



# THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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## Newsletter

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Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time



From today's Gospel: 'Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will refresh you.' Detail from St Patrick's Roman Catholic Cathedral, Armagh, Northern Ireland. *Andreas F. Borchert via Wikimedia Commons (CC BY-SA 4.0).*

### 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** (Zechariah 9:9-10): The prophet Zechariah depicts the coming of the humble king of peace, in words which Christians have always taken to refer to Jesus Christ.

**Psalm 145(144)** is a royal psalm in praise of God, our king.

**Second Reading** (Romans 8:9,11-13): We have the Spirit in us, and so we should lead spiritual lives and be concerned with spiritual matters; this is the only way to have eternal life.

**Gospel** (Matthew 11:25-30): This passage follows a section in which Israel fails to see that Jesus Christ is the Messiah (even John the Baptist was uncertain). If we compare the words used here with the book of Exodus, it becomes clear that Jesus is the new Moses. Yet Jesus' new covenant does not produce the onerous burdens of the old law of Moses - but Jesus produces a new teaching which, with God's help, we can follow.

*Canon David*

Only the last few places remain for the Archdiocese of Southwark's pilgrimage to World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul, South Korea, led by Archbishop John Wilson, from 1 to 9 August 2027. World Youth Day brings together around a million young Catholics from across the world with Pope Leo XIV for prayer, catechesis, and liturgy. The pilgrimage is open to young adults aged 18 to 35 who are active in their parish. The full package, including return flights, is £3,270; the package excluding flights is £1,870. For full details, please visit [tinyurl.com/wyhome1](http://tinyurl.com/wyhome1). Please express your interest to [youth@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcaos.org.uk) as soon as possible.



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](http://sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/groups).

## This Sunday

### Second Collection

The Second Collection this weekend is 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.

### 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 19 July. Please email Elizabeth at [elizabethbottriell@hotmail.com](mailto:elizabethbottriell@hotmail.com) if you have any questions.

### 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.



**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.

### Social Club after the 8.00pm Mass

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

## This week

### 7.15pm for 7.30pm Tuesday 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.

### Donhead Preparatory School

... celebrates an End of Year Mass in the church at 11.00am on Wednesday.

### No Adoration on Wednesday morning

There will be no Adoration on Wednesday morning due to the Donhead Preparatory School Mass. Adoration continues as normal from 5.25pm to 6.25pm on Wednesday.

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

All parents/carers and family members are very welcome to attend this Mass at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School (Burlington Road, KT3 4ND). The Mass is offered for Year 3, for those who have made their First Holy Communion.

### Violet Lucy Jones RIP

Funeral Mass at 12 noon on Thursday, followed by burial at the Merton & Sutton Cemetery.

### George Tabor RIP

Funeral Mass at 12 noon on Friday, followed by cremation at Mortlake Crematorium.

### Shorter Adoration on Friday morning

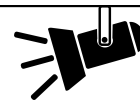
Because of the Funeral Mass, Adoration on Friday morning will conclude at 11.30am. Adoration continues as normal from 5.25pm to 6.25pm on Friday.

### Next Sunday's Second Collection: Stella Maris

Next Sunday is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult and hazardous conditions.

The Second Collection will be for Stella Maris, the Catholic Church's maritime agency, which looks after seafarers and fishers worldwide. Stella Maris provides practical and pastoral care to all seafarers, such as through port chaplains and volunteer ship visitors. This international network works in more than 250 ports around the world, including those in Great Britain. To learn more about Stella Maris or to donate online, please visit [stellamaris.org.uk](http://stellamaris.org.uk).

### Spotlight on...



The **Wednesday Evangelization Prayer Group** meets from 8.00pm to 9.00pm on Wednesdays at the Sisters of Christ Convent (Norlands, 2b Mayfield Road, SW19 3NF). Can YOU join this group to support the parish's evangelization? Or, if you can't make this time, can YOU say a weekly prayer for evangelization? Either way, please call Bridget on 07981 941516.

**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

7.00pm 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).

## Parish notices

### Presbytery Cook required

A cook is required from 10.00am to 2.00pm on Mondays and Fridays to provide lunch for the priests on those days and to prepare lunch to be reheated on Sundays. The pay is £67 per day. Please contact Thelma in the Parish Office if you are interested.

### Receptionist needed

The parish urgently requires receptionists for the Presbytery on Monday afternoons. For more information and to volunteer, please contact Thelma in the Parish Office as soon as possible.

### Newsletter annual summer break

After the newsletter of Sunday 19 July, the next newsletter will be on Sunday 30 August.

### Annual Report June 2026

Commissioned by Canon David, the Annual Report surveys the wide range of liturgical, spiritual, pastoral, and cultural groups and activities that define our rich and vibrant parish life. You can read the Annual Report online at [sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/edgeways](http://sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/edgeways). It 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, please consider a voluntary donation towards printing costs.

## Diocesan notices

Fridays 21 – 28 August  
Southwark Diocesan  
Pilgrimage to Lourdes

I warmly invite you to join me on this year's pilgrimage to Lourdes. A pilgrimage is a great opportunity to refresh and renew our relationship with the Lord Jesus, with the help of Our Lady's prayers. It is a blessing to be able to accompany and to be inspired by other pilgrims, some of whom are sick, elderly or disabled.

For more information, please visit [catholicassociation.co.uk/join2026](http://catholicassociation.co.uk/join2026).

*Bishop Paul Hendricks*

### Diocesan vacancies

The Archdiocese is currently seeking:

- two Parish Fundraising Officers;
- a Local Leadership and Resource Coordinator; and
- a Youth Service Training Coordinator.

Please visit [tinyurl.com/2tv6mmb](http://tinyurl.com/2tv6mmb) for more details, including how to apply.

### Archdiocesan Safeguarding Audit

Safeguarding is an essential ministry within our parishes and community. The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency monitors compliance with eight national standards. Following a recent inspection – which included an inspection of our parish – the Archdiocese was found 'Exceeding Expectations' overall, with six of eight standards achieving this top rating. Many congratulations to all parishes and the Safeguarding Team for this great result.



Want to make a real difference in the world? Become a CAFOD Parish Volunteer! We offer a flexible role with full support, and you could read a short, pre-prepared Family Fast Day appeal talk twice a year, invite others to prayer, or Raise awareness about international development. No experience is needed – just a willing heart. Please get in touch at [southwark@cafod.org.uk](mailto:southwark@cafod.org.uk) or call 07775 704546 to find out more.

## 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

11.00am – 4.00pm  
this coming 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](http://tinyurl.com/8kxcbx6v).

7.30pm – 8.15pm Monday 27 July  
Friends of the Holy Land Webinar

Join this free webinar to learn about the mission and impact of the Friends of the Holy Land, a unique ecumenical charity supporting vulnerable Christian communities in the Holy Land. Please register at [bit.ly/4xkvWTA](http://bit.ly/4xkvWTA). If you cannot make this time, the webinar will take place the same time on the fourth Monday of each month.

Wednesday 29 – Friday 31 July  
A Day with Mary  
International Symposium

A Day with Mary invites you to this free international symposium, hosted at St Mary's Catholic Church, West Croydon (70 Wellesley Road, CR0 2AR). The conference will explore devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, with sessions led by theologians, priests, and scholars. Each day begins at 8.30am with Holy Mass, closing with Music for Our Lady from 5.30pm. A Day with Mary follows in the church on Saturday 1 August. For more details and to reserve your free seat, please visit [symposium adaywithmary.org](http://symposium adaywithmary.org).

### London Jesuit Centre

The Centre offers courses and events on social and environmental justice, theology, Ignatian spirituality, and philosophy at its centre in Mount Street (Mayfair, W1K 3AH). Please visit [londonjesuitcentre.org](http://londonjesuitcentre.org).

## Celebrants this Sunday

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

## We remember in our prayers

### Those who have died recently

George Tabor • Violet Lucy Jones  
Kathy Turner • Rupert Jones • Pilar Giner

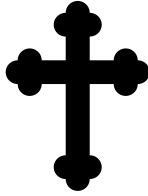
### Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Mary Welch • Leslie Gonsalves • Thomas McGovern  
Peggy Gavin • Monica North • Maisie Clark  
Martin Derx • Eileen O'Connell

### 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

no morning Adoration  
this Wednesday 8 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 4 July • of Our Lady

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

### Monday 6 July

10.00am Agnes Garzolini  
6.30pm Hevnán Burbano (RIP)

### Tuesday 7 July

10.00am Anastasia Perry (RIP)  
6.30pm Jean Harte (RIP)

### Wednesday 8 July

10.00am John Whitehouse (RIP)  
11.00am Donhead Preparatory School  
6.30pm Denardi & Lucchetta Families (RIP)

### Thursday 9 July

9.00am First Communicants [*Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School (Burlington Road, KT3 4ND)*]  
10.00am Bill Sathananthan  
12 noon Funeral Mass of Violet Lucy Jones (RIP)  
6.30pm Dave Mason (RIP)

### Friday 10 July

10.00am John Sydon (RIP)  
12 noon Funeral Mass of George Tabor (RIP)  
6.30pm John Marshall (RIP)

### Saturday 11 July • S Benedict, Ab, Patron of Europe

10.00am McKenna Family (RIP)  
6.30pm Derek Lathey (RIP)

## Music at the 12 noon Solemn Latin Mass

### Mass of St Ignatius (F. Laloux)

Introit: *Suscepimus, Deus* (Choir)

Offertory motet: *O Salutaris* (F. Laloux)

Communion motet: *Tantum ergo* (F. Laloux)

Organ: *Stella Maris* (G. Weitz)

## 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.