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## Newsletter

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Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time



### Today's Mass

The **First Reading** (Isaiah 55:10-11) makes sense in the context of today's Gospel. Just as the rain waters the Earth to give life, so God's Word gives growth. **Psalm 65(64)** continues the same idea.

**Second Reading** (Romans 8:18-23): If we compare Paul's famous words about Creation's eager longing with Genesis 3, we can see that Paul is here talking about the restoration of paradise. The glory that awaits us in the next life makes our sufferings in this life bearable.

**Gospel** (Matthew 13:1-23): The Parable of the Sower has two important lessons for us in our efforts to evangelize. Firstly, we must enthusiastically try to sow the seed in spite of what may seem to be meagre results: our responsibility is to sow the seed; only God can give increase. Secondly, there is a difference between 'hearing' the word and 'understanding' it; we must try to enable people to understand the Good News.

*Canon David*

### Archdiocesan Diaconate Day

Today, we pray for the Permanent Deacons serving in our Archdiocese. We also pray for new vocations to this ministry.

If you are a man aged between 21 and 58, prayerful, with the desire to love God and God's people, involved in services within your parish and community, have tried many things and still feel drawn to a closer relationship with Christ and His Church, then you might be called to be a Permanent Deacon. You can find out more at [tinyurl.com/5wswjnnpb](http://tinyurl.com/5wswjnnpb). If you are interested, please speak with Deacon Julian.

#### 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



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).



**STELLA MARIS**

## Sea Sunday & Second Collection: Stella Maris

Today, the Church worldwide celebrates Sea Sunday – a day to come together to pray for seafarers, fishers, and all who live and work at sea, often in difficult and hazardous conditions. Today, we thank them for the vital role they play in our lives.

Our Second Collection is for Stella Maris, the Catholic Church's maritime agency, which looks after seafarers and fishers worldwide. It provides practical and pastoral care to all seafarers, such as through port chaplains and volunteer ship visitors.

The Gospel on Sea Sunday is the Parable of the Sower. Jesus delivered this parable beside the Sea of Galilee, a significant location for His ministry. Stella Maris' work is like a sower's. Many seafarers find strength in faith and comfort in prayer. Each conversation with Stella Maris' chaplains or volunteers, each act of practical help, and each prayer said with a seafarer can be a seed planted in a life. Daily ship visits from Stella Maris chaplains and volunteers in the Archdiocese can become a source of hope in times of crisis. It reminds seafarers of the Church's care for all who work at sea.

Stella Maris' international network operates in more than 250 ports worldwide, including ports in Great Britain. To learn more about Stella Maris or to donate online, please visit [stellamaris.org.uk](http://stellamaris.org.uk).



On Wednesday 24 June, two powerful earthquakes struck Venezuela, causing huge devastation. Jesuit Missions is working with local partners to provide emergency shelter, food, clean water, healthcare, and trauma support. Please give generously at [tinyurl.com/jmvenezuela26](http://tinyurl.com/jmvenezuela26), and please pray for those affected.

Join one of our open events to hear from our Headteacher about why Ursuline High School, an outstanding state Catholic school, may be the right choice for your daughter, take a tour of the school, and meet many staff and students. In addition, we'll share our prospectus, enrichment, wellbeing and personal development programmes, the application process, and other important information.



- Our Open Evening takes place from 6.00pm to 8.30pm on Wednesday 23 September, for Year 5 and Year 6 students and parents/carers.
- Our Open Mornings take place from Monday 28 September to Friday 2 October, at 9.00am or 11.00am, for Year 6 students and parents/carers.

Availability is limited and a ticket is required. For more details and to register, please visit [ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk/admissions/open-events/](http://ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk/admissions/open-events/).

**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))

## This Sunday

### Sea Sunday & Second Collection

Please see the insert box.

### Archdiocesan Diaconate Day

Please see the front cover.

### 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!

## 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.

### Receptionists needed

The parish urgently requires receptionists for the Presbytery, especially on Monday afternoons. Could YOU help to staff the reception one morning or afternoon each week? For more information and to volunteer, please contact Thelma in the Parish Office as soon as possible.

### 5.00pm Mass Choir

After this Sunday, the 5.00pm Mass Choir will be on its annual summer break, and will return refreshed and revived on Sunday 6 September.

### Newsletter annual summer break

After next weekend's (Sunday 19 July) newsletter, the next newsletter will be on Sunday 30 August.

## This week

### Thursday: Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Our Lady of Mount Carmel is a title of the Blessed Virgin Mary, venerated as patroness of the Carmelite Order. Why do we observe this Memorial in the Diocesan Calendar? Because of the presence of the Carmelite Friary at Aylesford in Kent, where the Carmelite Order was, in effect, refounded in the 13th century. Popular devotion to Our Lady of Mount Carmel centres on the brown scapular, which was given to St Simon Stock in Aylesford.

### 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 Year 6 Leavers' Mass at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School (Burlington Road, KT3 4ND).

### 7.00pm Thursday 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 evening will be hosted in the Youth Room. If you are aged 18 to 35 and would like to join, please email your WhatsApp number to [wimbledonnewsletter@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:wimbledonnewsletter@rcaos.org.uk).

### No Adoration on Friday morning

There will be no Adoration on Friday morning due to a Wimbledon College Mass for St Ignatius of Loyola. Adoration continues as normal from 5.25pm to 6.25pm on Friday.

### Holy Matrimony

The Wedding of Louis Belderson and Delia Casey is at 2.00pm on Saturday 18 July.

Archbishop John Sherrington has expressed his deep disappointment that the Assisted Suicide Bill will return to Parliament. Read his statement at [tinyurl.com/3vt5hetv](http://tinyurl.com/3vt5hetv).

## Forthcoming parish liturgies and events

### 7.00pm Thursday 30 July Young Adults Beacon: 'Who is Jesus?'

Our parish's young adults invite you to *Beacon*, a series which explores the Christian faith, inspired by the *Sycamore* video series. The evening will be in the Youth Room. If you are aged 18 to 35 and would like to join, please email your WhatsApp number to [wimbledonnewsletter@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:wimbledonnewsletter@rcaos.org.uk).

### 2.30pm Friday 7 August Friendship Group

Everyone is welcome to come to the Lounge and bring along an object to talk about or to tell a story of interest (5 minutes maximum). Tea and cakes provided as always!

### 1.00pm Monday 10 August Livestream of the Wedding of Rob Hitchcock & Maisie Berry

You are invited to the Lounge to watch this livestream, with refreshments! Please let Thelma in the Parish Office know if you will be coming along.

### 2.30pm Friday 4 September Friendship Group Poetry Afternoon

Everyone is welcome to the Lounge for a poetry afternoon with Wendy Tansey and friends. Do join us!

### 7.30pm Saturday 5 September Edge Hill Players Race Night

Join us for a Race Night in the Lower Hall, with all proceeds going to the fabulous *Guys & Dolls* orchestra. (Please see the front cover; tickets are now on sale for *Guys & Dolls* at 7.00pm on Thursday 10, Friday 11, and Saturday 12 September at [edgehillplayers.com](http://edgehillplayers.com).)

## Diocesan notices

### Tuesday 11 – Friday 14 August Summertime 2026

Are you aged 11 to 15, and an altar server or regular Massgoer? Come along to this residential summer break at the Westminster Youth Ministry Retreat Centre in Pinner to deepen your faith in a great social atmosphere with other young people. The cost is £199, including a trip to Thorpe Park. Please email Fr Stephen Boyle at [dartford@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:dartford@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](http://sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk) or by filling out a registration form from the back of the church.

## First Holy Communion



Would your son or daughter like to make their first Sacrament of Reconciliation and first Holy Communion in 2027?

Registration is now open at [forms.gle/NJMA5Ve8pBKxiUrK7](https://forms.gle/NJMA5Ve8pBKxiUrK7) and closes after 80 applications or on Monday 7 September, whichever is earlier. For further details, please email Rob Hitchcock, our Faith Minister, at [wimbledonpfm@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:wimbledonpfm@rcaos.org.uk).



**RADIO MARIA**  
UNITED KINGDOM

### Next Sunday's Second Collection: Radio Maria UK

Radio Maria UK is a not-for-profit Catholic radio station, whose Priest Director is Fr Toby Lees OP, well known to many parishioners.

Every day, Radio Maria UK reaches thousands of listeners across the country, bringing prayer, teaching, and community into people's homes, cars, and workplaces. Many listeners first find Radio Maria UK during a difficult time in life. With over 3,800 live hours of programming annually, its mission to proclaim the Gospel is real, personal, and quietly transformative.

You can listen to Radio Maria via DAB and digital radio, via smart speakers (ask for 'Radio Maria England'), online at [radiomaria.uk](http://radiomaria.uk), or via the Radio Maria Play App (available on the Apple App Store and Google Play).

## 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  
5.00pm Fr Edwin Raj  
8.00pm Canon David Gibbons

## We remember in our prayers

### Those who have died recently

Kathy Turner • Brian Walsh • James & Maureen Wilkinson

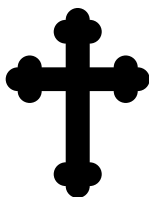
### Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Joan Doody • Beryl Elliott • Mary Vaughan-Neil  
Frank Quinn • Maria Boza de Perez • Margaret Monteith  
Margaret Tyrrell • Antonio De Freitas-Correia  
Maria Rosell • John Carbo • Liam Gilsean

### 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 Friday 17 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)

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To donate, scan the QR code or visit [sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/donate](https://sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/donate).  
Thank you.



## Weekday Mass Intentions

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

10.00am McKenna Family (RIP)

6.30pm Derek Lathey (RIP)

**Monday 13 July**

10.00am Brendan Geoghegan (RIP)

6.30pm James Johnson (RIP)

**Tuesday 14 July**

10.00am Brendan Geoghegan (RIP)

6.30pm Roy Johnston (RIP)

**Wednesday 15 July** • S Bonaventure, B D

10.00am Donor's Intention

6.30pm Beatrice McCormack (RIP)

**Thursday 16 July** • Our Lady of Mount Carmel

9.00am Year 6 Leavers [Sacred Heart Catholic Primary  
School (Burlington Road, KT3 4ND)]

10.00am Eugene Desmier (RIP)

6.30pm Fabio Spige (RIP)

**Friday 17 July**

10.00am Eric Coates (RIP)

6.30pm Patricia & Geoffrey Gibbens (RIP)

**Saturday 18 July** • of Our Lady

10.00am Leo Viajar (Birthday Thanksgiving)

2.00pm Wedding of Louis Belderson & Delia Casey

6.30pm Clara D'Sa

## Music at the 12 noon Mass

Entry hymn: (285) I, the Lord of sea and sky

Kyrie/Gloria: (259)/(260)

Offertory hymn: (217) God is working His purpose out

Communion motet: *Oculi omnium* (C. Wood)

Communion hymn: (720) This is My Body

Organ: Serenade (D. Bourgeois)

## 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).