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## **Fr David Gibbons is installed as Honorary Canon at St George's Cathedral**

**\*Free\* but donations are always welcome**

The front cover shows Fr David receiving his mozetta (the fur-lined cape) to be formally installed as an Honorary Canon of St George's Cathedral, Southwark on St George's Day, Tuesday 23rd April.

The award is in recognition for the impressive work that Fr David has carried out during his clerical career for the Catholic Church and for his parishioners since he was ordained in 1996.

Between 2011 and 2016 he was the Director of the Centre for Catholic Formation in Tooting (now closed) and he served as parish priest of St Thomas of Canterbury in Sevenoaks, Kent before moving to the Sacred Heart parish in September 2023.

(The colour of the mozetta, worn over the cassock, represents hierarchical rank. Cardinals wear a scarlet mozetta while others wear the beautiful amaranth coloured mozetta.)



## Easter continues until Pentecost on Sunday 19 May

A few years ago I accompanied Fr Paul Okora to his British citizenship ceremony in the Archbishop's Palace in Maidstone. The ceremony was quite brief, and it was followed - somewhat stereotypically one might think - by a cup of tea and a piece of cake. Each new citizen was also given a pot of Kentish honey.

In the early church new Christians, after their Baptism at Easter, were given a meal of milk and honey, signifying that they were now citizens of a new country or, in St Augustine's phrase were now part of

the City of God. The Biblical origin of this is, of course, the Israelites - the People of God - entering the promised land, the land flowing with milk and honey, after their forty years' pilgrimage through the wilderness (see Exodus 3:8).

After our forty days in the wilderness - in the season of Lent - we entered into the joyous fifty day season of Easter, the season of celebration of our Lord's Resurrection. This year we might feel there is little to celebrate, what with COVID recovery, the situation in Ukraine, the ghastly crisis in

Israel and Palestine, increasingly aggressive secularisation which is opposed to Catholic education, the cost of living crisis, climate change, political turmoil, along with the inevitable family, financial and health problems we will have in our own families and places of work.

But we must not give way to despair and depression, because by virtue of our Baptism we are citizens of the City of God, we are incorporated into Christ ('Christened') and are members of the new People of God. And most significantly of all, we know that by His death and Resurrection Jesus Christ has once and for all conquered sin and death. We know that evil and wickedness will never win.

As St Paul puts it in Romans 8:12: "I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us". See also Hebrews chapter 10.

So we are confident that in the words of Mother Julian of Norwich 'all shall be well'. This does not mean that we go around with a goofy grin all the time, blithely ignoring the difficulties and problems. We do have to engage with the various issues around at the moment. But it does mean that we have a serene, unshakable certainty that Christ has defeated sin and death and that where He has gone we shall follow. His destiny is our destiny, if we remain faithful to Christ. With this Christian hope of eternal life we can face up to, and face down, all the current problems.

Milk and honey might be a bit sickly. I suspect most of us ate lamb and chocolate Easter eggs this Easter. As we do so, let us remember that on the one hand we are citizens of this world, submitting to its laws and regulations as long as they do not conflict with the commands of God. But on the other hand, and more importantly, we are citizens of the kingdom of God, which we can only enter by being born again (that is by Baptism; see John 3:3) and this will enable us to celebrate Christ's Resurrection with untrammelled joy.

Let me end with a quote from St Augustine's City of God: "This joy in God is not like any pleasure found in physical or intellectual satisfaction. Nor is it such as a friend experiences in the presence of a friend. But, if we are to use any such analogy, it is more like the eye rejoicing in light."

*Fr David*



commit to pledges on key issues - if he was elected. He was elected so we now wait to see if he keeps his word and delivers.

On Saturday 11 May the parish hosts 'Youth 2000 London' retreat (full report in June) and remember to 'Save the Date' of Sunday 9 June for the Parish Garden Party.

A prize goes to anyone who got my intentional 'April Fool' in March Edgeways! Do email me to let me know ...

As always, please send ideas and articles for future editions of YOUR parish magazine to [dthurst52@gmail.com](mailto:dthurst52@gmail.com)

**And we are actively looking for a NEW EDGEWAYS EDITOR so please step forward ...**

I hope you missed Edgeways in April but I was visiting my 32 year old son in Australia, as well as two Jesuit schools in Penang and Sydney. I have written a separate article on the new Malaysian school for the Stonyhurst Association newsletter.

This month's edition sees Fr David being installed as Honorary Canon, youth Stations of the Cross performances on Good Friday and optional actions for you to become missionary disciples as part of the Parish Plan.

Matteo Baccaglini reports on 100 years of Wimbledon College volunteers visiting Lourdes, the Wimbledon 'Walk and Talk' group came to see our beautiful church and Richard Smart tells us about a popular Interfaith walk for the Faith in Action - Homeless Project of which we are a part.

Parishioners visited Methodist Central Hall to join 2000 London Citizens to hear the then mayoral candidate, Sadiq Khan,

## Saturday 16 March: Wimbledon 'Walk & Talk' group visits the Sacred Heart church

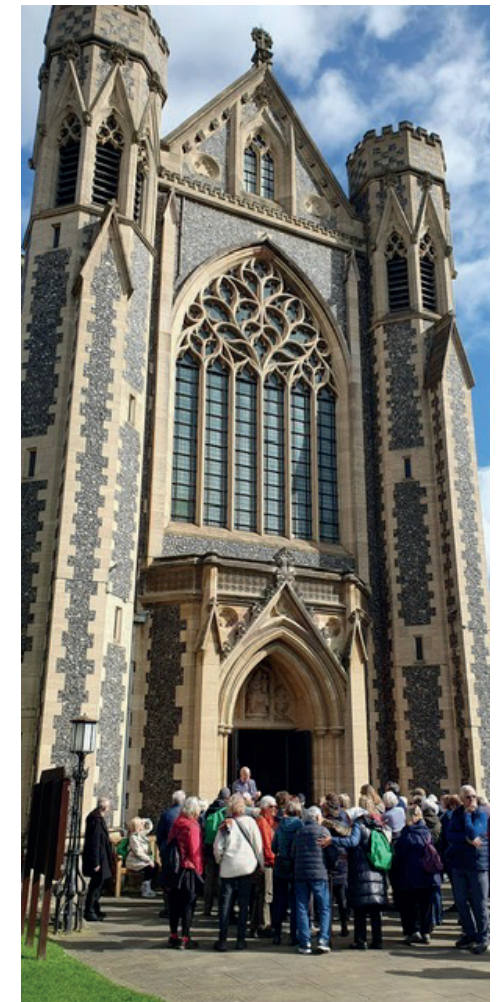
Over 50 local people joined the 'Walk & Talk' on Saturday 16 March from the War Memorial and across Wimbledon Common.

Walk & Talk is a community initiative that started during lockdown and meets at the Wimbledon War Memorial each Saturday at 10.30am. The walk is free to join and each week a different leader focuses on a local subject, usually on Wimbledon Common.

The walk on Saturday 16 March was led by David Hurst who stopped at intervals to give short summaries of Christianity in England, including the evangelising work of Saints Augustine and Cuthbert, the Reformation and the 1829 Act of Relief allowing Catholics to practice in public places.

The walk ended at the Sacred Heart where David gave a brief history of the church, the parish and the Jesuits who ran the parish until January 2013 when management of the parish was handed over to Southwark Diocese.

The walk, in glorious sunshine, ended with welcome tea, coffee and biscuits served by volunteers in the lounge for guests who were very appreciative of the visit to our beautiful church.



## Friday 29 March: Youth Stations of the Cross, 'where Ignatian prayer meets method acting'



Every year on Good Friday, Wendy Tansey coordinates young people from our parish who choose one part from the Passion of Christ. They then write their personal version expressing which character they are, what they have seen on the day and how this makes them feel. On Good Friday, each participant in turn presents their writing from the pulpit. Here is one such piece ...

**'The Repentant Thief' by  
Peter O'Brien (aged 17)**

If you hear of the word thief it makes you think of someone who took something,

right? Like you look at me and you think that's a man who steals things and takes them right out from under your nose.

You think you're better than me as well I should imagine because I'm guessing you own all that stuff you've got and you earned it fair and square. Well done you.

So you've heard me and my brother are thieves and we're going to die for it and you might wonder what we stole that was so valuable it meant we had to be here on crosses in the hot sun. Crosses what we carried here walking miles while people spit on us and we sweat and the splinters dig in our backs. I do think I deserve it don't worry.

I'm not complaining. I've stolen a lot. I've taken things I needed and I've taken things I didn't need but I wanted. The trouble is that the Romans will put you to death for anything if you're poor or a slave because you serve as a warning you see. Being poor is a crime I think.

I wish there was a ruler who thought that being poor was a blessing. I'd love to meet a King who said, 'the poor are the greatest!'. Ha. Like that would ever happen.

Hold on. Are you listening? Or are you looking at that man on the cross next to me? I thought you were looking at me, but yeah, I can see what's happened. He's caught your eye hasn't he? He hasn't got long, I don't think he'll answer you. Please don't shout at him.

Everyone has been shouting at him all day. The idiot on the cross just next to him was challenging him saying, 'ooh, aren't you the Christ?! Go on then save yourself if you're so brilliant. Go on, save us!'

I mean I didn't have a lot of energy left after the nails and the blood and the sweat and the thirstiness but I got myself together and I said 'this man's done nothing wrong!' because as far as I can see, the poor guy's had to swap places with Barabbas who we all know is a murderer, no question, but people are idiots and people said, release Barrabas' so there we are.

It's because you just can't put trust in how people vote that's for sure. They always vote the wrong one out. So I said, 'this man's done nothing wrong, at least we deserve our punishment.'

It went quiet for a bit then. I thought he'd already died, or at least passed out. He doesn't look strong and the sun is hot, did I mention that, it's hot beating down on us on this hill, and

we've lost blood and carried our crosses a long way and sweated a lot and the pain is like nothing I've ever gone through before.

So it was pretty quiet, just our breathing going in and out like we were the last men on earth in a way. I thought about all I've had to steal and the way I've never been given anything for nothing, and how now they are taking the last thing from me, which is my life. I just want one time for someone to think I'm worth saving.

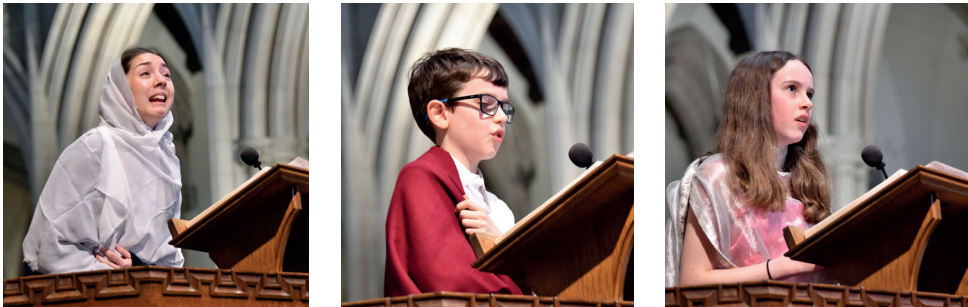
'Jesus,' I said, remember me when you come into your kingdom.'

And then, all of a sudden, I heard Jesus speak. He turned his head a little way and he looked in my direction and he said, 'today, you will be with me in paradise.'

**Peter O'Brien**



YOUNG PEOPLES' EASTER PLAY



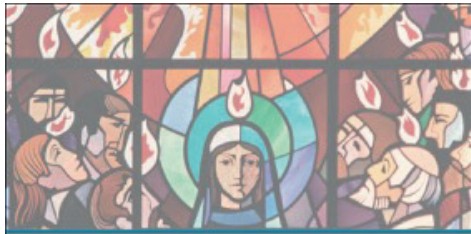
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# Becoming Missionary Disciples (part 2)

*Following the Dicosesan Initiative: Some Definite Service (part 1), this article suggests Actions that parishioners are invited to take.*

Parishes have been asked to appoint Parish Leads for each of three areas to collaborate with parishioners and the Parish Priest 1. to develop a vision for each areas; 2. to identify the reality and 3. to devise active plans to actualise the vision and assess down the line.



## Some Definite Service

What part will you play?

Archdiocese of Southwark

*Vision: Evangelisation, Formation, Catechesis*

*Reality: Evangelisation, Formation, Catechesis*

*Plans: Evangelisation, Formation, Catechesis*

### The Diocesan Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis

The Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis at Southwark Diocese is offering the support and training, gathering momentum in parishes through the development of the volunteer missionary network.

Parish Plans are not static; it has a relational touch and is meant to energise the parish in all three areas. Plans submitted online will encourage each parish to share successes and will offer guidance to become missionary through their creative tools.

Parishioners can enrol to do **Archbishops Certificate** a vehicle for Catholics to become dynamic through a two-year course.

See: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert>

Also see: **Mission Deck** which is a perfect companion for the modern Evangelist  
<https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/>

### At Parish level

Canon David Gibbons has shared with the PPC a brilliant idea of getting the parish connected through very versatile resources tested and tried and has lots of choices for small groups of families to gather and watch and share faith in a home environment and to become joyful disciples through Formed. Fr David has informed us that this initiative will be introduced with training for small group leaders connecting the parish. What a marvellous initiative to look forward to!

The walk, in glorious sunshine, ended with welcome tea, coffee and biscuits served by volunteers in the lounge for over 50 guests who were all very appreciative of the opening of our beautiful church to them.

During this **Year of Prayer 2024** let us pray for each other and pray with love; Jesus is in love with you.

Take a look at these amazing resources:

<https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/faith/giveprayerago/>

You are warmly invited to get in touch with the Sacred Heart PPC if you have the desire to be part of the discernment of the Parish Plan and have experience in one of the above mentioned three areas. We journey together with hope which does not disappoint us.

*God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. (Romans 5: 5)*

Link to this video clip where Archbishop John Wilson and members of the Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis outline the vision and plans for SDS in the diocese.

<https://aec.rcaos.org.uk.sds>

### Maria Christopher

# Thursday 25 April: Merton Citizens - Mayoral Assembly at Methodist Central Hall

Citizens UK is a membership organisation of over 450 civil society institutions, including the Salvation Army, schools, faith and community groups, trade unions and parent groups. Using Community Organising, their mission is to develop local leaders, strengthen local organisations which are the lifeblood of their communities, and make change.

The Sacred Heart parish has been an active member of Merton Citizens since it formed in April 2018 and other members include SW London Mental Health, Wimbledon College and Mitcham Parish Church.

Regular assemblies are held where members of different Citizens UK groups have an opportunity to win commitments from decision-makers, build relationships with them on specific asks from an agenda of important issues, and hold decision-makers 'accountable' on the promises they make.



## Mayoral Assembly 2024

The latest and most important of these was held on the evening of Thursday 25 April when members of the Sacred Heart parish joined over 2,000 fellow Londoners, including many school children, at Methodist Central Hall for the third Citizens UK: Mayoral Assembly where candidates were invited to respond to a series of 'asks' on issues of real importance to Londoners.

Candidates Susan Hall (Conservative) and Sadiq Khan (Labour) were both invited to attend. To audience disappointment, only Sadiq Khan turned up but London Citizens won public commitments on key issues from him.

Amongst other commitments, he pledged in public to back Citizens UK's national campaign for a real Living Wage (recently raised to £13.15 per hour) for social care

workers, as well as to double the number of businesses accrediting as Living Hours employers, which protects workers from precarious work.

We now know that Sadiq Khan was elected on 2 May for a unique third term of office as Mayor of London. At the Assembly he publicly agreed to specific pledges on three issues, namely work and wages, migrant justice and housing.

As a candidate, he also agreed - if elected - to follow up actions to confirm that his pledges are carried out.

Only time will reveal the results of his pledges to the Citizens Assembly and these will be reported in future editions of Edgeways.

**For more information on how you can get involved with Merton Citizens, email David at [dthurst52@gmail.com](mailto:dthurst52@gmail.com)**



## AMDG

# Celebrating 100 years of Wimbledon College in Lourdes 1923 - 2023



Fr John Manning SJ with the first volunteers in 1923 ...



... and Fr Michael Holman SJ with the centenary volunteers in 2023

In February 1858, an insignificant peasant girl from an insignificant little town in south west France went to collect some firewood by a cave near the river. There Saint Bernadette met Our Lady – and so began the remarkable story of Lourdes. Millions of pilgrims visit Lourdes annually, including many who are sick or disabled. Answering Mary's requests, they come in procession to pray for the world and wash in the waters of the grotto.

Wimbledon College's connection to Lourdes began in 1923, when Fr John Manning SJ led the first group of students there. After a 30-hour journey by train and ferry, the boys served as stretcher bearers or 'brancardiers', assisting pilgrims to and from Lourdes' hospitals, baths, processions and the many bars and cafés. Every year since, a group of Old Wimbledonians has travelled to Lourdes to spend a week in service of Our Lady, a tradition interrupted

only by the World War II.

You might be surprised to learn that 'Wimbledon' is a hefty name in the Lourdes' volunteering community. In the Rosary Basilica, there is even a stone dedicated to the war dead of Sacred Heart Wimbledon and Wimbledon College. Our members – which include not just old boys, but families, friends, and former teachers – volunteer across Lourdes' many services, from bathing pilgrims to training volunteers, and from assisting in hospitals to marshalling torchlight processions.

But 'Wimbledon' is particularly distinguished for its work at the station, where we help wheelchair users and pilgrims on stretchers on and off their trains. We are often the first smiles they see after their long journeys. A poem by one of our members (see below) immortalises our work at the station; a copy is given to every volunteer to remind them of the meaning of our service.

Last August 2023, we celebrated one hundred years of Wimbledon College in Lourdes with a special pilgrimage accompanied by former headmaster, Fr Michael Holman SJ, joined by many veterans of our association. Reflecting on his first year in Lourdes, recent leaver Jeremy compared its spirit to a 'ripple of love spreading far beyond the grotto'.

Lourdes is a thriving place of international friendship, where the poor, sick, and marginalised are exalted. As Fr Peter Griffiths SJ, one of our regular chaplains,

reflected, 'this is one of the few places in the world in which we can be certain that Heaven actually touches Earth: Our Lady's footprints are on that grotto.'

May Lourdes' story of faith, service, and community continue to inspire those who visit this sacred place, and generations of Wimbledon College to come.

**Would you like to join us in Lourdes? This 23–27 August, Fr Michael Holman SJ will accompany a non-volunteering pilgrimage, and you are warmly invited!**

For information contact  
[wimbledonlourdes100@gmail.com](mailto:wimbledonlourdes100@gmail.com)  
 or search  
[www.wimbledonlourdes.substack.com](http://www.wimbledonlourdes.substack.com)

**Matteo Baccaglini, Wimbledon College  
 Lourdes Hospitalité  
 LDS**



## A Lourdes' Story in verse: 'Équipe de Train – Gare de Malades, Lourdes'

"He cannot move or speak or see,  
this hunk of sub-humanity.  
Brain dead? Alive and just asleep?  
A sight to make the Angels weep,  
a snoring hulk, a human shell:  
his only attribute – a smell!  
Confined within this coffined bed,<sup>1</sup>  
'twere almost better he were dead.

What cost to State or Charity!  
And yet no "Sleeping Beauty" he.  
The nun who tended him has left;  
God pity him – this soul bereft.  
Our task to lift him from the train,  
avoiding any stress or pain,  
so better call up Number Four<sup>2</sup>  
and slide this bed-box to the door.

(I'll bet this poor bloke weighs a ton.)  
"Say when you're ready everyone -  
Together now – but watch his arms."  
(Can man be so devoid of charms!)  
"Now place him on that tringlot<sup>3</sup> there."  
(Great Heaven, what a vacant stare!)  
Without a doubt he is quite ga,  
but one had better ask: "ça va?"

A smile illumes that awful face:  
"Mais oui merci – vous êtes anglais?"  
(He must have heard and understood:  
we'd just assumed he never could.)  
I hope we didn't sound unkind –

please God, he couldn't read my mind!  
Ashamed, I stroke his cheek and turn,  
and suddenly a truth discern.

We have the Faith and do good works,  
yet still The Foe within us lurks.  
We were too busy 'doing good'  
to recognise the Son of God."

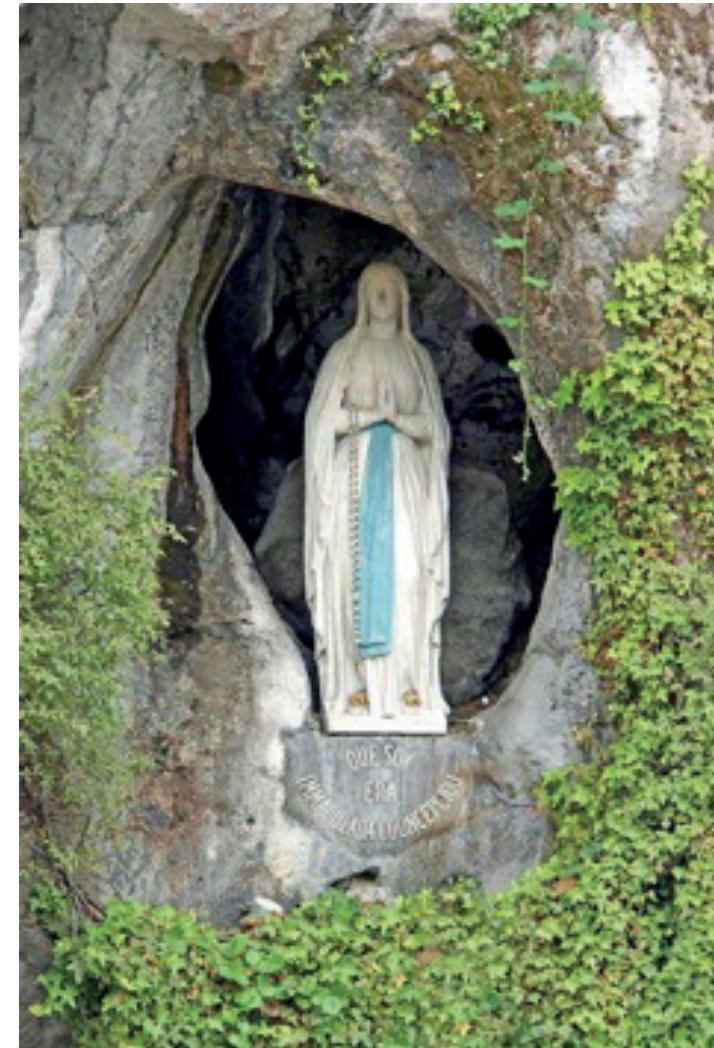
**Jim Larner (1916–2007), Wimbledon  
College Lourdes Hospitalité**  
reproduced by kind permission of Jim  
Larner's son, also called Jim

### Notes

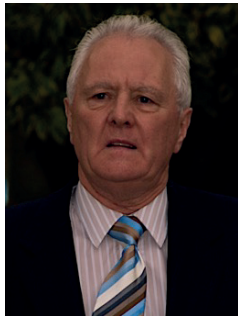
<sup>1</sup> *Coffined bed: a heavy wooden tray containing the sickbed of the most mobility-reduced pilgrims, which reduces the need for physical disturbance.*

<sup>2</sup> *Number Four: the fourth person of the seven-member team unloading a carriage, who is normally left on the platform as part of the outside team to receive chairs and stretchers.*

<sup>3</sup> *Tringlot: a trolley enabling stretchers to be wheeled away.*



## Wednesday 20 March: Politics and Religion – are they on the same Path?



On Wednesday 20 March, Lord McFall of Alcluith, known as John to his friends, spoke on that subject to a meeting organised by Jesuit Missions.

Paul Chitnis, Director of Jesuit Missions, knew John when he

was MP for Dumbarton when, as Chairman of the House of Commons Finance Committee, he was addressing poverty and inequality in Zambia.

Lord McFall grew up in a working class Catholic family, entered Higher Education in his mid -20s and for a time was a teacher and hew was active in his constituency Labour Party.

He was elected MP in 1987 and remained in post until 2010 when he was created a Life Peer and since 2021 he has been Lord Speaker. Several times in his talk he affirmed that he is 'an ordinary person'.

He has a high regard for what the House of Lords contributes to British democracy through its function of revising legislation but he would like to see more people in the Lords with backgrounds similar to his own.

He agrees with those who say politics is a

vocation adding it comes with a temptation 'not to be humble. Humility is an important value for him. His decision to leave education for politics was sparked by developments in South Africa and nourished by Catholic Social Teaching.

On one side, there were leads from two Anglican bishops, Desmond Tutu with his encouragement to 'walk in hope' and Trevor Huddleston's significant book, "Naught for your Comfort". From his own tradition, there was Pope Leo XIII's "Rerum Novarum" (1891) and a series of teaching documents through to Pope Francis today.

It's understood that the Vatican ruled against Cardinal Hume joining the House of Lords but Lord McFall finds the Anglican Bishops compatible. In 2008 he and the Archbishop of Canterbury agreed on the need for a change of culture in banking, for example.

Lord McFall said he was a Catholic and an MP – importantly not a Catholic MP - and he was never drawn to discriminate in favour of Catholic constituents. His own politics resist the 3 P's of Populism, Polarisation and Post-Truth and his religion calls him to public service for the common good.

Are politics and religion on the same path? In his case, it would seem so.

**Alison Williams**



**FAITH IN ACTION**  
helping with homelessness

## Saturday 13 April: The Merton Interfaith Walk *Walkers step out to support Merton Faith-in-Action Homeless Project*

It was a beautiful April day when we set out on our Interfaith walk across Wimbledon. As we gathered, we were delighted at the numbers who joined us to visit faith sites across Merton.

The walk was jointly organised by PC Suzanne D'Cruze, Faith Engagement Officer, and Richard Smart, local Blue Badge guide and member of Wimbledon Salvation Army.

This walk is now named the **Wakefield Wimbledon Walk** after the late Rev Andrew Wakefield, known for his interfaith work and enthusiasm for the Merton Homeless Project.

The walkers included two local Councillors and prolific walker Revd John Merrill, ordained multi-faith minister and also Britain's most prolific walker and guidebook writer.



Supported by two community PCs, we left Southfields tube station to our first stop, the **Fazl (or 'Grace') Mosque**. We were met by Usman Butt, the Regional Missionary, who guided us round the mosque, one of the oldest in the country and a grade II listed building opened in 1926.

The construction and the purchase of the land was financed by the donations of Ahmadi

Muslim women in Qadian, Punjab, British India, with support from the British Muslim convert Khalid Sheldrake. The mosque is a blend of classic Mughal architecture and British contemporary styles.

The next stop was at **Wimbledon Synagogue** where we were met by Rabbi Adrian Schell who explained the Jewish faith and community and they kindly revealed the rolls of the Torah which are highly prized and respected.



We then visited the **Apostolic Nunciature** to Great Britain where Fr Andrew Coy invited us into the 'Pope's house in London.' Pope John Paul II created the Nunciature to Great Britain in 1982 and both Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI stayed at the house during their visits.



Walking into Calonne Road, we arrived at the Buddhapadipa Temple, a Thai Buddhist temple under Royal patronage. We were greeted by Abbott Ajahn and a monk called just 'Bob'.



The murals inside the ordination hall were painted by thirty Thai artists over an eight-year period who used an unorthodox contemporary style with visual impact, now considered a pivotal moment in the development of the neo-traditional style of Thai art. The gardens were peaceful and tranquil.



The walk continued to **St Mary's Wimbledon**, the oldest faith community in Wimbledon dating from the 12th century and probably in the Domesday Book. An active and beautiful Grade II church, Rev Susan Bolen described the church layout and highlights of the Anglican Christian faith.

A modern brass plaque commemorates the anti-slavery campaigner, William Wilberforce, while in the churchyard there is a large mausoleum to Sir Joseph William Bazalgette, the embankment engineer who designed the London sewer system around 1858. Bazalgette was said to have been the Victorian who saved the most lives as his sewage system was adopted internationally. Two great reformers from Wimbledon!

The last stop was at the **Shree Ganapathy Temple in Effra Road** established in the 1980s. The temple emerges from a Wimbledon suburban street and we were warmly welcomed and given an explanation of Hinduism and their celebration of New Year.

The main deity is of Lord Ganesha and others are Goddess Durga (Parvati), Lord Hanuman, and Krishna. The Sai Mandir was opened in 1981 a prayer hall dedicated to Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba. It was the first fully consecrated Hindu temple in Europe (1981).

The walk raised funds for Merton Homeless Project - Faith in Action <http://www.mertonfaithinaction.org/donate> and our thanks go to all involved who made this peaceful and educational walk possible.

**Richard Smart**



## 12.30pm – 4.00pm Sunday 9 June Parish Day – Sacred Heart Feast Day celebration

Join us for a barbecue and drinks in the church garden! All welcome; donations invited. We would like to invite every parish group to contribute and are looking for groups to lead on any of the following:

- erect large gazebo on lawn (Saturday 8th am or pm)
- set-up on the day (approximately 9am to 12.45pm)
- clean-up on the day (approximately 3.45pm to 5pm)
- running the bar (12.30pm to 4pm)
- running a stall (toy stall, book stall) or game (eg hook a duck) of your choice
- contributing an entertainment (music, performance etc.).

Please let Ruth Naylor, chair PPC, know of offers of help to set up or run a stall or activity at [ppc@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](mailto:ppc@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk)

### ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL 2024 ...

Grant applications for the Archbishop's Appeal are now open for grants of up to £5,000 to support projects taking place in Southwark parishes.

Schools, commissions and other Catholic entities working alongside the Archdiocese which seek to enhance one or more of the key missionary areas (Youth and Evangelisation or Social Outreach) are invited to apply.

Information: [www.rcaos.org.uk/archbishops-appeal-grant-application](http://www.rcaos.org.uk/archbishops-appeal-grant-application)

Guidelines and Eligibility: [www.rcaos.org.uk/archbishopsappeal-grant-guidelines-and-eligibility](http://www.rcaos.org.uk/archbishopsappeal-grant-guidelines-and-eligibility)

Application form: [www.forms.rcaos.org.uk/archbishopsappealgrant2024](http://www.forms.rcaos.org.uk/archbishopsappealgrant2024)

Questions: [archbishopsappeal@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:archbishopsappeal@rcaos.org.uk)

Applications: 1 May 2024 to 1 July 2024

Decisions: August 2024

If you or your group are interested, in the first instance please contact Ruth Naylor [ppc@sacredheartwimbledon.org](mailto:ppc@sacredheartwimbledon.org)

**Sat 4 May** 'A Year of Encounter' by CAFOD & SVP online. See [cafod.org.uk/encounter](http://cafod.org.uk/encounter)

**Sun 5 May** Café after Family Mass in the lounge

**Wed 8 May** Ascension Day Mass 6.30pm

**Thu 9 May** Ascension Day, Holy Day of Obligation Masses 10.00am, 6.30pm, 8.00pm

**Fri 10 May** Holy Spirit Novena

**Sat 11 May** Youth 2000 Conference - contact Max at [mjrtoone@gmail.com](mailto:mjrtoone@gmail.com)

**Sun 12 May** Second Collection for the Catholic Communications Network (CCN)

**Sun 12 May** Café after Mass in the lounge

**Sun 19 May** Pentecost Sunday – Café after Family Mass in the lounge

**Thu 23 May** Katy's Songbirds concert

**2.00pm Sat 25 May** Mass for new Catholics at St Anselm's, Tooting Bec

**Sun 26 May** Café after Family Mass in the lounge

**7.00pm Wed 29 May** Newman Circle talk with Professor Patrick Stone

**Sun 2 Jun** Continental Breakfast in the lower hall

**Fri 7 June** Feast of the Sacred Heart

**12.30pm - 4.00pm Sun 9 Jun** Parish Garden Party – no Cafe

**Sat 22 Jun** Sacred Heart Chorus concert contact

**Thu 12 – Sat 14 Sept** 'Kiss Me Kate' by the Edgehill Players

**9.30am – 4.30pm Sat 26 Oct** 'Building a Better Marriage' booking details follow

### SACRED HEART PARISH GARDEN PARTY

12.30pm – 4.30pm on Sunday 9 June in the parish grounds

Donations and help on the day are invited – please contact Ruth Naylor [ppc@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](mailto:ppc@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk)

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