



THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

020 8946 0305
wimbledon@rcaos.org.uk
sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk
@SHWimbledon /sacredheartwimbledon

Sacred Heart Wimbledon
Edge Hill
Wimbledon
London SW19 4LU

Sunday
19 July 2026

Newsletter

Vol. 12
Issue 28

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)
Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time



OPEN HOUSE FESTIVAL

This year, our church will be included in the annual Open House Festival, a London-wide initiative that opens up and celebrates the city's architecture. Trained guides will be available for tours from 12 noon to 5.00pm on Saturday 12 September. Spread the word: invite your neighbours and friends to come and discover our beautiful church on that day.

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
Headteacher: Sarah Norville

Today's Mass

First Reading (Wisdom 12:13,16–19): This passage is like a hymn to God, who has absolute sovereignty but who exercises it with leniency and forbearance. As so often, **Psalm 86(85)** repeats the basic message of the First Reading: God is a god of mercy and compassion.

Second Reading (Romans 8:26–27): When we pray, we think that we are taking the initiative, but in fact it is the Holy Spirit in us enabling us to pray.

Today's **Gospel** (Matthew 13:24–43) contains a series of parables about the kingdom of heaven. Are they about the world, or the Church, or Heaven? The central point is that God is at work, even if we do not see it, and any growth in grace (for us as individuals or for the Church) is a free gift from God.

Canon David

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, or via the Radio Maria Play App (available on the Apple App Store and Google Play).



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.

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/NJMAVe8pBKxiUrK7 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.

This Sunday

The **5.00pm Mass Choir** is now on its annual summer break, and will return on Sunday 6 September.

Second Collection: Radio Maria UK

Please see the front cover.

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. 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!

This week

10.30am – 11.30am Saturday Bereavement Support Group

Are you coping with the loss of a loved one? Having difficulties adjusting to life without that person? Join us in the Lounge for our monthly, confidential, and professionally-trained drop-in session for all who have been bereaved, whether recently or a while ago. Don't be shy – just turn up!

Holy Matrimony

The Wedding of Tom Johnston and Catherine Reynolds is at 12 noon on Saturday 25 July.

The Wedding of Joseph Witchall and Angela Byrne is at 2.30pm on Saturday 25 July.

Our Bishops urge you to support the **Just Peace Coalition's Time to Act Campaign**.



Bringing together eighteen organisations including CAFOD and Pax Christi, the campaign promotes a shared commitment for justice, peace, and human dignity, calling for 'a just peace for all who call the Holy Land home'. It encourages people to collectively raise their voices, e.g. by writing to their Member of Parliament, speaking out against injustice, and advocating for change. To find out more, please visit justpeacecoalition.com.

Forthcoming weeks

Canon David will be away on holiday from Sunday 2 to Sunday 9 August.

Requiem Masses & Funerals

3.00pm	Monday 27 July	Requiem Mass of Rupert Jones
10.00am	Friday 14 August	Funeral Mass of Marie Fitzgerald, followed by burial at the Merton & Sutton Cemetery

Holy Matrimony

12.30pm	Saturday 1 August	Wedding of Sebastian Cobbold & Claire McCarthy
12 noon	Saturday 15 August	Wedding of Shawn Coutinho & Grace Oskiera-Vooght

Parish notices

Receptionists needed

The parish urgently needs volunteers to help at the Presbytery reception, 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.

Evening Kitchen Porter needed at St Teresa's Home

St Teresa's Home CIO is searching for a kitchen porter available from 5.00pm to 8.00pm Mondays to Thursdays. For full details, please call the Admin office on 0208 879 7366 (option 3) or email info@stteresashome.co.uk.

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 (wimbletonsg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk)
Maria Christopher (wimbletonsg5@safeguardrcaos.org.uk)

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.

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 (five 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! Rob is our Parish Faith Minister, responsible for catechesis and young people's ministry. Please let Thelma in the Parish Office know if you will be coming along for catering purposes.

Thank you for your generosity for the recent Second Collection for a Wedding present for Rob and Maisie. £527.00 was collected in cash and £727.00 via the Dona machine, making a total of £1,254.00. Thank you.

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.

Saturday 5 – Sunday 6 September Manna Society Food Collection

Based at London Bridge, the Manna Society feeds approximately 100 homeless people, seven days a week, 360 days a year. Please bring with you to Mass non-perishable food items (dry goods only), e.g. pasta, biscuits, sugar, and tins. Please place these food items in the box at the back of the church.



Edge Hill Players proudly present *Guys & Dolls*, the classic romantic comedy musical set in 1950s New York. Performances are at 7.00pm on Thursday 10, Friday 11, and Saturday 12 September in the Upper Hall. Tickets are on sale now at edgehillplayers.com.

12 noon – 5.00pm Saturday 12 September Open House Festival

Please see the front cover.

Diocesan notices

11.00am Saturday 3 October Mission Mass

Throughout the year, Mission Masses take place across the country to celebrate all things 'mission', pray for missionaries and come together in prayer. Join Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries for this special World Mission month Mass with Fr Anthony Chantry (Missio National Director) and Fr Joseph Donkor (Missio Diocesan Director for Southwark), previously of this parish. The Mass will be celebrated at St Elizabeth of Portugal, Richmond (The Vineyard, TW10 6AQ). For more details, please visit missio.org.uk/mission-masses-and-events.

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.



ft. Canon David !! Ambassadors for Christ

Canon David has featured in several videos of *Ambassadors for Christ*, an apologetics project from the Archdiocese of Southwark. The idea is that parishioners watch these videos, which equip you to answer questions and misconceptions about what the Catholic Church believes.

You can see all the videos in the series on the Archdiocese of Southwark's YouTube channel:

youtube.com/@RCSouthwark1

You can search for Canon David's videos so far, which are:

- Does the Catholic Church discourage reading the Bible?
- Why do Catholics sit, stand and kneel during Mass?
- Do I need to confess my sins to a priest?
- Why do Catholics believe the Mass is a sacrifice?

The Archdiocese of Southwark has also published a new video, *May we treasure the Holy Mass to our dying breath*, which features a homily by Fr Stephen Morrison O.Præm. at the recent sung Norbertine Mass at Bayham Abbey.

... and now, time to enjoy the newsletter's annual summer break!

This is the last newsletter until Sunday 30 August. The editor wishes you a wonderful summer! Any notices will be communicated via announcements at Mass. Do also join the Sacred Heart Wimbledon Parishioners Facebook group at facebook.com/groups/221586015725496.



Celebrants this Sunday

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

We remember in our prayers

Those who have died recently

James & Maureen Wilkinson • Marie Fitzgerald

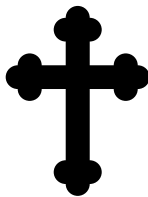
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Felicia Rathbone • Edgar Xuereb
Philip Burling • Jan Ptaszynski

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
Patricia Byrne • Francis O'Farrell • Anthony Murphy
Aimee Jones • Marina Francescotti • Jacqueline Dagnall
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 18 July • of Our Lady

10.00am	Leo Viajar (Birthday Thanksgiving)
2.00pm	Wedding of Louis Belderson & Delia Casey
6.30pm	Clara D'Sa

Monday 20 July

10.00am	Sally Pilkington (RIP)
6.30pm	Berta Palha (RIP)

Tuesday 21 July

10.00am	Dr Enrique & Camilo Ruiz (RIP)
6.30pm	Patrick & Lena Meehan (RIP)

Wednesday 22 July • S Mary Magdalene

10.00am	Ben Bano (RIP)
6.30pm	Anne Keat (RIP)

Thursday 23 July • S Bridget, Rel, Patron of Europe

10.00am	Sheddina Croos-Fernando (RIP)
6.30pm	John & Mary Granahan & Family (RIP)

Friday 24 July

10.00am	Terry Roberts (RIP)
6.30pm	William Holder (RIP)

Saturday 25 July • S James, Ap

10.00am	Louise Jyratne (RIP)
12 noon	Wedding of Tom Johnston & Catherine Reynolds
2.30pm	Wedding of Joseph Witchall & Angela Byrne
6.30pm	Pierre Garcia

Music at the 12 noon Mass this Sunday

Entry hymn: (529) O God, Thy people gather
Gloria (Refrain): *Gloria in excelsis Deo* (Lourdes)
Offertory motet: *Beati quorum via* (C.V. Stanford)
Communion motet: *O salutaris hostia* (E. Elgar)
Communion hymn: (527) O God of earth and altar
Organ: *Carillon Orléanais* (H. Nibelle)

... and next Sunday 26 July

Mass of St Clare of Assisi (L. Refice)

Entry hymn: (143) Dear Lord and Father of mankind
Offertory motet: *Ave Maria* (C. Rütli)
Communion motet: *Cantique de Jean Racine* (G. Fauré)
Organ: *Toccata* (M. Duruflé)

Parish services and contacts

Parish Office
020 8946 0305
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 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.