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Newsletter

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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)
Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time



10.45am – 5.45pm this coming Saturday 5 September A Day With Mary

Join us on the first Saturday of the month in devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The day includes a Procession and Crowning of Our Lady, Sung Litany, Holy Mass celebrated by Canon David, sermons by Fr Linus Clovis, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and Enrolment in the Brown Scapular. There is no need to register, but please bring a packed lunch. For the full programme, please see the poster in the church or visit adaywithmary.org.

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 20:7–9): Jeremiah the prophet has been restrained in the stocks at the Temple gate. His suffering, of course, prefigures Christ's passion.

Psalm 63(62): In this lament, the psalmist remains faithful to God despite his suffering.

Second Reading (Romans 12:1–2): We should not model our behaviour on the world around us, but on the will of God.

Gospel (Matthew 16:21–27): As Jesus prepares to leave Galilee for Jerusalem and death, He predicts His death and resurrection, and stresses the necessity of this. The saying about taking up one's cross to be a follower means more than just putting up with annoyances or inconveniences. The cross was a shameful, dreadful death: to take up one's cross means to be prepared for hostility and rejection.

Canon David

OPEN HOUSE FESTIVAL



1.00pm – 5.00pm
Saturday 12 September

This year, our church will be participating in the Open House Festival, a London-wide initiative that opens up and celebrates the city's architecture. Trained guides will be available for tours, or visitors can pop in for an unescorted walk around.

Spread the word: invite your neighbours and friends to come and discover our beautiful church on that day. All parishioners are invited to drop in and it would be good if people were praying when our guests visit.



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.

Parish notices

Erratum: Multiple misprints in the last newsletter (under 'Holy Matrimony') have been corrected in the archived copy on the parish website. The Editor apologises to everyone affected.

Finances

Recent Second Collections totalled:

£1,390.78 Day for Life
£1,351.31 Stella Maris
£2,167.35 Radio Maria UK

We previously reported a total of £576.51 for Nerve Tumours UK & War Child, the charities supported by the Sacred Heart Chorus & Orchestra's June concert. The Editor apologises: the final total is £1,069.61.

Recent Offertories totalled:

£42,072.95 June
£43,097.03 July

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



Next weekend – Manna Society Collection: Based at London Bridge, the Manna Society feeds c. 100 homeless people, seven days a week, 360 days a year. This is not a collection for money, but please bring with you to Mass items including non-perishable food (tinned items, sugar, cooking oil), toiletries (disposable razors, deodorants), drinks (e.g. instant coffee), clothing (men's), and unregistered Oyster cards. Please place these items in the boxes at the back of the church.

This week

Fr Edwin will be away on annual leave from this Monday 31 August until Tuesday 29 September.

Monday: No Confessions and no 6.30pm Mass

Because this Monday is a bank holiday, the church will close after the 10.00am Mass. There will be no evening Confessions and no evening Mass. The Reception and Parish Office will also be closed on Monday.

Tuesday: World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

The Pope has chosen as this year's theme: 'They shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks' (Isaiah 2:4). You can find resources and reflections from CAFOD at cafod.org.uk/news/uk-news/celebrate-world-day-of-prayer.

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

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

Parish Pastoral Council

Members are reminded of the meeting at 8.00pm on Thursday in the Lounge.

Holy Matrimony

The Wedding of Finian Peter and Lorraine Wesley is at 1.00pm on Friday.

First Friday Devotion

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

2.30pm Friday

Friendship Group Poetry Afternoon

Everyone is welcome to join us in the Lounge for a poetry afternoon with Wendy Tansey and friends. There will be tea and cakes as always!

**10.45am – 5.45pm
Saturday 5 September
A Day with Mary**

Please see the front cover.

**7.00pm Saturday 5 September
Edge Hill Players Race Night**

Join us in the Lower Hall for a Race Night in support of the Edge Hill Players' production of *Guys and Dolls*. Tickets are £15 (including pizza) from edgehillplayers.com; there will also be a pay bar. Come and try your luck on the gee-gees!

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@safeguardrcaos.org.uk)
Maria Christopher (wimbledonsg5@safeguardrcaos.org.uk)

Forthcoming parish liturgies and events

7.00pm for 7.30pm
Wednesday 9 September
Newman Circle Talk: Via Francigena

Join us in the Lounge as Paddy and Bridget Stone share their experiences of walking the Via Francigena from Wimbledon to Santa Maria di Leuca: 3,500km along an ancient pilgrimage route connecting Canterbury to Rome. Refreshments (tea, coffee, and wine) are available from 7.00pm; the talk starts at 7.30pm.

7.00pm Wednesday 9 September
Fire Marshal Training

Fire marshals are vital for large group environments like a Mass. Their job is to make sure that in the event of a fire, there are competent persons able to guide people to the exits in accordance with our fire evacuation plan.

Can YOU help? We will be having a short training session in the church after the 6.30pm Mass, followed by a simulated evacuation. Fire marshals are needed at every Mass – so any help will be appreciated. Please email Leo at wimbledoncaretaker@rcaos.org.uk so we can confirm the size of the group.

ft. Canon David !! Ambassadors for Christ

Watch Canon David's latest video in the *Ambassadors for Christ* series, entitled 'Why do Catholics Baptise infants and babies?':

[youtube.com/watch?
v=jSdxtBYX22k](https://youtube.com/watch?v=jSdxtBYX22k)

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. Watch all videos at:

youtube.com/@RCSouthwark1



Edge Hill Players proudly present *Guys & Dolls*. Come and enjoy the celebrated musical comedy about rolling the dice and falling in love under the bright lights of Broadway. 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.

We need your help to secure the future of **Faith in Action's Merton Homelessness Project**, which has run a drop-in for the homeless in Kingston Road, Wimbledon since 2002 and has now been served notice to leave their current premises. If you have practical expertise or professional knowledge, please come along to a meeting in the Civic Centre, Morden (London Road, SM4 5DZ) at 7.00pm on Thursday 17 September. RSVP: team@mertonfaithinaction.org. Learn more and sign the petition at: mertonfaithinaction.org.

Calling all Catechists: Archbishop John invites you to the Diocesan Day for Catechists from 10.00am on Saturday 3 October at St George's Cathedral and Amigo Hall (Lambeth Road, SE1 7HY), finishing with the Commissioning Mass at 4.00pm. Please bring a packed lunch. Last year's day was fully booked, so book online ASAP at aec.rcaos.org.uk/day-for-catechists-2026. The parish will pay your attendance fee.

Calling all Mass Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Please make every effort to attend the Deanery Day of Recollection for Ministers and Mass Readers, which takes place from 11.15am to 3.00pm on Saturday 17 October at St Winefride's Church (Latimer Road, SW19 1EP). Please bring a picnic lunch.

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

Archbishop's Certificate

The Archbishop's Certificate is a two-year online course for everyone in the Archdiocese of Southwark who wishes to understand their faith in a more profound way and be able to share it with both confidence and joy. The course begins online from 2.00pm to 4.00pm on Saturday 10 October. The total cost is £800 (£400 is payable before the start of each academic year). You must register in advance and there is a non-refundable registration fee of £50. Would you like to know more? Join our online 'Come and See' Evening at 7.00pm on Monday 14 September. Please visit aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert.

Urgent Security Alert

The diocesan ICT department has issued an alert about a new type of scam targeting individuals in our parish communities. These scams are often AI-generated and fake a WhatsApp conversation. Please always be vigilant, and in particular:

- never assume a message is genuine because it appears to come from a member of the clergy;
- never send money, gift cards, or bank details in response to unsolicited requests;
- always verify the identity of the sender (you can always contact the Parish Office); and
- report any suspicious messages and the phone numbers to Action Fraud at reportfraud.police.uk.

Pope's Intention for September 2026: For the care of water. Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

Celebrants this Sunday

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

We remember in our prayers

Those who have died recently

Veronica Kim • Yuen King Ho • Amanda Kimm
Mary Geoghegan • Neville Taylor • Jesse Davis
Alejandro de Leon Nieves • Bill Russell

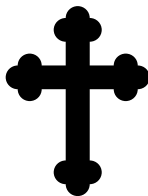
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Margaret Jacob • Mary Hayes • Thomas Pearson
Desmond Gunning • Michael Vaughey • Anthony Hastings
Sheila Connor • Aaron Perry • Molly Goodhardt
Paul Cecil • Eira Nancy Smith • Maria Prescott

Those who are sick

Andrew Kennedy • 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 • Anne Shannon

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)

Weekday Mass Intentions

Saturday 29 August • The Beheading of S John the Baptist

10.00am	Mike Cairns (RIP)
6.30pm	Fr Sean Palaysi (RIP)

Monday 31 August

10.00am	Francis Saldanha (RIP)
6.30pm	Bank holiday: no evening Mass

Tuesday 1 September

10.00am	Hall Family (RIP)
6.30pm	Carmel Beer (RIP)

Wednesday 2 September

10.00am	Patrick D'Sa (RIP)
6.30pm	De Souza Family (Thanksgiving)

Thursday 3 September • S Gregory the Great, P D

9.00am	School [Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School (Burlington Road, KT3 4ND)]
10.00am	Camilla & Guerrino Angelini (RIP)
6.30pm	Holy Souls

Friday 4 September

10.00am	Gabrielle Hogan-Flynn (RIP)
1.00pm	Wedding of Finian Peter & Lorraine Wesley
6.30pm	Liam Grant

Saturday 5 September • S Teresa of Calcutta

10.00am	David Cunningham (RIP)
6.30pm	Feredoun Momeni (RIP)

Parish services and contacts

Parish Office

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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.

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.

