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## Newsletter

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

### 7.30pm Thursday: Concert for Hope in the Holy Land

Join Wimbledon College and Ursuline High School for an evening of choral and solo instrumental music performed in our church by their students, in support of Aid to the Church in Need's work with the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem – and in solidarity with the Christians of Taybeh, the West Bank's last remaining entirely Christian village.

There will be a firsthand testimony about life for Christians in the Holy Land. Rosaries, Christmas cards, and other devotional items will also be available for sale. A collection will be taken for ACN's work in the Holy Land, with a suggested minimum donation of £5. To book your place for this unforgettable evening of music, prayer and solidarity, please visit [acnuk.org/concert-hope-holy-land](http://acnuk.org/concert-hope-holy-land).

### 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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[school@sacredheart.merton.sch.uk](mailto:school@sacredheart.merton.sch.uk)  
Headteacher: Sarah Norville

### Today's Mass

**First Reading** (Ezekiel 18:25–28): People complain that God's ways are unjust. But God's reply, through the prophet Ezekiel, is that his ways – forgiving the penitent sinner – are truly just. This continues the 'theme' of last Sunday's Mass: God's ways are not our ways.

**Psalm 25(24)** continues the idea that God's principles include forgiveness to the sinner and guidance to the poor.

The **Second Reading** (Philippians 2:1–11) is the same one we recently heard on the Feast of the Holy Cross. At His incarnation, Jesus – without giving up His divinity – took on our humanity and accepted death on the Cross. This reading would make a good subject for a meditation before the Blessed Sacrament.

**Gospel** (Matthew 21:28–32): The Parable of the Two Sons has had many different interpretations over the years. But perhaps we can apply it to ourselves: is our Church work simply paying lip service, or are we genuinely excited about God's grace in our lives and enthusiastically working for the spread of the Gospel?

**Called to Bear Fruit**  *Canon David*

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

We need a small group of six to eight parishioners to attend five meetings to support the implementation of this process in our parish. The meetings will take place in the Lower Hall from 7.15pm to 8.15pm on consecutive Mondays 5, 12, 19 and 26 October and 2 November. Could YOU volunteer your time to support this process? Please email Rachel at [rachel@marshallemail.net](mailto:rachel@marshallemail.net). Thank you.



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).

## This Sunday

### World Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees

The Church has been celebrating the World Day of Migrants and Refugees since 1914. It is always an occasion to express concern for different vulnerable people on the move; to pray for them as they face many challenges; and to increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers.

The theme this year is 'Even Just One of These Children'. To read Pope Leo XIV's message for today, and a Guide for Parishes and Catechists developed by the Caritas Social Action Network, please visit [cbcew.org.uk/wdmr](http://cbcew.org.uk/wdmr).

### Annual Mass Count

The second count is this weekend. Counters, please count everyone at Mass – including babies and clergy.

### Café in the Lounge after the 10.00am Mass

You are warmly invited to join us for tea, coffee, biscuits, etc.!

### Young Adults Coffee after the 12 noon Mass

Our Young Adults Group (for those aged 18 to 35) invites you for a coffee after Mass! Please meet at the noticeboard outside the church.

### Social Club after the 8.00pm Mass

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

**Pope's Intention for October 2026:** For mental health ministry. Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

## This week

**Thelma** is away on annual leave this week. The Reception remains open as normal, from 9.00am to 4.00pm from Monday to Friday, but some administrative tasks will be held over until Thelma returns. **Fr Edwin** returns from annual leave this Tuesday.

### Alejandro de Leon Nieves RIP

Funeral Mass at 12 noon on Monday, followed by burial at Sutton Cemetery.

### 7.30pm Thursday Concert for Hope in the Holy Land

Please see the front cover.

### Friday: CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day

In Zimbabwe, hunger and thirst are stopping children from learning. Your support this Family Fast Day will help children stay in school by providing the food and safe water they need. Please fast on Friday with your family, and then offer the money you would have spent in our Second Collection at Masses next weekend, or donate online at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk). Put your faith into action: share the Lord's love and support our global neighbours.

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

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

### 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

### Holy Matrimony

The Wedding of Annoji Inpanathan and Annabelle Yip is at 3.00pm on Saturday 3 October.

### 10.00am Saturday 3 October Diocesan Day for Catechists

Archbishop John invites all catechists for this day at St George's Cathedral and Amigo Hall (Lambeth Road, SE1 7HY). Please bring a packed lunch. For the full programme and to book ASAP, please visit [aec.rcaos.org.uk/dayfor-catechists-2026](http://aec.rcaos.org.uk/dayfor-catechists-2026).

### Next Sunday's Second Collection: CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day

Please see the notice for Friday.



### Wednesday 7 October Ursuline High School and Wimbledon College Sixth Forms Open Evening

Transform your educational journey at our Sixth Forms, where faith guides learning, and values drive success. Our Open Evening will provide valuable insights into the academic paths available to students, and is an excellent opportunity to interact with staff and hear directly from current students about their experiences and the courses they are taking.

The Open Evening (for 2027 entry) will be hosted at Ursuline High School (entrance via The Downs). Entry is at 5.00pm or 5.30pm, with Headteacher talks at 5.15pm, 6.00pm, and 6.30pm. To book your tickets, please visit [tinyurl.com/uhswc6f25](http://tinyurl.com/uhswc6f25).

**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@safeguardrcaos.org.uk](mailto:wimbledonsg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk))  
Maria Christopher ([wimbledonsg5@safeguardrcaos.org.uk](mailto:wimbledonsg5@safeguardrcaos.org.uk))

## Spotlight on...



Our **Young Adults Group** (for those aged 18 to 35) now meets almost every Thursday, attending the 6.30pm Mass and then meeting from 7.00pm. Regular Thursday events include:

- **Long Conversations** in the Youth Room (in-depth theological discussions);
- **Prayer & A Pint** in the Lounge (a social evening every second Thursday of the month); and
- **Beacon** in the Youth Room (exploring the Catholic faith through guided questions).



Our Young Adults Group also meets for coffees after the 12 noon Mass on Sundays (see 'This Sunday'). Please scan the QR code to see the full diary of upcoming events. To join the WhatsApp group, please send your phone number to [wimbledonnewsletter@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:wimbledonnewsletter@rcaos.org.uk).

## Forthcoming parish liturgies and events

**7.15pm – 8.15pm Mondays**  
**5 October to 2 November**

Please see the front cover.

**10.30am Saturday 10 October**  
**Holy Hour for Adoremus 2026**

If you cannot make the 2026 National Eucharistic Congress in Central London (please visit [cbcew.org.uk/adoremus-2026](http://cbcew.org.uk/adoremus-2026)), come and join us for an hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart Wimbledon.

**11.15am - 3.00pm**  
**Saturday 17 October**  
**Deanery Day of Recollection for Mass Readers and Extraordinary Ministers**

All Mass Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are asked to make every effort to attend the day at St Winefride's Church (Latimer Road, SW19 1EP). Please bring a packed lunch.

## Other notices

### Administrative volunteer needed

Fr David Smolira SJ, who has recently moved into Loyola House in Edge Hill, is responsible for overseeing the spirituality work of the Jesuits in Britain. He is in urgent need of a volunteer for 3–4 hours a week to help him. Basic computer skills are needed, but no experience in Ignatian spirituality is required. Please contact him at [IgnatianFormation@jesuit.org.uk](mailto:IgnatianFormation@jesuit.org.uk) or 07957 311012 if you can help.

## 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.

### Calling all singers!



Katy's Songbirds, Katy Lees, and Giles Kennedy invite you to lend your voice for a Christmas Celebration Concert at 7.45pm on Tuesday 15 December in our church. Rehearsals will take place on Mondays 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 November and Mondays 7 and 14 December – please come to as many as you like! – from 8.30pm to 9.30pm at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School (Burlington Road, KT3 4ND). To register, please email Katy at [katylees3009@gmail.com](mailto:katylees3009@gmail.com).

Whatever your experience, please join us to raise the roof together, proving that music has the power to change lives.

### October

... is in all countries the month of the World Mission. We will celebrate World Mission Sunday on Sunday 18 October.

October is also the month of the Rosary. Those who recite five decades in church or as a family, religious community, or group of the faithful may gain a Plenary Indulgence daily. The best way to learn how to recite the Rosary is to join in the public recital of the Rosary before our daily 10.00am and 6.30pm Masses.

**10.45am – 11.45am Thursdays**  
**Holy Hour for the Sick at St George's Hospital**

When we think of ministry to the sick, we can often think of the valuable practical work of visiting those who are unwell; however, there is also a spiritual dimension to the fight against sickness.

To that end, the Catholic Chaplaincy at St George's Hospital is seeking to recruit a group of volunteers who would be willing and able to offer an hour a week to come to the Hospital Chapel and pray for all the sick, the dying, the recently deceased, and the staff at the hospital. The Holy Hours are 10.45am to 11.45am each Thursday. We will say the Rosary and a Litany of Medical Patron Saints and have some time for quiet Adoration, concluding with Benediction. For those who wish, Mass follows at midday.

While we will welcome anyone joining on any occasion, we would be very grateful if we could find a group of people in the local area who would be willing to commit to this simple ministry of prayer on a semi-regular basis, so that it can be given some stability in the life of the Chaplaincy. If you think you might be able to offer us this support, we would be very grateful if you could get in touch by emailing [stgeorgesprayergroup@gmail.com](mailto:stgeorgesprayergroup@gmail.com), or by approaching a member of the chaplaincy team.

*Fr Peter Littleton*

## Celebrants this Sunday

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|--------------|------------------------------------------|
| 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 Peter Mudu Frank                      |

## We remember in our prayers

### Those who have died recently

Neville Taylor • Alejandro de Leon Nieves  
Mumtaz Tokatly • Sr Teresa Leung  
Andrew Kennedy • Damian Doig

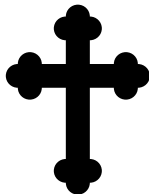
### Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Fr Patrick Cooper SJ • Robert Collins • Orysia Todoriv  
Fr Michael Ashworth SJ • Joyce Laundry • Patrick McManus  
Marian Tadeusz Owoc

### Those who are sick

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](https://sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/donate).  
Thank you.



## Weekday Mass Intentions

### Saturday 26 September • of Our Lady

10.00am Memorial Mass of Charles Holsey Gomez (RIP)  
6.30pm Roxana Genis (RIP)

### Monday 28 September

10.00am Bill Russell (RIP)  
12 noon Funeral Mass of Alejandro de Leon Nieves (RIP)  
6.30pm Rose Lyons (RIP)

### Tuesday 29 September • SS Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael, Archangels

10.00am Iris Nazareth (RIP)  
6.30pm Latina Coelho

### Wednesday 30 September • S Jerome, Pr D

10.00am Francis Saldanha (RIP)  
6.30pm Marian Tadeusz Owoc (RIP)

### Thursday 1 October • S Thérèse of the Child Jesus, V D

10.00am Griffiths Family (RIP)  
6.30pm Pat McManus (RIP)

### Friday 2 October • The Holy Guardian Angels

10.00am Alice Kelleher (RIP)  
6.30pm Ray Smith (RIP)

### Saturday 3 October • of Our Lady

10.00am Josephine Scullion (RIP)  
3.00pm Wedding of Annoji Inpanathan & Annabelle Yip  
6.30pm Justyna Moranska (RIP)

## Music at the 12 noon Mass

**Entry hymn:** (59) At the name of Jesus [omit 2 & 4]

**Kyrie:** from *Short Service* (A. Batten)

**Gloria:** (460) • **Sanctus:** (433)

**Offertory motet:** *Christus factus est* (F. Anerio)

**Communion motet:** Call to remembrance (R. Farrant)

**Communion hymn:** (182) Forgive our sins as we forgive

**Organ:** Prelude in B minor, BWV 544 (J.S. Bach)

## 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

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 [wimbledon@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:wimbledon@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.