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Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time



3.00pm next Sunday 20 September New Parishioners' Tea

New to the parish? The Parish Pastoral Team and Council request the pleasure of your company! We invite you and your family to afternoon tea and cakes in the Lounge. There's no need to book – we will be glad to see you there!

Parish Pastoral Team

Parish Priest	Canon David Gibbons KCHS
Parish Clergy	Fr Edwin Raj
	Fr Peter Mudu Frank
	Deacon Julian Burling
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Today's Mass

First Reading (Sirach 27:30–28:7): Sirach links forgiveness to prayer, and, in this, he is close to the spirit of the Gospel. He also reminds us of our death: everyone is subject to divine judgment in the end, so we should beware of judging others.

When people confess anger, I often quote **Psalm 103(102)**: 'The Lord is slow to anger and rich in mercy'. In his mercy, God is always ready to forgive us if we turn to him in humility and penitence.

Second Reading (Romans 14:7–9): St Paul emphasises three core truths: human dependence on God; belonging to the Lord; and Christ's universal Lordship.

Gospel (Matthew 18:21–35): Jesus refers to Genesis 4:24, where Lamech boasts that he will avenge himself seventy-sevenfold on anyone who dares to attack him. But Jesus presents forgiveness as the opposite of revenge. He tells a story with three scenes:

1. The oriental king decides to show mercy, not punishment, to the wicked servant. (The king is not Jewish: in Jewish jurisprudence, the wife and children would not be sold into slavery.)
2. The former debtor is now the creditor, but the wicked servant does not show the same mercy to his fellow servants.
3. The king reinstates the punishment of the wicked servant.

As this story concerns the kingdom of heaven, the point is God's astounding magnanimity. Finally, we should note that unlimited forgiveness is not to be confused with the sentimental toleration of hurtful behaviour. We should confront offences – as we saw in last Sunday's Gospel – but with gentleness (see Galatians 6:1).

Canon David



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.

This Sunday

Education Sunday

“Education does not measure its value only on the axis of efficiency: it measures it according to dignity, justice, the capacity to serve the common good.

— Pope Leo XIV,
Drawing New Maps of Hope (2025)

This Education Sunday, we give thanks for the many thousands of teachers, support staff, governors, and others who support education.

At the 10.00am Mass, we welcome pupils from Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, who will be performing ministries such as giving out hymnbooks, reading, and collecting at the Offertory.

Second Collection: Catholic Education Service (CES)

Education is the largest charitable activity of the Church in our country. Catholic schools make up 10% of maintained schools, and over 2,000 Catholic schools and colleges in England and Wales together educate over 800,000 students. The CES acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales to support Catholic education. It negotiates with the Government and advises Academy Trusts and schools to improve academic standards and parental choice. You can learn more at catholiceducation.org.uk.

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.

Social Club after the 8.00pm Mass

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



The pears in the orchard next to the Presbytery are now ripe. Please help yourself! Maybe bring a basket with you to Mass?

This week

Fr Edwin is away on annual leave until Tuesday 29 September.

Mary Geoghegan RIP

Funeral Mass at 12 noon on Friday, followed by cremation at the North East Surrey Crematorium.

3.00pm next Sunday 20 September New Parishioners' Tea

Please see the front cover.

Next Sunday's Second Collection: Home Mission Sunday

Next Sunday is Home Mission Sunday (Evangelii Gaudium Sunday). On Home Mission Sunday, the Bishops of England and Wales ask us to look for ways in which we can all do our part in sharing the beauty and joy of knowing Jesus Christ. The Second Collection is for the Home Mission, which gives resources to the Bishops to further the spread of the Gospel in our country and support parish evangelization. You can learn more at cbcew.org.uk/home-mission-sunday.



Donhead Preparatory School is a leading independent Jesuit school for pupils aged 3 to 11. We invite prospective parents for a personal tour to truly discover the school's spirit and living ethos. Come and meet teachers, watch Donhead students at work and play, and ask any questions. Please contact our Registrar, Mrs Jodie Cosh, on 020 8946 7000 or at admissions@donhead.org.uk.

Forthcoming parish liturgies and events

Please see the front cover for the New Parishioners' Tea and the inset box for the new **Called to Bear Fruit** group.

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.

2.30pm Friday 2 October The Lavender Hill Mob (1951) Film Screening at the Friendship Group

Come along to the Lounge and watch with us this classic Ealing comedy starring Alec Guinness, Sid James, and Stanley Holloway. Ice creams, tea and biscuits will be served. All are welcome!

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



Wimbledon College

We invite prospective pupils (for admission in September 2027) and their parents to our Open Evening, which will take place from 5.00pm on Thursday 24 September. The Open Evening includes a tour of the school and a talk from our Headteacher. It is an opportunity to meet our pupils and staff and find out about life at our Jesuit secondary school for boys. Alternatively, we have Open Mornings at 9.00am from Monday 28 to Wednesday 30 September. For more details and to book, please visit wimbledoncollege.org.uk/openevents.



We are collecting rosaries to go to Ecuador. Please donate your rosaries by placing them in the box at the back of the church.

Called to Bear Fruit



Called to Bear Fruit is the Archdiocese of Southwark's synodal process of renewal, which seeks to ensure that every parish is equipped with the vision, leadership, resources, and infrastructure needed to become growing communities that evangelise, form disciples, and inspire witness.

In June, Canon David, Will Morris, and Rachel Marshall attended a meeting at Amigo Hall on the parish's behalf. We are now looking for a small group of six to eight parishioners to attend five meetings for the next stage of the implementation process. The meetings will take place from 7.15pm to 8.15pm on consecutive Mondays 21 and 28 September and 5, 12, and 19 October. Please email Rachel at rachel@marshallmail.net if you would like to be involved.

Diocesan notices

**7.30pm Tuesday 13 October
Webinar: *Aching for Greatness***

Something is stirring. Across the world, young adults are on the search for more to life than success or comfort. They are finding, to their own surprise, that only God can satisfy the ache for greatness they carry. To explore this theme, Tanner Kalina will draw on his own journey and the insights of his book, *Aching for Greatness*. This masterclass webinar will explore where young people are coming from and how the timeless truths of our faith are resonating with their generation in a fresh and powerful way.

The webinar is especially suitable for catechists, parents, youth ministers, and anyone passionate about sharing the faith with the next generation. For more details and to book for £5, please visit aec.raos.org.uk/masterclass-aching-for-greatness.

Could you become a Governor or Director?

Do you have the skills to become a Foundation Governor of a Catholic school or Director of a Multi Academy Trust? Could you spare a few hours a month? This is a fulfilling role that isn't without its challenges! Governors and Directors work together as a team to ensure good standards of education. You do not need to be a parent or work in the education sector. Find out more and register your interest at tinyurl.com/3z85bnac.

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.

Other notices

**7.00pm this Saturday 19 September
What never dies: The lives of
Midori and Takashi Nagai**

In the political and cultural turmoil of early 20th century Japan, Dr Takashi Nagai's intellectual and spiritual journey was guided by his restless heart and lively reason. Through an encounter with Midori Moriyama and her discreet witness of authentic faith, Takashi found a home in the Catholic community of Nagasaki, forged by centuries of persecution, and the grace to embrace sacrifice amid the atomic wasteland.

You are invited to Arrupe Hall, Farm Street Church (Mount Street, W1K 3AH) for a talk by Maria and Martin Groos, members of the Friends of Takashi and Midori Nagai Committee, which was founded in 2021 to promote their cause of beatification. After the talk, a painting by Ruben Ferreira and an exhibition on the lives of the two Servants of God will be on display for the whole of September.

Books2Africa

The goal of this UK-registered charity is to improve access to education and environmental sustainability by redistributing books and computers, focusing on sub-Saharan Africa. The charity aims to collect, process, ship, and distribute one million books and 1,000 computers each year. For more details, including how to contribute, please visit books2africa.org.

Vacancy: School Secretary

Marymount International School London, a local independent Catholic school, is searching for a School Secretary. If you would like to find out more about the role, please call Ruth Bowley on 020 8949 0571 or email HR@marymountlondon.com.



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.

Celebrants this Sunday

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

We remember in our prayers

Those who have died recently

Mary Geoghegan • Neville Taylor
Alejandro de Leon Nieves • Bill Russell • Bill Mulcahy
Patricia Holmes • Joan Hitchcock • Mumtaz Tokatly

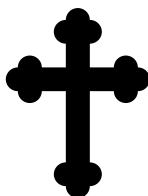
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Andrzej Folkierski • Maria Mammolito • Patrick Hearty
Zulema Walliker • Edmund Middlehurst • Alexander Smith
Rosalie Elwes • Jean Murphy • Maureen Stromborg
Roy Haslehurst • Luis L. Echezabal

Those who are sick

Andrew 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 • 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

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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sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/donate.
Thank you.



Weekday Mass Intentions

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 (RIP)

Monday 14 September • The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

10.00am	Thelma D'Costa (Birthday)
6.30pm	Marisa Pezzuto (Birthday)

Tuesday 15 September • Our Lady of Sorrows

10.00am	Ida & Celso Santi (RIP)
6.30pm	Alfredo Margilio (RIP)

Wednesday 16 September • SS Cornelius, P,
& Cyprian B, MM

10.00am	Billy Devereux (RIP)
6.30pm	Leonardo Iacono (RIP)

Thursday 17 September

10.00am	Tess McMahon (RIP)
6.30pm	Sally D'Costa (Birthday)

Friday 18 September

10.00am	Clara D'Sa (RIP)
12 noon	Funeral Mass of Mary Geoghegan (RIP)
6.30pm	Rosalie Elwes (RIP)

Saturday 19 September • of Our Lady

10.00am	Peter McGrath (RIP)
6.30pm	Thanksgiving for Medjugorje

Music at the 12 noon Mass

Entry hymn: (21) All my hope on God is founded

Kyrie/Gloria: (459)/(460)

Offertory motet: *Geistliches Lied* (J. Brahms) • **Sanctus:** 433

Communion motet: Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake
(J. Hilton)

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
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). 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.