



# THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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## Newsletter

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Fifth Week in Ordinary Time • Vol. I, Psalter Week I

### PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES



Wednesday 17 to  
Saturday 20 September

see details inside: places are filling up fast!

### Today's Mass

**First Reading (Isaiah 6:1-2,3-8):** Isaiah is called to be a prophet. In the process, he has a vision of heaven in which he sees the seraphim make their threefold cry of 'Holy'. This is known as the Trisagion; St John had the same vision in Apocalypse 4, and it is, of course, taken up in the *Sanctus* during the Eucharistic Prayer at Mass.

**Psalms 137(138)** gives thanks to a faithful and loving God.

**Second Reading (1 Corinthians 15:1-11):** St Paul asserts the importance of our Christian belief in the death and resurrection of Christ.

**Gospel (Luke 5:1-11):** Peter's miraculous catch of fish leads to his call to be a disciple, along with his colleagues. It also leads to the famous pun about them becoming 'fishers of men' ('men' here is the Greek word for all humanity, not just males). This has always been taken as a metaphor – a directive, even – for evangelization.

*Canon David*

### Parish Pastoral Team

Parish Priest	Canon David Gibbons KCHS
Parish Clergy	Fr David Hunter Fr Jackson Sebastian Deacon Julian Burling
Team Member	Sr Dorothy Perrott OSU
Faith Minister	Rob Hitchcock

### Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

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school@sacredheart.merton.sch.uk  
Headteacher: Lorraine Dolan-Walsh

### Called to Bear Fruit

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF THE ARCHDIOCESE



ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

The Archbishop invites you to play a vital role in shaping the future of our Archdiocese. He encourages everyone to reflect on the themes in the **Called to Bear Fruit** booklet, available at the back of the church or online at [rcaos.org.uk/calledtobearfruit](http://rcaos.org.uk/calledtobearfruit), and participate in small group discussions over the coming weeks.

You can learn more about the consultation at the link above. Please note that the deadline for replying to the consultation is Sunday 6 April.



**We are a Jubilee Church!** Find out more about the Year of Jubilee 2025 'Pilgrims of Hope' at [cbcew.org.uk/jubilee-2025](http://cbcew.org.uk/jubilee-2025).

## This Sunday

### 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 23 February.

### Café in the Lounge after the 10.00am Mass

You are warmly invited to join us for tea, coffee, biscuits, etc.!

### 6.00pm - 7.30pm Sunday POD Youth Group meeting

Pocket of Disciples (POD) is a youth group of faith, fun, and fellowship that meets Sundays in term-time. Open to Year 9 and above; a donation of £5 weekly or £40 termly is suggested.



### Diocesan youth days

Are you aged between 10 and 14? Would you like to meet other people and enjoy a blend of faith formation, prayer, sports, crafts and, of course, pizza?

The next Diocesan Youth Day takes place at St John Fisher Church in Chatham (Canon Close, ME1 3EN) on Saturday 29 March. For further information and dates, and to book, please visit [rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/southwark-catholic-youth-service/event-booking](http://rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/southwark-catholic-youth-service/event-booking).

## This week

### Tuesday: World Day of the Sick

Tuesday is the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, and the theme for the 33rd World Day of the Sick is "Hope does not disappoint' (Romans 5:5), but strengthens us in times of trial', chosen to fit in with the Jubilee Year of Hope.

You can read Pope Francis' Message for this Day at [tinyurl.com/33rdwdfts](http://tinyurl.com/33rdwdfts). His message emphasizes how God accompanies the suffering through encounter, gift, and sharing, offering his grace and the strength of his Spirit to sustain us. Let us unite in prayer for all who are sick and those who support them, trusting in the promise of God's enduring hope and love.

### Anne-Marie Davidson (née Worth) RIP

Funeral Mass at 10.00am on Wednesday, followed by cremation at the North East Surrey Crematorium.

### No Adoration on Wednesday morning

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

### 7.30pm Thursday

### Newman Circle: Fr Michael Holman SJ on the Jesuit Examen

St Ignatius of Loyola SJ's *Spiritual Exercises* proposes the Examination of Conscience as a prayer to help us find God in our daily lives. He called it the most important prayer in a Jesuit's day!

Come along to the Lounge as the Newman Circle hears Fr Michael Holman SJ explain the Examen's simple steps. Fr Michael has previously served as Headmaster of Wimbledon College, Principal of Heythrop College, and Provincial of the Jesuits in Britain.

### Tadeusz Teodor Opalinski RIP

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

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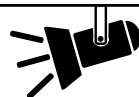
### Emmanuel Bandoth RIP

Requiem Mass at 12 noon on Saturday, celebrated by Fr Thaddeus 'Ted' Nwokeji, formerly of this parish.

### Next Sunday's Second Collection: Catholic Association for Racial Justice

Next Sunday is Racial Justice Sunday. The Second Collection will be for the Catholic Association for Racial Justice (CARJ), which supports the work of the Catholic Church to promote racial justice in our schools, parishes, and wider society. You can learn more about CARJ at [carj.org.uk](http://carj.org.uk).

### Spotlight on...



George McLennan, our Caretaker, is establishing a Health & Safety Committee and updating our list of fire marshals. Please get in touch with George at [wimbledoncaretaker@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:wimbledoncaretaker@rcaos.org.uk) if you can volunteer to be on the committee or be a fire marshal for one of the Sunday Masses. The Archdiocese will provide training for fire marshals.

**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](http://sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/safeguarding).

### Parish Safeguarding Representatives:

Victoria Wheatley ([wimbledonsg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk](mailto:wimbledonsg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk)) • Siobhán Heffron ([wimbledonsg3@safeguardrcaos.org.uk](mailto:wimbledonsg3@safeguardrcaos.org.uk))

## Parish notices

### Vacancy: Memory Lane Club leader

The Memory Lane Club is looking for a Leader/Manager for this well-established, busy club for those living with dementia and their carers in Merton. The Club meets from 10.30am to 12.30pm every Wednesday in the Lounge. The leader, supported by a team of over 20 enthusiastic and committed volunteers, will ensure the continuation of the Club's aims to offer a welcoming and enjoyable experience to those struggling with memory difficulties and their carers.

The role pays £21 per hour for 7 hours a week, with fixed hours between 9.30am and 1.00pm on Wednesdays at our parish halls, and the remaining 3.5 hours flexible. The role is a 1-year fixed-term contract with a review after three months. An extension is possible. For full details and an application form, please contact Thelma in the Parish Office at [thelmadcosta@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:thelmadcosta@rcaos.org.uk). The closing date for applications is Monday 17 February.

### Vacancy: Lay Chaplain at Donhead Preparatory School

Donhead Preparatory School is looking for a part-time Lay Chaplain to work 2 days a week. Further information is available at [donhead.org.uk/useful-to-know/career-opportunities](http://donhead.org.uk/useful-to-know/career-opportunities). To express interest, please email Celeste Franklin at [headteacherpa@donhead.org.uk](mailto:headteacherpa@donhead.org.uk).

### Surplus Christmas gifts

If you have any surplus gifts that you would like to donate to the parish for the Summer Fair in June, please hand them into the Parish Office to Thelma. As these will be raffled, please could the gifts be new or unused. Thank you.

### Parish pilgrimage to Lourdes

Canon David will conduct a pilgrimage to Lourdes from Wednesday 17 to Saturday 20 September. If you have been to Lourdes before, you will want to return; if you have never been, now is your chance to visit this extraordinary shrine in southwest France, where Our Lady appeared to St Bernadette in 1858.

The cost of the three-night pilgrimage is £625 for two sharing a room or £730 for a single room. A £250 deposit will be required at booking. The cost includes return flights from Stansted, airport transfers, full-board accommodation at the 4-star Hotel Eliseo, a full programme with daily Mass, travel insurance, a Lourdes prayer book, and the hotel city tax. It does not include transport to and from Stansted, which we will arrange.

Please contact Thelma in the Parish Office to register your interest. Places are filling up fast...!

## New to the parish?

Welcome! Please introduce yourself to a member of the parish team after Mass and register online at [sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](http://sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk) or by filling out a registration form from the back of the church.



## 3.00pm Sunday 9 March New Parishioners' Tea

The Parish Pastoral Council invites all new parishioners to tea in the Lounge. No need to book: we will be glad to see you there!

## Other notices

### Catholic Social Teaching: An Introduction

Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) is launching an online course for staff and volunteers in parishes, spread over five hour-long sessions each Tuesday from 4 March to 5 April. The course is aimed at parishioners who are not so familiar with Catholic Social Teaching, or who would welcome a refresh. Participants will hear from CSAN members who work on the frontline of poverty and exclusion, bringing our theoretical discussions to life.

The course fee is £95, which includes a copy of Raymond Friel's book *Catholic Social Teaching: An Introduction for Schools, Parishes, and Charities*. For more information and to register, please visit [tinyurl.com/yyesxa9v](http://tinyurl.com/yyesxa9v) or contact Bernadette at [bernadette.durcan@csan.org.uk](mailto:bernadette.durcan@csan.org.uk).



### 8.00pm Saturday 8 March Brahms' *Ein Deutsches Requiem*

The glorious Brahms Requiem with full orchestra comes alive in our church! Matthew Best conducts the Academy Choir and the London Mozart Players, with Nardus Williams and Darren Jeffery as soloists. The programme includes Beethoven's *Egmont Overture* and Strauss' *Metamorphosen*. For tickets, please visit [academychoirwimbledon.co.uk](http://academychoirwimbledon.co.uk).



## Journey with us through Lent!

Ash Wednesday 5 March – Easter Sunday 20 April

### 8.00pm Mondays in Lent: 'The Mass' with Fr David

Join Fr David for a series of hour-long talks on 'the Mass' in the Lower Hall. Come and find out where the Mass comes from, what the various parts signify, and why the Mass is so central to the life of Catholics.

### 7.15pm Tuesdays in Lent: Sycamore discussion evenings

Sycamore is a video series on the Catholic faith designed for small-group discussions. Join us in the Lower Hall to discuss 'Who is Jesus?' (11 March), 'The Holy Spirit and the Church' (18 March), 'The gift of faith' (25 March), and 'The meaning of love' (1 April). Registration is not necessary, but to estimate numbers, please register your interest at [tinyurl.com/sycamorelent25](http://tinyurl.com/sycamorelent25) or by returning a completed form from the back of the church to the Parish Office.

## Celebrants this Sunday

6.30pm (Sat) Fr David Hunter  
8.00am Canon David Gibbons  
10.00am Fr David Hunter  
12 noon Fr Jackson Sebastian  
5.00pm Canon David Gibbons  
8.00pm Fr David Hunter

### We remember in our prayers

#### Those who have died recently

Emmanuel Bandoh • Dan O'Brien  
Anne-Marie Davidson (née Worth)

Tadeusz Teodor Opalinski • Nicholas Gerald Bernardi

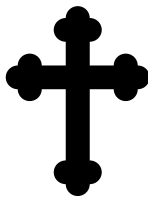
#### Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Adrian Collyns • Len Hay • Leon Douglas  
Patrick Barry • Sr Ita Conlan • Anna Carneiro

#### Those who are sick

Penny Sewell • Corné Rossouw • Finley Kennedy  
Samar Staussi • Thelma Lobo • Maria Tinker  
Dorothy Ramos • Armando Ramos • Emily Grey  
Eileen Norris • Electa Almeida • Margaret Duffy  
Karolina Masica • Deborah Chalcraft • Peter Boyle  
Debbie Gargan • Giovanna Apparenza

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

10.30am – 12 noon and  
5.25pm – 6.25pm  
Wednesdays and Fridays  
after the 6.30pm Mass  
First Monday of each month  
7.00pm – 9.00pm  
First Friday of each month

### Reconciliation

6.00pm – 6.20pm  
Mondays to Saturdays  
10.30am – 11.30am  
Saturdays  
*no morning Adoration  
on Wednesday 12  
and Friday 14 February*

### 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)

Any notices for the weekly newsletter should be emailed to [wimbledonnewsletter@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:wimbledonnewsletter@rcaos.org.uk) by Tuesday evening.

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To donate, scan the QR code or visit [sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/donate](https://sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/donate).

Thank you.



## Weekday Mass Intentions

### Saturday 8 February • S Josephine Bakhita, V

8.00am Sisters' Ints [41 Murray Road, SW19 4PD]  
10.00am Trixie Magennis (RIP)  
6.30pm Adrian Collyns (RIP)

### Monday 10 February • S Scholastica, V

10.00am Hannah Kilmartin (RIP)  
6.30pm Len Hay (RIP)

### Tuesday 11 February • Our Lady of Lourdes

10.00am McKenna family (RIP)  
6.30pm Joaquim Pires & Anna Rosa Carneiro (RIP)

### Wednesday 12 February

10.00am Funeral Mass of Anne Marie Davidson (RIP)  
6.30pm Peter Biggins (RIP)

### Thursday 13 February

10.00am Patricia Howell (RIP)  
6.30pm Mary Ann Salvatore (RIP)

### Friday 14 February • SS Cyril, Monk, & Methodius, B

10.00am Funeral Mass of Tadeusz Teodor Opalinski (RIP)  
6.30pm Lucie Nourouzi (RIP)

### Saturday 15 February • of Our Lady

10.00am Mary & Peter O'Hara  
12 noon Requiem Mass for Emmanuel Bandoh (RIP)  
6.30pm Margaret Curran (RIP)

### Music at the 12 noon Mass

**Entrance hymn:** (257) Holy God, we praise thy name

**Kyrie:** *Missa brevis* (G.P. da Palestrina) • **Gloria:** (467)

**Offertory hymn:** (143) Dear Lord and Father

**Sanctus:** (433)

**Communion motet:** *Benedictus qui venit* (from *Missa brevis*)

**Communion hymn:** (72) Be still for the presence of the Lord

### Music at the 5.00pm Mass

Scan the QR code or visit  
[sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/5pm](https://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  
George McLennan

Please contact the Parish Office for all enquiries, hall bookings, baptisms, marriages, first sacraments, and funerals.

Please remember always to register your car number when using the church car park (except Sundays). Registration tablets can be found in 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](mailto:presidentA190704@svp.org.uk).