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Newsletter

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Thirty-Third Week in Ordinary Time

Christmas hamper appeal

Will you help support individuals and families in need within our community this Christmas? We would be very grateful for donations of festive food and long-life essentials.

Suggested donations include tinned vegetables, stuffing mix, mince pies, custard, Christmas treats, and other long-life food items. Please drop off your donations at the Parish Office.

Monetary donations, especially supermarket vouchers, are also appreciated to help buy additional items.

Every donation, no matter how big or small, will make a difference and help bring a little extra joy to someone's Christmas. Thank you for your kindness, generosity, and support.

Thelma D'Costa

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
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Today's Mass

First Reading (Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31): At first sight, this passage describes the perfect wife (such as a future bridegroom will be looking for), and it does. But it also describes the ideals of wisdom. So we need not fear that the passage belittles women – on the contrary, the virtues women display are the ones all wise people should have. **Psalm 128(127)**, a 'wisdom psalm', continues the theme that the truly blessed are those who 'fear the Lord'.

Second Reading (1 Thessalonians 5:1–6): Fittingly as we approach the end of the Church's year, St Paul focuses on the Day of Judgment to come. But as we are 'children of light, children of the day', we need not fear it if we stay awake and sober in our spiritual lives.

Gospel (Matthew 25:14-30): In the Parable of the Talents, the problem with the third servant is that he had no concern for, no love for, the master. We, to whom many gifts have been entrusted, must demonstrate our love for Christ by using those gifts in service of God and of neighbour.

Canon David

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.

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.

World Day of the Poor

This Sunday is the tenth World Day of the Poor, with the theme *'The Lord is the refuge of the poor'* (Psalm 14:6).

In his message for today, Pope Leo reminds us that 'we are the Lord's Church, a Church of the poor'. He invites the Church to examine its conscience: 'Are we a sign of a God who is a refuge for the poor?' How much more are we called to do in our communities and nations 'on behalf of the poor and for their liberation'?

> God shows a preference for the poor: the Lord's words of hope and liberation are addressed first of all to them. Therefore, even in their poverty or weakness, no one should feel abandoned. And the Church, if she wants to be Christ's Church, must be a Church of the Beatitudes, one that makes room for the little ones and walks poor with the poor, a place where the poor have a privileged place.
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> — Pope Leo XIV, *Dilexi te* (2025) §21

You can read Pope Leo's message in full at tinyurl.com/5n74t94b. For more prayers and resources, please visit cbcew.org.uk/world-day-of-the-poor.

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!

This week

Fr Peter returns from annual leave this Tuesday 17 November.

Urgent safety repairs are taking place in our church. They mainly concern the south side, but also the paviours just inside the main arch, which are a trip hazard. Access to the south door may sometimes be restricted.

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.

Donhead Preparatory School

We welcome pupils and staff of LP2, who will join us for the 10.00am Mass on Tuesday.

7.00pm Tuesday
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.

Chris de Montfort RIP

Chris' coffin will be received in the church at 5.00pm on Thursday. His Funeral Mass will be at 11.30am on Friday, followed by cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium. Chris was well known in the parish and served as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

No Adoration on Friday morning

There will be no Adoration on Friday morning due to the Funeral Mass. Adoration continues as normal from 5.25pm to 6.25pm on Friday.

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

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.

Next Sunday's Second Collection:
Catholic Youth Services

Your generosity on National Youth Sunday will support youth work in the Archdiocese, especially the Southwark Catholic Youth Service, and beyond.

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)

Forthcoming parish liturgies and events

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.

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.

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

Please see the front cover.

2.30pm Friday 4 December
Friendship Group Christmas Singalong

Join the Friendship Group in the Lounge for a Christmas Singalong with Songs on Wheels. There will be sherry, tea, Christmas cake, and mince pies. Come and join in the fun – everyone is welcome!

9.30am – 6.30pm
Saturday 12 December
Young Adults Retreat

Join our vibrant community of young adults (aged 18 to 35) for a reflective retreat during the busy pre-Christmas season. We would love to get to know you during this cosy day of reflection, joy, and fun. We will sing, eat, listen, and praise together. There will be Advent crafts and time for personal reflection and Adoration. Canon David will talk to us about 'A Journey to Bethlehem' and how we can translate it in our everyday lives.

The retreat will include a soup lunch, some snacks, and teas and coffees. We will have Vespers before the 6.30pm Mass, and you are welcome to stay on for the pub. We encourage you to come to the entire day, but feel free to come later or leave earlier as you can. To book, please visit shorturl.at/KisIh.

10.30am Saturday 12 December
Advent Penitential Service with individual Confessions

A short communal Service of Penitence will be followed by individual Confessions. There will be visiting priests as well as our own. During the Confessions, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration. Come and confess early for Christmas!

6.30pm for 7.45pm
Tuesday 15 December
Katy's Songbirds Christmas Celebration

Join Katy Lees, Katy's Songbirds, Giles Kennedy, the Putney & Wimbledon Brass Band, Lantern Arts Youth Choir, and Edge Hill Players for an evening of traditional carols and festive songs with amazing guests, supporting the 22nd Wimbledon Scout Group. Mulled wine, mince pies, a raffle and a bar will be in the Upper Hall from 6.30pm, with the concert starting at 7.45pm in the church. Book your tickets (£12; under-14s go free) at tinyurl.com/kscc1226.



Come home with a Christmas tree after Mass: Wimbledon College is pleased to offer an amazing range of real Nordmann Fir Christmas trees which can be collected from the College from 11.00am to 1.00pm on Sunday 6 December. Prices per tree are £50 for 3–4ft, £55 for 4–5ft, £60 for 5–6ft, £65 for 6–7ft, and £75 for 7–8ft. 10% of funds raised will be donated to Maggie's, a cancer charity. To place your order by Thursday 26 November, please email invoices@wimbledoncollege.org.uk.

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

Confirmation 2027

Are you in Years 8 to 13? Would you like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next year? Please ask your parent or guardian to complete the online form by Monday 4 January 2027 at tinyurl.com/shwconf27. If you have any questions, please contact Rob, our Faith Minister, at wimbledonpfm@rcaos.org.uk.

Thank you from Terry

Thank you to everyone who bought knitted dolls at last Sunday's Continental Breakfast. Terry raised £200 for Pancreatic Cancer UK in memory of her niece, Lucy.

Nursery places at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

Our parish primary school is receiving a great deal of interest for nursery places from January 2027. If you have not yet applied for a place for your child, you can find more details and apply at sacredheart.merton.sch.uk/nursery.

Diocesan notices

Autumn 2026 Budget

'Tackling branches rather than roots'. Read Caritas Social Action Network's statement on the recent budget at tinyurl.com/3dxux78r.

'You passed me' homelessness campaign

The Cardinal Hume Centre works with young people, children, and families facing homelessness and poverty in Westminster. To mark its 40th anniversary, it is raising awareness of the homelessness you can't always see. For more details, please visit cbcew.org.uk/you-passed-me.

Celebrants this Sunday

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

Christopher de Montfort • Michael Taliadoros
Monique Heather • Bruce Burke • Ann Nash • Maria Tinker
Peter Hannigan • Sergio Esposito • Michael Orbell

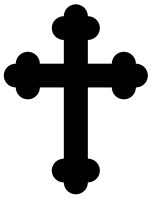
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Harriette Therese Gomez • Brenda Park • Angelino Nalon
Eileen Norris • Edgar Cooper • Elaine Sancho
Clare Gummett • Fr John Fairhurst SJ • Timothy Hayes
David Moffatt • John Castro • Jorge Vanegas Jamaica

Those who are sick

Samar Staussi • 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
Dorothy Cullen • Zac Zacharia • Emily Kelly-Eades

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

no morning Adoration this Friday 20 November

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, pastoral, and cultural activities. To donate, please visit sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/donate. Thank you.

Weekday Mass Intentions

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

Monday 16 November
10.00am Aid to the Church in Need
6.30pm Pope Leo (Wellbeing)

Tuesday 17 November
10.00am William D'Sa (Birthday)
6.30pm Thomas Gabriel (RIP)

Wednesday 18 November
10.00am Clara D'Sa (RIP)
6.30pm Rita Westbrook (RIP)

Thursday 19 November
10.00am Charles & Evelyn McNeely (RIP)
6.30pm Anthony Hodgson (RIP)

Friday 20 November
10.00am Christopher de Montfort (RIP)
11.30am Funeral Mass of Christopher de Montfort (RIP)
6.30pm Barbara Boyce (RIP)

Saturday 21 November • The Presentation of the B.V. Mary
10.00am Ramon & Pacita Osano (RIP)
6.30pm Maureen Casey (RIP)

Music at the 12 noon Mass

Entry hymn: (813) Will you let me be your servant
Kyrie/Gloria: (459)/(460)
Offertory: O pray for the peace of Jerusalem (H. Howells)
Sanctus: (433)
Communion motet: God be in my head (W. Davies)
Communion hymn: (386) Lord of all hopefulness

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.