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The Solemnity of All Saints (Year A) • Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time

Today's Mass

As we enter the final month of the Church's year, we turn our attention to all the saints who live triumphantly in heaven, including those not in the canon (list) of saints.

First Reading (Revelation 7:2-4,9-14): In his vision of heaven in the Apocalypse, St John sees the innumerable ranks of the saints, who have remained faithful to Christ even unto death.

Psalm 24(23): This hymn-like psalm sums up the virtues required to enter heaven: clean hands, a pure heart, and a desire for godly things, not worthless things.

The **Second Reading** (1 John 3:1-3) gives us the hope that, as we are children of God, we too can be numbered among the saints in heaven.

Gospel (Matthew 5:1-12a): there are many different ways of understanding the Beatitudes, but one way is to see them as a list of entrance requirements for entering the kingdom of heaven. Many Christians in the world today, especially in Palestine and elsewhere, are suffering the persecution to which Christ refers.

Canon David

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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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 provided 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.



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.

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!

Plenary Indulgences

A Plenary Indulgence, applicable only to the Holy Souls, may be gained once in church either on All Souls' Day (this Monday), 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 on any day between Sunday 1 and Sunday 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).

This week

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

Plenary Indulgences

Please see the inset box.

Monday: All Souls' Day

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed is celebrated on Monday. Requiem Masses will be offered at 8.00am, 10.00am and 6.30pm.

7.00pm First Monday Adoration

Adoration will start promptly in our church 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)

7.00pm – 8.00pm Tuesday POD Youth Group

POD is our post-Confirmation parish youth group. We meet in the Youth Room for fellowship, open discussion, and ongoing faith formation. Whether you want to dive deeper into your faith, ask big questions, or simply connect with friends, POD is your space. Come and join us! For more details, please email Rob at wimbledonpfm@rcaos.org.uk. After this Tuesday, the next meeting will be on Tuesday 24 November.

Kazimierz Nowak RIP

Funeral Mass at 12 noon on Tuesday, followed by burial at Lambeth Cemetery.

9.00am Thursday: Mass in the Hall of Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

All parishioners, parents, and family members are welcome to attend this Mass at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School (Burlington Road, KT3 4ND).

Parish Pastoral Council

Every parishioner is warmly welcome to join as an observer at 8.00pm on Thursday in the Lounge to discover what's happening in the parish.

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

William 'Bill' North RIP

Funeral Mass at 1.00pm on Friday, followed by cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium.

2.30pm Friday

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!

EDGEWAYS

Put the kettle on – the latest *Edgeways* has landed, and it's a bumper issue! We bring you 52 pages of parish life, including snaps from the Garden Party and Mozart Requiem, applause for Edge Hill Players, some church history, an interview on our Be Well Hub, and lots of news from our schools. Look out for familiar faces – you might even spot yourself! Read September–October 2026 *Edgeways* online at sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/edgeways; a limited number of printed copies are available from the back of the church. Donations towards printing costs are always 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@safeguardrcaos.org.uk)
Maria Christopher (wimbledonsg5@safeguardrcaos.org.uk)

Next weekend

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.

Second Collection: **Archbishop's Appeal**

This fund supports three key areas: youth and evangelization, our faith in action, and clergy care and formation. Your generosity will enable the Archdiocese to support innovative projects in Catholic parishes and schools in south London and Kent that seek to invest faith, hope, and love into the communities that they serve. Every gift is welcome. You can also donate at rcaos.org.uk/archbishops-appeal.

Remembrance Sunday

There will be the traditional silence at 11.00am, at the end of the 10.00am Mass. At the Service of Remembrance at the Wimbledon War Memorial starting at 10.40am, Canon David will represent the parish, and parishioner Henry Gates will lay our wreath.

2.30pm next **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.

This Friday 6 November, First-Class **Relics of SS Padre Pio and Carlo Acutis** will be exposed at Holy Cross Church, Carshalton (North Street, SM5 2JD):

- 5.00pm Adoration and Confessions
- 6.00pm Way of the Cross
- 6.30pm Holy Mass with Blessing of the Relics
- 7.45pm Catechesis
- 9.00pm Conclusion

For more details, please email carshalton@rcaos.org.uk.

Forthcoming parish liturgies and events

7.00pm for 7.30pm
Wednesday 11 November
Newman Association Talk

Join us in the Lounge as Jenny Cairns discusses the changing face of Catholic education. Refreshments (tea, coffee and wine) will be available from 7.00pm; the talk will start at 7.30pm.

Evening of Saturday 21 November **Young Adults Black Tie Gala**

Get ready for an evening of true Latin vibes, delicious buffet food, drinks, and dancing! There will be salsa classes, social dancing, and a bar open all evening. For full details and to book, please visit tinyurl.com/3psh7r28.

7.15pm for 7.30pm
Tuesday 24 November
Be Well Hub talk: Maintaining
mental wellbeing balance

Join Tim Tweedy for a stimulating talk on how to maintain a mental wellbeing balance. Come to the Lounge for refreshments from 7.15pm; the talk will start at 7.30pm.

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

The day will culminate in First Vespers and the 6.30pm Vigil Mass of the First Sunday of Advent in our church, sung by participants. All welcome! For more details and to book, please visit tinyurl.com/67nw6ebv.

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.

Parish notices

Annual Mass Count

Attendance over the four Sundays counted averaged 1,416. This is an increase from 2025 of over 8%. Let us thank God for this increase.

Merton Faith in Action cake sale

The Project Manager has written to express a 'huge thank you' for your generosity at the cake sale after Masses last Sunday. Despite the wind and the rain, the cake sale raised £912.50 for Без Дому ('Without Home'), a Kyiv-based homeless charity. Your support will enable the charity to continue to help vulnerable people and purchase much-needed medications as the cold weather closes in. Thank you.

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 preferred 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).

Other notices

7.30pm for 8.00pm
this Tuesday 3 November
Christian CARE Merton AGM

Karen Brunger, Deputy CEO for Citizens Advice Merton and Lambeth, will give a talk 'From Crisis to Stability' at Martin Way Methodist Church, (Buckleigh Avenue, SW20 9JZ). Come for refreshments from 7.30pm; the talk will start at 8.00pm.



- **Advent Rorate Masses** at 6.30am on Tuesdays 1, 8, and 15 December
- **Young Adults Advent Retreat** from 9.30am to the 6.30pm Mass on Saturday 12 December
- **Advent Penitential Service** with Individual Confessions at 10.30am on Saturday 12 December

Celebrants this Sunday

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

We remember in our prayers

Those who have died recently

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

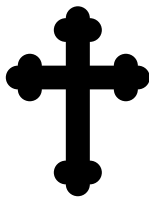
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Gerald Platts • Marie Vincent • Vera Bunce
Sr Dorothy Wilcock • Philomena Dobinson

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 • Dorothy Cullen • Zac Zacharia

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 31 October • of Our Lady

10.00am Gaia
6.30pm Michael Napolitano (RIP)

Monday 2 November • All Souls' Day

8.00am Holy Souls
10.00am Hearty Family (RIP)
6.30pm Holy Souls

Tuesday 3 November

10.00am Marlene Saldanha (RIP)
12 noon Funeral Mass of Kazimierz Nowak (RIP)
6.30pm Nora Quinn (RIP)

Wednesday 4 November • S Charles Borromeo, B

10.00am John Davies (RIP)
6.30pm Rose Lyons (RIP)

Thursday 5 November

9.00am School [Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School
(Burlington Road, KT3 4ND)]
10.00am Susan Bailes (RIP)
6.30pm Lucy Vargas-Mata de Sosa

Friday 6 November

10.00am Thanksgiving for Recovery & Prayers
1.00pm Funeral Mass of William North (RIP)
6.30pm Masie Coney (RIP)

Saturday 7 November • Dedication of the Cathedral Church

10.00am Winifred Hogan (RIP)
6.30pm Maria Freda Mirandah (RIP)

Music at the 12 noon Solemn Latin Mass

Missa super O quam gloriosum (T.L. de Victoria)

Offertory motet: O quam gloriosum (T.L. de Victoria)

Communion motet: Agnus Dei (from Mass, T.L. de Victoria)

Organ: Toccata for All Saints – Placare Christe servulis
(M. Dupré)

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.