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Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time



LIVING STONES

As we look ahead to our parish's 150th anniversary next year, Sacred Heart Wimbledon is beginning an important new chapter: **LIVING STONES**. The vision of this fundraising campaign and collective effort is to preserve our church and our heritage – strengthening the life and faith of our community and ensuring that Sacred Heart remains what it has always been: a place of living worship, welcome, service, and mission for generations to come.

In the coming months, Canon David and a small team of trained volunteers may reach out and invite you to an individual meeting to hear more about the plans, ask questions, and consider how you might take part. We hope you will respond positively. Above all, please keep **LIVING STONES**, our parish, and all those involved in your prayers. Thank you for your support.

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
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Headteacher: Sarah Norville

Today's Mass

First Reading (Ezekiel 33:7–9): God, speaking through Ezekiel, says that the appointed leader must speak out against evil. In the end, it is a matter of (eternal) life and (eternal) death.

Psalm 95(94) recalls the disobedience of the ancestors ('Meribah' means 'strife' and 'Massah' means 'testing'). Instead, we must obey God ('listen to his voice').

Second Reading (Romans 13:8–10): **L**ove is the fulfilling of the law. St Paul lists the very sins about which Jesus speaks in the Gospel.

Gospel (Matthew 18:15–20): Christ here speaks forthrightly about the effect of unrepented sin on the community of faith. We tend to think of sin – and therefore forgiveness as well – as personal. But every sin badly wounds the whole community, the Church. The ultimate sanction against a sinner is exclusion (being treated like a pagan or tax collector).

Canon David

7.00pm Wednesday: 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.

We will be having a short training session in the church after the 6.30pm Mass, followed by a simulated evacuation. **We need some people from each Sunday Mass to attend.** Please email Leo at wimbledoncaretaker@rcaos.org.uk so we can confirm the size of the group. Please come if you can!

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.

It's our last call for our 2027 First Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion! Sign up at forms.gle/NJMAsVe8pBKxiUrK7. Please email Rob for more details at wimbledonpfm@rcaos.org.uk.

Diocesan notices

11.00am – 4.00pm
Saturday 19 September
Retreat Day for Young People

Come along to this special day of faith, friendship, and reflection for young people aged 13 to 17, led by the Dominican Brothers and hosted at St George's Cathedral, Southwark (Lambeth Road, SE1 6HR). The day includes engaging talks, icebreaker games, group discussions, Adoration, prayer and reflection, and, of course, pizza! Come along to ask questions, make new friends, and deepen your faith in a welcoming and supportive environment. Places are limited: book now at tinyurl.com/retreatsept26.

6.30pm Wednesday 30 September
Service for Those Harmed by Abuse

The Archdiocese of Southwark's annual service for those who have been harmed by abuse will take place at St George's Cathedral. Led by the Archbishop, it is an opportunity for the Archdiocesan community to express its solidarity with and compassion for those who have been hurt by abuse and our commitment to building safe environments for all. Please attend if you are able.

Teach Me to Pray

This experiential programme explores how to open ourselves to God through prayer, with four Tuesday evenings online, starting 6 October, and an in-person Day of Reflection on either Saturday 5 or 12 December. For more information and to book, please visit tinyurl.com/m6svvhsf. The booking fee is £5 for online sessions only, or £25 including the Day of Reflection.

School tours at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School and Nursery

There's no substitute for visiting our parish's primary school to appreciate what makes it special. Throughout the year, the school offers bespoke small-group school tours with the Headteacher or another senior member of staff.

For available tour dates and to book, please visit tinyurl.com/shcpstours. If you cannot make any scheduled tour, please contact the school office on 020 8942 0215 or email school@sacredheart.merton.sch.uk to arrange a tour.

This Sunday

After well-earned breaks, the 12 noon and 5.00pm **Mass Choirs** return today. The musicians at the 10.00am Mass have already returned.

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 non-perishable items (e.g. pasta, biscuits, sugar tins, and tinned items). Please place these items in the boxes at the back of the church.

Erratum: Last weekend's newsletter invited other items. Only food items are accepted by the Manna Society.

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 20 September. Please email Elizabeth at elizabethbottriell@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.! On exiting the church, ascend the steps to the right; the entrance to the Lounge is slightly to the left.

Church tour after the 12 noon Mass

At about 1.15pm, volunteer guides for the Open House afternoon will have a practice tour of the Church, its architecture and history. Please do join!

Social Club after the 8.00pm Mass

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

> I have found by sharing the Annual Report with lapsed Catholics, how they are very interested and glad to take a copy away with them.
>
> — An esteemed parishioner

What a good idea! Our Annual Report surveys the wide range of liturgical, spiritual, pastoral, and cultural groups and activities in our rich and vibrant parish life. Please take a printed copy home with you from the back of the church; we invite you to make a contribution towards printing costs.

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)

This week

Fr Edwin is away on annual leave until Tuesday 29 September. We welcome **Fr Dominic Allain** and **Fr Michael Barnes SJ** to celebrate some of our Masses this week.

8.00am Monday: Daughters of the Heart of Mary Convent Mass

All parishioners are welcome to the monthly Mass at the Daughters of the Heart of Mary Convent (41 Murray Road, SW19 4PD).

Jesse Davis RIP

Funeral Mass at the 10.00am Mass on Monday, followed by cremation at the Putney Vale Crematorium.

7.00pm First Monday Adoration

Adoration will start promptly after the 6.30pm Mass. This time of community worship will be led by musicians from the Jesuit young adult community at No. 9 Edge Hill.

Come along and meet Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament with gentle music and guided prayer. *'A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent in sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.'* (Padre Pio, St Pio of Pietrelcina)

School Masses this week

A Mass for Donhead Preparatory School will be celebrated in our church at 11.00am on Wednesday, and Masses for Wimbledon College on Thursday morning and afternoon.

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.

7.00pm for 7.30pm Wednesday
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
Fire Marshal Training

Please see the front cover.



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 this Thursday, Friday, and Saturday in the Upper Hall. You can book your tickets now at edgehillplayers.com.

Holy Matrimony

The Wedding of Jake David and Micaela Jade Lello is at 11.30am on Saturday 12 September.

OPEN HOUSE FESTIVAL

1.00pm – 5.00pm this coming 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. Might you call in and pray in our church, to witness to our church as a living house of prayer?

Next Sunday's Second Collection: Catholic Education Service

The CES supports Catholic education by negotiating with the Government and advising Academy Trusts and schools to improve academic standards and parental choice. Catholic schools make up 10% of maintained schools. Over 2,000 Catholic schools and colleges in England and Wales together educate over 800,000 students.

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.

Forthcoming parish liturgies and events

3.00pm Sunday 20 September
New Parishioners' Tea

New to the parish? The Parish Pastoral Team and Council invite you to join us in the Lounge for tea and cakes! We will send personal invitations shortly. To receive your invitation, please ensure you are registered with the parish – please register online at sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk, or call in at the Reception to register in-person.

4.30pm Tuesday 22 September and 7.00pm Thursday 24 September
Signing of School Forms

To apply for your child to enter a Catholic secondary school next September, you require the Parish Priest's signature and parish stamp on the Certificate of Catholic Practice. Please obtain this Certificate from the school (one per school), complete your part of the form, and come to the Lower Hall at one of the above times for Canon David's countersignature. **Please ensure you have completed your section of the form, and bring the child applicant and the form.** If you require a Baptism certificate for a child baptized at our church, please contact the Parish Office.

7.15pm for 7.30pm
Tuesday 22 September
Be Well Hub talk:
The mental health spectrum

Mental health and physical health are intricately linked, and they both relate to how we function day to day. Join us in the Lounge as consultant psychiatrist Dr Phil Hopley unpacks how understanding the factors that challenge and enhance our mental health can empower us to manage proactively the range of modern-day stressors. All welcome! Come from 7.15pm for refreshments; the talk begins at 7.30pm.

Celebrants this Sunday

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

We remember in our prayers

Those who have died recently

Yuen King Ho • Amanda Kimm • Mary Geoghegan
Neville Taylor • Jesse Davis • Alejandro de Leon Nieves
Bill Russell • Fr Farah Kamal • Bill Mulcahy

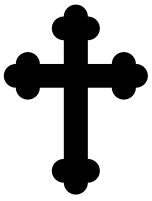
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Kit Hing Kwok • Catherine Sturgess
Andrezj Kempinski • Margaret Duffy

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 • Stephanie Ritchie

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 9 September

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, and cultural activities.

To donate, scan the QR code or visit sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/donate. Thank you.

Weekday Mass Intentions

Saturday 5 September • S Teresa of Calcutta
10.00am David Cunningham (RIP)
6.30pm Feredoun Momeni (RIP)

Monday 7 September
8.00am Sisters *[41 Murray Road, SW19 4PD]*
10.00am Funeral Mass of Jesse Davis (RIP)
6.30pm Stephen Cooksey

Tuesday 8 September • The Nativity of the Bl. Virgin Mary
10.00am Leslie D'Sa (RIP)
6.30pm Philomena MacMahon

Wednesday 9 September
10.00am Beryl Botelho (RIP)
11.00am Donhead Preparatory School
6.30pm Clare Devlin (RIP)

Thursday 10 September
10.00am Sisters of Christ
6.30pm Evie Birtwhistle (RIP)

Friday 11 September
10.00am Tomás Patrick Hogan (RIP)
6.30pm Eileen Rooney (RIP)

Saturday 12 September • The Most Holy Name of Mary
10.00am Giovanni Moruzzi (RIP)
11.30am Wedding of Jake David & Micaela Jade Lello
6.30pm Filomena Cardoso

Music at the 12 noon Solemn Latin Mass

Missa XI Orbis Factor
Offertory motet: *Cantate Domino* (H.L. Hassler)
Communion motet: *Sicut servus* (G.P. Palestrina)

Music at the 5.00pm Mass

Scan the QR code or visit
sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/5pm

Parish services and contacts

Parish Office
020 8946 0305
9.00am – 4.00pm
Monday – Friday

Executive Assistant
Thelma D'Costa
Caretaker
George McLennan

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). Registration tablets are available at the church entrance, the presbytery reception, and the 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.