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Remembrance Sunday
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Newsletter

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Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)
Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time

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.

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 (Wisdom 6:12–16): In Greek, the language of the Book of Wisdom, 'wisdom' is a feminine word – hence, wisdom is a 'she'. But don't be misled: Christians have always understood wisdom to represent Jesus Christ. We can discern Him if we love Him and find Him if we seek Him. We should 'be vigilant' to be 'free from care'.

Psalm 63(62): The psalmist poetically expresses our longing for God.

Second Reading (1 Thessalonians 4:13–18): To reassure the Christians in Thessalonica about those who have died before Christ's Second Coming (the Parousia), St Paul describes it and its effects.

Gospel (Matthew 25:1–13): *Parthenoi* in Greek is variously translated as 'girls', 'maidens', 'bridesmaids', or 'virgins'. They represent Christians who await the return of the bridegroom (i.e. Jesus the Messiah or Christ). The marriage feast is the Eternal Banquet in Heaven; the closed door symbolises the Last Judgment. What does the extra oil represent? Perhaps faith, perhaps love, perhaps good deeds – or perhaps simply being in a state of spiritual rectitude. Either way, the message to each and every Christian is that we must always be vigilant and prepared, for it is those who endure to the end who are saved.

Canon David

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.

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.

Please see the front cover for the **Second Collection for the Archbishop's 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.

Plenary Indulgences

This is the last Sunday on which you can receive a **Plenary Indulgence**, applicable only to the Holy Souls: 1) on the usual conditions (visit a church, recite the Our Father and a Creed, receive sacramental Confession and Holy Communion, and pray for the Pope's intention); or 2) by visiting a cemetery and praying for the Faithful Departed (at other times, this gives a Partial Indulgence).

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!



Terry Redwood will also be selling knitted Santas and rabbits for Pancreatic Cancer UK. Please support this good cause.

be well

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.

Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 10.00am Mass

Children in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 are invited to attend with their parents and discover, explore, and discuss the Gospel in an age-appropriate way. We call children to the front of the church after the welcome, process together to the Lounge, and return to the church before the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

After this Sunday, the next Children's Liturgy will be on Sunday 22 November. Please email Elizabeth at elizabethbottriell@hotmail.com if you have any questions.

11.00am – 6.30pm
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.

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.

2.30pm 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.

Urgent safety repairs

Some urgent safety repairs will start this Wednesday. These works mainly concern the south side of the church, but also the paviours just inside the main arch, which are a trip hazard, and they may entail restricted access to the south door.

In the next few weeks, please keep your eyes open as you come and go outside the church, and please ask your children to be especially careful.

This week

Fr Peter is on annual leave; he returns on Tuesday 17 November. Please see the inset box for **urgent repair works**.

7.00pm for 7.30pm Wednesday Newman Association Talk

Join us in the Lounge as Jenny Cairns discusses the changing face of Catholic education, from the 1944 Education Act to Multi-Academy Catholic Education Trusts. Refreshments (tea, coffee and wine) will be available from 7.00pm; the talk will start at 7.30pm.

Ann Thompson RIP

Memorial Mass at 6.30pm on Thursday in our church. Ann worked in the breakfast and afterschool clubs at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School. Representatives from the school will attend, as the Funeral will be during school hours.

KeenCatholic

KeenCatholic is a new lay apostolate for Catholic formation, helping us to know and practise the teachings of the Church. Discover your personalised faith plan at keencatholic.com.

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)

Holy Souls in November: If you would like your departed loved ones remembered at Masses during November, please write their names on a piece of paper, place it in one of the envelopes at the back of the church, and put it in the box in front of the altar. We offer Masses for the Holy Souls throughout November, though we don't always announce them. Any enclosed donations will support Masses for the Holy Souls during the year.

Forthcoming parish liturgies and events

7.00pm Tuesday 17 November
Fire Marshal Training

Fire marshals are vital for large group environments like a Mass. Their job is to make sure that in the event of a fire, competent persons guide people to the exits in accordance with our fire evacuation plan. There will be a training session in the church after the 6.30pm Mass, followed by a simulated evacuation. We need some people from each Sunday Mass to attend. Can you help? Please complete the form at the back of the church or email Leo at wimbledoncaretaker@rcaos.org.uk so we can confirm the size of the group.

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 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.

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

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.

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.

10.00am Saturday 28 November
Bereavement Mass

This special Mass will be celebrated for deceased parishioners, followed by refreshments in the Lounge.

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6.30am Tuesdays
1, 8, and 15 December
Advent Rorate Masses

These traditional dawn Masses of Our Lady by candlelight will be celebrated on the first three Tuesdays of Advent in the Lady Chapel. If you have never experienced one of these special Advent Masses, do make an effort to come along and help prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas. By popular request, these Masses will be sung Masses and in Latin.

CAFOD

CAFOD's World Gifts for Christmas are ethical charity gifts that delight your loved ones while helping families and communities in need. Please take a catalogue from the back of the church or visit cafod.org.uk/worldgifts.

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

7.15pm for 8.00pm
this Wednesday 11 November
Gateway to the World:
Lisbon and the Art of Empire

Dr Isabelle Kent will present this lecture to the Arts Society Wimbledon in our Upper Hall. Coffee/tea is served at 7.15pm; the talk starts at 8.00pm. The talk is free for ASW members; the suggested donation for guests is £10.

7.00pm – 8.00pm
this coming Saturday 14 November
Concert at St Dominic's Priory

David, our parish organist, will be playing a recital at St Dominic's Priory: The Rosary Shrine (rosaryshrine.co.uk, Southampton Road, NW5 4LB). This is one of London's most beautiful Catholic churches, and entry is free.

9.30am – 6.30pm
Saturday 21 November
***Ecce Homo:* What is a Man?**

This Catholic men's conference at Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Southwark (Lambeth Road, SE1 7HY) will respond to today's crisis in masculinity. From the decline in fatherhood to the rise of the manosphere, many men are struggling. As Catholics, how do we respond? For more details and to book, please visit virtusuk.org.

Foundation Governor needed!

The Holy Cross School in New Malden (25 Sandal Road, KT3 5AR) seeks a volunteer Foundation Governor to join its Governing Body and support its Catholic mission, leadership, and future. For more details, please email the Clerk at lhenderson39@holycross-governor.com.

SAVE THE DATE

- **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
- **Katy's Songbirds Christmas Celebration** at 7.45pm on Tuesday 15 December

Celebrants this Sunday

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

We remember in our prayers

Those who have died recently

Christopher De Montfort • Michael Taliadoros
Monique Heather • Ann Thompson
Bruce Burke • Ann Nash

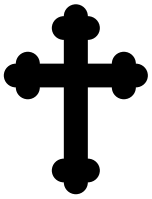
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Daniel Gould • Anna Tolley • Wassim Tappuni
Norma Patton • Patricia Brady • Maryte-Regina Skorikiene

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
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 consent to their names being included 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 7 November • Dedication of the Cathedral Church
10.00am Winifred Hogan (RIP)
6.30pm Maria Freda Mirandah (RIP)

Monday 9 November • Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
10.00am Timothy McBride (RIP)
6.30pm Di Yao (Birthday)

Tuesday 10 November • S Leo the Great, P D
10.00am Carl Stipp (RIP)
6.30pm Sonia Pagayon Tamayao & Mr & Mrs Gorgone

Wednesday 11 November • S Martin of Tours, B
10.00am Peter Ryoo & Yundan Jang (RIP)
6.30pm Joaquim Pires & Ana Rosa Carneiro

Thursday 12 November • S Josaphat, B M
10.00am Viji Pillay (Birthday)
6.30pm Memorial Mass of Ann Thompson (RIP)

Friday 13 November • S Frances Xavier Cabrini, Rel
10.00am Cecil Lobo (RIP)
6.30pm William, Charlotte, & Gemma

Saturday 14 November • of Our Lady
10.00am Current & Future Vocations
6.30pm Emily Kelly-Eades

Music at the 12 noon Mass

Introit: *Requiem aeternam*
(T.L. de Victoria, 6-pt Requiem Mass)
Offertory: *Justorum animae* (W. Byrd)
Sanctus/Benedictus: T.L. de Victoria
Communion: *Lux aeterna* (T.L. de Victoria)
Organ: Adagio (A. Somervell, arr. J Scott)

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.