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Newsletter

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Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time

Volunteers needed!

From Thursdays 7 January to 18 February 2027, we will once again welcome rough sleepers to our Lower Hall for the **Merton Faith in Action Winter Night Shelter**.

We are looking for parishioners who can spare a little time to help support our guests. There are several ways you can volunteer:

- **Overnight supervision:** Just one Thursday night.
- **Friday morning breakfast:** Two or three shifts, from 6.30am to 8.00am or 8.30am.
- **Luggage transport:** Help on a couple of Thursday or Friday mornings at 8.00am, driving luggage between our parish and another local church.

Whether you can give a night, a few mornings, or help with transport, your support will make a real difference. Please email Chiaralisa Giaco at wimbledonWNS1@rcaos.org.uk.

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

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Headteacher: Sarah Norville

Today's Mass

First Reading (Isaiah 25:6-10a): Having defeated death, the Messiah will host a fine banquet. The Church understands this to refer not to an event in this life, but to eternal life after Christ's Second Coming.

Psalms 23(22) is so familiar that we don't have to worry about the words when we recite it. Rather, we can meditate on their profound significance and attractiveness.

Second Reading (Philippians 4:12-14,19-20): The Church members in Philippi will get their reward for helping St Paul in his hour of need from God, who is always lavish in his generosity.

Gospel (Matthew 22:1-14): The Parable of the King's Wedding Feast is a parable about the judgment of Christians. The king is God; the wedding feast is the messianic banquet (foretold in the First Reading); the servants sent out represent the prophets; and the reference to going out and inviting everyone, 'bad and good alike', refers to the mission to the Gentiles. All are invited, but not everyone responds. The man without a wedding garment signifies those who live their lives other than in accordance with the Gospel. 'For many are called, but few are chosen.' These words are not intended to frighten us but to encourage us to follow Christ, so that we can enjoy the eternal banquet in heaven.

Canon David

Continental Breakfast after the 8.00am and 10.00am Masses



Join us in the Lower Hall for bacon, pastries, sausage rolls, teas, and coffees - all to accompany good chats with fellow parishioners! There is no charge, but donations are gratefully received.



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

We welcome Mrs Rodgers and the Choir from **Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School**, who are joining in the music for the 10.00am Mass today.

Prisoners' Sunday

Please see the inset box.

Annual Mass Count

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

Continental Breakfast after the 8.00am and 10.00am Masses

Please see the front cover.



Our parish is a Be Well Hub! If you would like to know how our parish can help you improve yours and others' wellbeing, please talk to one of our Be Well Champions at the Continental Breakfast after the 8.00am or 10.00am Masses. They will be wearing 'Be Well' name badges.

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!

Newsletter feedback welcomed!

Does our weekly newsletter work for you? Is it attractive, accessible, and relevant? What would you change? The editor welcomes your feedback, no matter how small or critical, at wimbledonnewsletter@rcaos.org.uk.

Prisoners' Sunday

This Prisoners' Sunday is an opportunity to consider how we – as individuals, as a Church, and as communities – are serving our brothers and sisters affected by imprisonment.

Our prisons are in crisis. Record numbers of people are behind bars; inspectors regularly report instances of vermin, violence, self-harm, and people languishing in cells with nothing to do. At the same time, too many people are released with no home, no job, no family, and no hope.

The ripple effects of this crisis are felt well beyond the prison walls. The lives of hundreds of thousands of families and children are affected as they, too, serve a hidden sentence. Having a mother, father, husband or wife in prison can have a devastating impact – more than half of families tell us they are struggling to afford the basics for themselves and their children.

As the leading Catholic charity in prisons, the Prison Advice and Care Trust (Pact) has been helping people in need for more than 125 years. It supports prisoners, their families, and their children, offering them hope and the chance to turn their lives around. Learn more at tinyurl.com/prisonerssunday.

This week

It is **Fr Peter Mudu Frank's** turn to take annual leave; Fr Peter will return on Tuesday 17 November.

7.15pm – 8.15pm Monday Called to Bear Fruit Implementation Group

Members are reminded of the meeting in the Lower Hall.

James Smith RIP

Funeral Mass at 12 noon on Tuesday, followed by committal at Putney Vale Crematorium.

7.00pm for 7.30pm Wednesday Newman Association Talk: Dr Paul O'Reilly SJ

Join us in the Lounge as Dr Paul O'Reilly SJ, a medical doctor and a Jesuit priest, shares his experiences of medical care for the homeless and the value of having Jesuits and other religious working in this field. Refreshments (tea, coffee, and wine) will be available from 7.00pm, with the talk starting at 7.30pm.

Damian Doig RIP

Funeral Mass at 12 noon on Thursday, followed by burial at Merton & Sutton Cemetery.

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.

Next Sunday: Annual Mission Appeal

Next Sunday is World Mission Day, a Day of Prayer for the evangelization of the world. We welcome Fr Damien Diouf SM to make the Mission Appeal for the Marist Fathers. (This displaces the Second Collection for Missio.)

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)



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School has been rated 'Outstanding'

In June, our parish school underwent its Catholic Schools Inspection, and the report has now been published. We are proud and very happy to report that the school received a grade of 1 ('Outstanding'). Of nine subcategories, the school was adjudged 2 ('Good') in one and 1 ('Outstanding') in the other eight.

We send our congratulations to Mrs Norville, the Headteacher, all the staff, the governors, and all the children on this exceptional result.

The school has said that it is 'the highest possible recognition, and a true reflection of the dedication, care and ambition that define our school community. This achievement is not simply a measure of performance; it is a powerful affirmation of who we are, what we stand for, and, most importantly, what we provide for every pupil who walks through our doors.'

One section of the report reads: 'Senior leaders and governors are passionate about providing excellent education that is rooted in Catholic principles and the charism of the Sacred Heart.' You can read the full report online at catholiceducation.org.uk/school/102668.

Parish notices

Thank you from Aid to the Church in Need

John Pontifex, Head of Press at Aid to the Church in Need, has written to say how inspiring the Concert for Hope in the Holy Land held in our church on Thursday 1 October was, and how impressive the talent and dedication of the students at Wimbledon College and the Ursuline High School were.

He sends his thanks for the support for the Christians in the Holy Land. The ACN stall and online fundraiser raised £3,464, which will be sent to Fr Bashar in Taybeh, the West Bank's last remaining entirely Christian village.

Vacancy: Kitchen Assistant at St Teresa's Home CIO

St Teresa's Home CIO is searching for a Kitchen Assistant, to work four evenings per week Monday to Thursday, 5.00pm to 8.00pm. A DBS check will be carried out. For further details and to apply, please email info@stteresashome.co.uk or call the Admin Office on 0208 879 7366 (option 3).

Other notices

7.00pm - 8.30pm this Tuesday 13 October Women in Poverty: What drives Women into Poverty?

The Social Responsibility Committee of the National Board of Catholic Women invites you to this webinar with Emily Holzhausen (Carers UK) and Susan Longhurst (St Mary's University). The webinar will be chaired by Jenny Hayward-Jones (CAFOD). To register, please visit nbcw.co.page/vf4vd.

9.30am - 6.30pm Saturday 21 November Virtus Men's Conference: 'Ecce Homo: What is a Man?'

Men are warmly invited to *Ecce Homo*, a Catholic men's conference offering a Christian response to today's crisis in masculinity. The day aims to engage, equip, and encourage men to live out their faith with courage and conviction. Three speakers will lead the day: Abbot Robert Igo OSB, Abbot of Ampleforth and President of the English Benedictine Congregation; Fr Toby Lees OP, Dominican friar and Priest Director of Radio Maria; and Ryan Christopher, Director of External Affairs at the Angelicum and founding director of ADF UK. The day is hosted at Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Southwark (Lambeth Road, SE1 7HY). For more details and to book, please visit tinyurl.com/psk69f9y.

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

7.15pm for 7.30pm Tuesday 27 October Be Well Hub talk: Being well by being positive

Many people silently struggle with persistent self-criticism and negative self-beliefs not rooted in reality. Join Anthony Lee, our parish counsellor, in the Lounge for guided reflection and practical exercises to learn how we can recognise and reframe these negative self-beliefs and build small, meaningful daily practices that support our wellbeing. Refreshments will be available from 7.15pm, with the talk starting at 7.30pm.

Evening of Saturday 21 November Young Adults Black Tie Gala

Featuring fabulous salsa classes led by Salsa Got Soul and the London Salsa Nights team, get ready for an evening of true Latin vibes, delicious buffet food, drinks, and dancing! Doors open at 6.30pm with a complimentary drink on arrival. Salsa classes take place from 7.00pm to 8.00pm, followed by social dancing until 11.00pm. The dress code is black tie; the bar is open throughout. For full details and to buy your tickets, please visit tinyurl.com/3psh7r28.

10.45am - 7.30pm Saturday 28 November Gregorian Chant Workshop Day

This special day is organised by the Schola Gregoriana of Cambridge in the Lower Hall. Everyone is welcome; the repertoire is uniquely adapted to beginners and experienced singers. We will rehearse and explore the ancient chants of the Church. The day will culminate in the celebration of First Vespers and the 6.30pm Vigil Mass of the First Sunday of Advent in our church, sung by participants. For more details and to book, please visit tinyurl.com/67nw6ebv or contact Deacon Julian.

Celebrants this Sunday

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

We remember in our prayers

Those who have died recently

Andrew Kennedy • James Smith • Damian Doig
William North • Stephen Devaney • Kazimierz Nowak

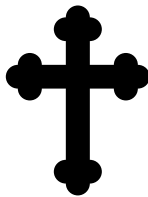
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Joan Ashworth • Betty Radevsky • Stephen Eaton
Margaret McNerney • Sister Dorothy Wilcock SSA
Thomas Pilkington • Elizabeth Duffy • Michael Byrne

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 • Anne Nash

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, and cultural activities.

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sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/donate.
Thank you.



Weekday Mass Intentions

Saturday 10 October • of Our Lady

10.00am Gino Garzolini
6.30pm Rosanne Gomez (RIP)

Monday 12 October

10.00am Andrew Kennedy (RIP)
6.30pm Paddy McCormack (RIP)

Tuesday 13 October • S Edward the Confessor, King

10.00am Alice White (RIP)
12 noon Funeral Mass of James Smith (RIP)
6.30pm Margaret McNerney (RIP)

Wednesday 14 October

10.00am Ursula Boundy (RIP)
6.30pm Holy Souls

Thursday 15 October • S Teresa of Jesus, V D

10.00am Sonny Hearty (RIP)
12 noon Funeral Mass of Damian Doig (RIP)
6.30pm Holy Souls

Friday 16 October • S Margaret Mary Alacoque, V

10.00am Edy Eduvigis Endozo (Birthday)
6.30pm Cela Covickovic (RIP)

Saturday 17 October • S Ignatius of Antioch, B M

10.00am Andrew McGettrick (RIP)
6.30pm Peter Cole (RIP)

Music at the 12 noon Mass

Entry hymn: (529) O God, thy people gather

Kyrie/Gloria: (459)/(460)

Offertory motet: *O sacrum convivium* (G. Croce)

Sanctus: (433)

Communion motet: *Ave verum corpus* (B. Turner)

Communion hymn: (699) The king of love

Organ: *Hymne d'Actions de grâces* (J. Langlais)

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 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.

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.