 1917. He was recommended for the Victoria Cross and the Distinguished Service Order, but awarded neither.

You can visit the official site for Fr Doyle's canonisation at [williedoyle.org](https://williedoyle.org).

7.00pm Thursday 16 July  
Young Adults Discussion Group on  
Mere Christianity

Our parish's young adults are planning a regular series to chat about life, God, faith, and the things that make us proud to call ourselves believers, beginning with CS Lewis' *Mere Christianity* (1952). A presentation will be prepared, so if you do not have time to read even a sentence of the book, do not let that stop you from coming!

The venue is TBC. If you are a young adult and would like to join the WhatsApp group for more details and updates, please email your number to [wimbledonnewsletter@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:wimbledonnewsletter@rcaos.org.uk).

## New to the parish?

Welcome! Please introduce yourself to a member of the parish team after Mass and register online at [sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](https://sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk) or by filling out a registration form from the back of the church.

### Pope's Intention for July 2026:

For the values of sports. Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.



A **Lectio Divina Group** has been meeting in the parish for over 20 years. We meet on Zoom from 11.00am to 12 noon every Friday. We read and reflect on the readings for the following Sunday Mass. It is not a Bible study, but a prayerful reading and sharing. We end with short intercessory prayers. Everyone is welcome. Why not come for a taster session? Please call Bridget on 07981 941516.



### Nursery places available at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School and Nursery

Sacred Heart School has nursery places available for children who will be 2 or 3 years old in September 2026. From September, the Nursery will offer both term-time and all-year-round (48-week) places for 2- and 3-year olds, with extended hours available from 7.30am to 6.00pm. Based on

the school motto, *Learning in Love*, the Nursery gives the children the best possible start in their learning journey.

Please visit [sacredheart.merton.sch.uk/nursery](https://sacredheart.merton.sch.uk/nursery) for full details, including hours and sessions, funding and costs, food options, teaching and learning, and how to apply for a place. Please note that admissions are processed by the school (do not contact the Parish Office), and that admission to the Nursery does not guarantee a place in Reception – although in the last five years, all the children in the Nursery have gone on to Reception if the parents wished it.

## Other notices

11.00am – 4.00pm Saturday 11 July  
Visit a parishioner's garden for charity!

Parishioners Martin and Primavera Moretti are opening their garden for charity! (35 Burstow Road, SW20 8ST) There will be a children's trail, tea, and cake. Entry is £5 for adults (children free); proceeds are directed by the National Garden Scheme to a range of charities. For more details, please visit [tinyurl.com/8kxcbx6v](https://tinyurl.com/8kxcbx6v).



## Wimbledon College

Wimbledon College is redeveloping its alumni network! If you studied at the College, please complete the alumni update form at:

[wimbledoncollege.org.uk/about-us/alumni](https://wimbledoncollege.org.uk/about-us/alumni)

## Celebrants this Sunday

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

## We remember in our prayers

### Those who have died recently

Ben Bano • George Tabor  
Ignatio De Souza • Violet Lucy Jones

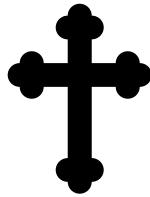
### Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Cela Covickovic • Siobhan Williams • Brian Meehan  
Colin Schembri • Maria Devlin • John Sherwell  
Derek Lathey • Daphne Minas • Jade Mayhew  
Martin Derx • Tom Starkey

### 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  
until 11.00am on Saturday 4 July

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



## Weekday Mass Intentions

### Saturday 27 June • of Our Lady

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

### Monday 29 June

10.00am Jim Roddy (Birthday)  
12 noon Wedding of Kabildev Kajendran  
& Magaaline Milroy-Callistus  
6.30pm Thanksgiving to S Anthony

### Tuesday 30 June

10.00am Francis Saldanha (RIP)  
6.30pm Jimmy Corcoran (RIP)

### Wednesday 1 July

10.00am Gladys Ching (Birthday)  
6.30pm Francis Pietersz (RIP)

### Thursday 2 July

9.00am School [*Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School  
(Burlington Road, KT3 4ND)*]  
10.00am Dennis Konopka (RIP)  
6.30pm Liam Dennan (RIP)

### Friday 3 July • S Thomas, Ap

10.00am Mary McGrath (RIP)  
6.30pm Kazimiera Owoc (RIP)

### Saturday 4 July • of Our Lady

10.00am Peter & Martin Stephens  
11.30am Confirmandi  
6.30pm Derek Lathey (RIP)

## Music at the 12 noon Mass

**Missa Aeterna Christi Munera** (G.P. da Palestrina)  
**Offertory:** *Tu es Petrus* (G.P. da Palestrina)  
**Communion:** *Hymnus Aeterna Christi Munera* (Plainsong)  
**Organ:** *Tu es Petra* (H. Mulet)

## 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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[wimbledon@rcaos.org.uk](mailto: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](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. Please leave your contact details with the Parish Office or email [presidentA190704@svp.org.uk](mailto:presidentA190704@svp.org.uk).