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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)
Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time



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Life whispering through Art
ART PAINTINGS

11.00am – 6.30pm
Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 November
Exhibition: The Healing Power of Nature through Art

Inspired by St Francis' *Canticle of the Creatures*, Mariella's art exhibition celebrates the beauty of nature. Come and pop into the Lounge to experience the healing power of nature through Art with Mariella's ART with my HeART. Throughout the day, there will be family activities, refreshments, and cards with the artwork for purchase. Everyone is warmly invited! Cash donations are also welcome, with proceeds supporting the parish's Living Stones appeal.

Today's Mass

The **First Reading** (Exodus 22:21–27) is part of the Sinai covenant God established with Moses, one of the covenants referred to in the phrase 'time and again you offered them covenants' in Eucharistic Prayer IV. Old Testament religion was not just ritual: it had a strong ethical component, especially concerning justice and economic assistance for the poor.

Psalm 18(17): This psalm of praise of God is also – mysteriously – found almost word-for-word in 2 Samuel 22.

Second Reading (1 Thessalonians 1:5c–10): St Paul praises the faith of the Thessalonian Christians, who have converted from their former idolatry. The strength of their faith 'has gone forth everywhere'.

Gospel (Matthew 22:34–40): Jesus summarises the Law in the double commandment of love: we must love God and love our neighbour; the two are inextricable. St John Chrysostom said: 'to love God is to love one's neighbour'. Perhaps we might take some time this week to reflect on our own love of God and of neighbour.

Saturday 21 November

Canon David

Young Adults Black Tie Gala

With 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 to the Upper Hall 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 all evening. For full details and to book, please visit tinyurl.com/3psh7r28.

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



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 Fr Andrew Coy to celebrate our 8.00am Mass.

Confirmation

Fabian and Jay Gomes Vaz Barbosa will be Confirmed by Canon David at the 10.00am Mass.

Merton Faith in Action Cake Sale for the Ukrainian Homeless after the 10.00am and 12 noon Masses

Please see the inset box.

Café in the Lounge after the 10.00am Mass

You are warmly invited to join us for tea, coffee, biscuits, etc.! *Please bring cash for donations: the card machine is currently not working.*

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!

Parish notices

Vacancy: Health Care Assistant at St Teresa's Home CIO

St Teresa's Home CIO is searching for a full-time Health Care Assistant for day and night cover, five days per week, including weekends. Experience is preferable and a DBS check will be undertaken. For further information and to apply, please email the office at info@stteresashome.co.uk or call 020 8879 7366 (option 3).

After the 10.00am and 12 noon Masses: Merton Faith in Action Cake Sale for the Ukrainian Homeless



Please support Faith in Action Merton Homelessness Project's cake sale outside the church after the 10.00am and 12 noon Masses. All proceeds will go to Без Дому ('Without Home'), a Kyiv-based charity supporting people experiencing homelessness and other vulnerable members of the community.

Every Saturday, Без Дому provides free meals and practical support to hundreds of people in need near Kyiv's railway station. The fundraiser was inspired by Carlos Arbuthnott, a long-standing supporter of Faith in Action, who recently volunteered in Ukraine and saw firsthand the incredible work of Without Home. Please join us and stand with us in solidarity with people experiencing homelessness in Ukraine.

This week

Fr Peter is on annual leave; he returns on Tuesday 17 November.

7.15pm for 7.30pm Tuesday 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.

Edward 'Ned' Cassidy RIP

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

Holy Matrimony

The Wedding of David Youal Ahmed and Sheryl Shahid is at 12 noon on Thursday.

10.30am - 11.30am Saturday 31 October Bereavement Support Group

Are you coping with the loss of a loved one? Having difficulties adjusting to life without that person? Join us in the Lounge for our monthly, confidential drop-in session for all who have been bereaved, whether recently or a while ago. For more information, please call 07865 204995 or email bereavementsacredheart@gmail.com.

Next Sunday 1 November All Saints' Day

Masses will be celebrated at the usual Sunday times.



Holy Souls in November: If you would like to have your loved ones remembered in Masses during November, please write their names on a piece of paper and place it into the Holy Souls envelopes that will be at the back of the church. They will be placed in a box at the altar during Masses in November. Any donations enclosed will go towards Masses for the Holy Souls during the year.

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)

Forthcoming parish liturgies and events

Sunday 1 – Sunday 8 November Plenary Indulgences

A Plenary Indulgence, applicable only to the Holy Souls, may be gained once in church either on All Souls' Day (Monday 2 November), or on the preceding or following Sunday, on the usual conditions. These conditions are: visit a church, recite the Our Father and a Creed, receive sacramental Confession and Holy Communion, and pray for the Pope's intention.

Those who visit a cemetery between Sundays 1 and 8 November and pray for the Faithful Departed may obtain a Plenary Indulgence applicable to the Holy Souls (and at other times a Partial Indulgence).

Monday 2 November All Souls' Day

Requiem Masses for the Faithful Departed will be celebrated at 8.00am, 10.00am, and 6.30pm.

2.30pm Friday 6 November Beetle Drive at the Friendship Group

Do join us in the Lounge for our annual fun beetle drive, followed by tea and cakes. Everyone is welcome!

11.00am – 6.30pm Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 November Exhibition: The Healing Power of Nature through Art

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Congratulations on your engagement!

To be married in the Church, the Archbishop requires that you give at least six months' notice. This allows time for the necessary paperwork and preparation. Please contact the Parish Office.

You can learn more about how to get married on our website, sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk, under 'Faith and the Sacraments' → 'Marriage'.

2.30pm Sunday 8 November Blessing of Graves

There will be a short service outside the chapel at the Merton and Sutton Joint Cemetery (Garth Road, SM4 4NW). After the service, clergy will be available to bless individual graves of any relatives or friends of parishioners who are buried there or in the adjacent Morden Cemetery.



8.00pm – 10.00pm Saturday 21 November Sacred Heart Chorus Fundraiser: Ale Tasting Evening

Sip. Discover. Support. The Sacred Heart Chorus invites you to the Lounge for an expert-led ale tasting with Andrew of the Hand in Hand in Wimbledon. The evening includes four tasting ales, a master taster menu, live music (with a comic twist!) by the Chorus' very own Mark Lester, and a potluck raffle (every ticket wins a prize!). Tickets are limited! To reserve your place for £15, please visit sacredheartmusic.co.uk/payments.

Evening of Saturday 21 November Young Adults Black Tie Gala

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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 both historically and musically, considering aspects of modality and stylistic interpretation. 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. Please bring a packed lunch. For more details and to book, please visit tinyurl.com/67nw6ebv or contact Deacon Julian.

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.

Pope's Intention for November 2026: For the proper use of wealth. Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

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.

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

Other notices

Vacancy: School Secretary

Marymount International School in Kingston, a local Catholic independent school, is seeking 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.

Celebrants this Sunday

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

We remember in our prayers

Those who have died recently

William North • Kazimierz Nowak
Edward Cassidy • Christopher De Montfort
Michael Taliadoros • Monique Heather

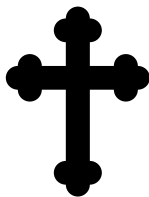
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

John Shannon • Gerald Oury • Tadeusz Opalinski
Anna Mary Fahey • Mary Robinson • Desmond McGrath
Alina Hancock • Anthony Docherty

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 • John Wilson

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.

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



Weekday Mass Intentions

Saturday 24 October • of Our Lady

10.00am	John Shannon (RIP)
3.00pm	Wedding of Jonathan Lesley-Valantine & Tarunee Sreenivas
6.30pm	Jean Barrot (RIP)

Monday 26 October

10.00am	Jenny Elborough (RIP)
6.30pm	Gaya Maliowska (Birthday)

Tuesday 27 October

10.00am	Colin Barr (RIP)
6.30pm	Roddy Glynn (RIP)

Wednesday 28 October • SS Simon & Jude, App

10.00am	Funeral Mass of Edward Cassidy (RIP)
6.30pm	Jeyaseelan Arul (RIP)

Thursday 29 October

10.00am	More Vocations to the Religious Life
12 noon	Wedding of David Youal Ahmed & Sheryl Shahid
6.30pm	Joseph De Souza (RIP)

Friday 30 October

10.00am	Francis Saldanha (RIP)
6.30pm	Alina Hancock (RIP)

Saturday 31 October • of Our Lady

10.00am	Gaia
6.30pm	Michael Napolitano (RIP)

Music at the 12 noon Mass

Mass setting: Charles Wood in C minor

Entry hymn: (179) For the healing of the nations

Offertory motet: Almighty and everlasting God (O. Gibbons)

Communion motet: O Lord, increase my faith
(H. Loosemore)

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.