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Year of Jubilee 2025 • Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord
Holy Week • Vol. I, Psalter Week II

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Maundy Thursday
**The Mass of the
Lord's Supper**



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Good Friday
**The Celebration of the
Passion of Our Lord**

8.00pm
Holy Saturday
**The Easter Vigil
in the Holy Night**



Parish Pastoral Team

Parish Priest	Canon David Gibbons KCHS
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Today's Mass

The **Blessing of Palms** comes at the beginning of each Mass, and all Masses begin on time. Ensure that you arrive to Mass on time! When you arrive, please collect a palm cross, hymn book, and service booklet. The 10.00am Mass, with the Procession, begins in the church. For all other Masses, featuring the Solemn Entrance, please assemble by the arch at the Edge Hill entrance.

The **Gospel** (Luke 19:28–40) follows the Blessing of Palms. Jesus enters Jerusalem as the Messiah; this is the significance of the details such as the donkey and the colt. We repeat the people's cries of rejoicing and praise in the Eucharistic Prayer: 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.' But He is not universally welcome: the Pharisees complain, and Jerusalem is the city which kills the prophets (see Luke 13:34). *After the Gospel, please follow the Altar Party. Once in church, the Mass continues with the Collect.*

First Reading (Isaiah 50:4–7): This prophecy of the suffering servant, innocent but not retaliating, would be fulfilled by Christ, as we shall hear in the Passion Reading. Although the suffering servant feels abandoned, he ends up praising God in **Psalms 21(22)**. Similarly, Christ's Passion ended in His triumph; His suffering is the way to His glorification.

Second Reading (Philippians 2:6–11): Christ humbly accepted death on a cross, but precisely because of that, God raised Him high so that everyone would acknowledge Him as Lord.

This year's **Passion** is from St Luke (Luke 22:14–23:56), from the Last Supper to the laying of His Body in the tomb. At the words 'he breathed his last', we all kneel and pause for a moment of silence.

Canon David



We are a Jubilee Church! Find out more about the Year of Jubilee 2025 for 'Pilgrims of Hope' at cbcew.org.uk/jubilee-2025.

This Holy Week at Sacred Heart Wimbledon

Holy Monday to Holy Wednesday

Holy Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am and 6.30pm.

11.30am Holy Wednesday Chrism Mass

Celebrated by the Archbishop at St George's Cathedral in Southwark (Lambeth Road, SE1 7HY), the Chrism Mass includes the Blessing of the Oils of the Sick and of Catechumens, and the Consecration of the Sacred Chrism. To signify the unity of the Presbyterate of the diocese, the priests renew publicly their priestly promises. You are advised to arrive early to get a seat.

Maundy Thursday



8.00pm Maundy Thursday The Mass of the Lord's Supper

The Mass of the Lord's Supper includes the Washing of Feet and is followed by Watch before the Altar of Repose until midnight.

Additional parking will be available at Wimbledon College from 7.00pm to 10.00pm.

Confessions

Holy Monday to Maundy Thursday:
10.00am – 11.30am
6.00pm – 6.20pm

Good Friday:
10.00am – 11.30am

Holy Saturday:
10.00am – 11.30am
6.00pm – 6.20pm



Holy Saturday

Please fast if possible until the Easter celebration. On this day, the Church waits at the Lord's tomb in prayer and fasting, meditating on Christ's Passion and Death and on His descent into Hell, and awaiting His Resurrection.

12 noon Świąconka

The traditional Polish Blessing of Easter Baskets is in the church.



8.00pm Holy Saturday The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

The liturgy includes the Blessing of the Fire, the Preparation of the Paschal Candle, the Procession of Light, the Exsultet, the Vigil of Readings, the Baptism, Reception, and Confirmation of Adults, and the Mass of the Resurrection.

Additional parking will be available at Wimbledon College from 6.00pm to 11.00pm.

Good Friday



Good Friday is a day of obligatory fasting and abstinence.

- Fasting (for those aged 18 to 59) means eating one full meal and two smaller collations that do not equate to a full meal, and avoiding snacks.
- Abstinence (for those aged 14 and above) means not eating meat, including soups and gravies made from meat. We should also abstain from things like alcohol.

10.00am Good Friday Churches Together West Wimbledon Walk of Witness

This ecumenical witness begins at the Lantern Methodist Church in Raynes Park (Worple Road, SW20 8RA). After prayers and a hymn led by our 5.00pm Choir, we will process through Raynes Park, enacting the Passion of Our Lord. If you would like to read or enact a part, please email Cathy at wimbledoncoordinator@rcaos.org.uk.

11.00am Good Friday Children's Stations of the Cross

Please email Rachel Marshall at rachel@marshallmail.net if your child would like to take part. A rehearsal for all actors and readers will take place beforehand from 9.30am to 10.30am.

3.00pm Good Friday The Celebration of the Passion of Our Lord

The Liturgy of the Word includes the Passion according to Saint John. At the Archbishop's request, the Solemn Intercessions include an extra Intention for those harmed by abuse. After the Adoration of the Holy Cross, Holy Communion follows, using hosts consecrated on Maundy Thursday.

The Collection, for the Holy Places of Palestine, is sent to support the upkeep of centres of pilgrimage in the Holy Land, and to maintain Christian schooling in the area.

Additional parking will be available at Wimbledon College from 12.30pm to 6.30pm.

6.15pm Good Friday Younger People's Stations of the Cross

7.15pm Good Friday Traditional Stations of the Cross

We recall Christ on the day of His Crucifixion and make a spiritual pilgrimage through contemplation of Our Lord's Passion. If you can't attend in person, follow the livestream at sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/livestream.

Easter Sunday

Holy Mass on Easter Sunday will be celebrated at 8.00am, 10.00am, 12 noon (Solemn Latin), 5.00pm, and 8.00pm. The Renewal of Baptismal Promises replaces the Creed.

The Collection at all Easter Masses is for the priests of the parish. Thank you for your generosity.

This Sunday

Café in the Lounge
after the 10.00am Mass

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

This week

Joseph Hockley Wright RIP

Funeral Mass at 12.15pm on Tuesday, followed by burial at the Merton and Sutton Cemetery.



The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night, at 8.00pm on Holy Saturday, is the most important liturgy in the Church's year. Please attend if you possibly can.

Parish notices

Parish Office and Reception closures

The Parish Office is closed until Monday 28 April as Thelma is away. The Reception will be closed from Maundy Thursday 17 April to Easter Monday 21 April inclusive.

10.15am – 4.30pm Tuesday 13 May
Friendship Group Outing
to Hever Castle, Kent

For full details, please contact Judy at judyruston@gmail.com.

8.00pm Saturday 14 June
An Evening with Haydn

Join us for an unforgettable evening of classical music as the Sacred Heart Chorus and Orchestra presents a stunning programme dedicated to the works of Joseph Haydn. Experience the grandeur, energy, and emotional depth of Haydn's masterpieces with a full chorus and orchestra and a distinguished quartet of soloists.

This special performance is in support of Shooting Star Children's Hospice, a charity dedicated to providing vital care and support for children with life-limiting conditions and their families. See the programme and reserve your tickets at tinyurl.com/shwhaydn25.

Vacancy: Be Well Hub Organiser

The parish is looking for a recent graduate to help bring to life its Be Well Hub. The Hub will provide a safe space for parishioners to turn to when their mental health is low or they wish to feel better connected with other parishioners and their local community. South London Listens, a local partnership that includes Merton Citizens and three local mental health NHS trusts, is spearheading the establishment of Be Well Hubs across South London. Fr Jackson, Graham Kennedy, and three other volunteers are leading our Hub's development.

The role, which currently is not funded, will involve confirming the detailed services that the Hub will provide, defining a programme of meetings for the Hub, defining a launch plan, and launching a pilot programme. The role is suitable for a recent graduate with an interest in mental health and with good communication, research, and analytical skills who is looking for work experience. We expect the successful candidate to spend 2 to 3 days per week working on the Hub for around three months. For more details, to express interest, or to apply, please get in touch with Fr Jackson at jacksonmaveli@rcaos.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.



You can listen to recordings of Canon David's Lenten talks on 'The Mass' on our website, sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk, under 'Faith and the Sacraments' → 'Talks'.

Diocesan notices

3.00pm Saturday 12 July
Cathedral Mass Celebrating Marriage

Are you celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th or any later wedding anniversary this year? You are invited to renew your marriage vows at a Mass at St George's Cathedral in Southwark (Lambeth Road, SE1 7HY). Close family members can attend with you. To receive a personal invitation from Archbishop John, please email mflsw@rcaos.org.uk by mid-May with the following details: your full names, address, phone number, anniversary being celebrated, and parish.

Other notices

CAFOD Myanmar Earthquake Appeal

Following the devastating earthquake in Myanmar, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development is responding through the Catholic Church there to support those affected by the disaster. Please give generously. You can donate online at cafod.org.uk/myanmar, by calling 0303 303 3030, or by texting EARTHQUAKE to 70450 (to donate £10).

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) • Siobhán Heffron (wimbledonsg3@safeguardrcaos.org.uk)

Celebrants this Sunday

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

We remember in our prayers

Those who have died recently

Joseph Wright • Penelope Sewell • Mgr John O'Toole

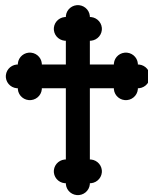
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Thomas McManus • Sadie Brown • Valentina McGough
Sarah Boner • Margaret Walsh • Avandale Durand
Linda Burgess • Camilla Cervi
Agnieszka Ptaszynska • Charles Thirugnanendran

Those who are sick

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 Chalcroft • Peter Boyle • Debbie Gargan
Giovanna Apparenza • Mark Capra • Mike Cairns

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
*no First Monday Adoration on
Monday 5 May (bank holiday)*

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 by Tuesday evening.

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 12 April

10.00am Paul Savio & Joseph Roland (Thanksgiving)
6.30pm Joyce Coelho (RIP)

Monday 14 April • Monday of Holy Week

10.00am Beni & Charles Thirugnanandran (RIP)
6.30pm Jean Marciano

Tuesday 15 April • Tuesday of Holy Week

10.00am Alfred Jessiman (RIP)
12.15pm Funeral Mass of Joseph Wright (RIP)
6.30pm Luca Buttaci (RIP)

Wednesday 16 April • Wednesday of Holy Week

10.00am Bhavani Nathan
6.30pm Catherine Desmond (RIP)

The **Mass of the Lord's Supper** at 8.00pm on Maundy Thursday 17 April and the **Mass of the Resurrection** at the Easter Vigil at 8.00pm on Holy Saturday 19 April will be offered for the Holy Souls.

Music at the 12 noon Mass

Processional hymn: (17) All glory, laud and honour

Offertory motet: *Christus factus est* (A. Bruckner)

Communion motet: Hear My Prayer, O Lord (H. Purcell)

Communion hymn: (13) Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended

Music at the 5.00pm Mass

Scan the QR code or visit
sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/5pm



For the music accompanying the Easter Triduum liturgies, please consult our *Holy Week & Easter 2025* booklet, available in print copy at the back of the church or online at tinyurl.com/shwhweek25.

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.