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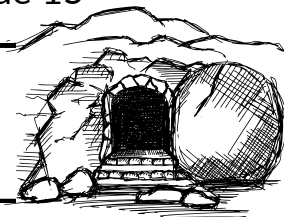
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## Newsletter

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First Week of Eastertide • Vol. I, Psalter Week IV



**66 TELL US, MARY: SAY WHAT  
THOU DIDST SEE UPON THE WAY?**



**THE TOMB THE  
LIVING DID  
ENCLOSE:  
I SAW  
CHRIST'S  
GLORY AS  
HE ROSE!**

**ALLELUIA!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

At all Masses, the Renewal of Baptismal Promises replaces the Creed, and the double Alleluia is said or sung at the Dismissal. The Collection is your personal Easter Offering to the three priests of the parish, who thank you in advance for your generosity.

### Today's Mass (Mass of the Easter Night)

After the seven **Old Testament Readings** (which may be reduced in number), in the **First Reading** (Romans 6:3–11), St Paul summarises not only the significance of Christ's resurrection for Christ Himself, but also its significance for those of us Baptized in Him.

After **Psalm 117(118)**, a psalm of thanksgiving, the **Gospel** (Luke 24:1–12) is Luke's account of the empty tomb, first discovered by the two Marys.

### Today's Mass (Mass of the Day)

**First Reading** (Acts 10:34,37–43): St Peter tells Cornelius and his household how he and the other apostles are witnesses to Christ's resurrection.

**Psalm 117(118)** is a psalm of rejoicing and gladness.

The **Second Reading** (Colossians 3:1–4) stresses that our thoughts should be on heavenly, not earthly, things.

The **Sequence** follows, sung if possible (you may find it in hymn books under its Latin title, *Victimae Paschali Laudes*). The **Gospel** (John 20:1–9) is St John's account of the empty tomb.

*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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Headteacher: Lorraine Dolan-Walsh



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

**The Parish  
Pastoral Team  
wishes everyone –  
parishioners,  
friends, and  
visitors – a very  
happy Easter!**

### **This week**

Canon David will be away from Tuesday to Friday on his post-Easter break.

#### **Parish Office and Reception closures**

The Parish Office is closed until next Monday 28 April as Thelma is away. The Reception reopens this Easter Tuesday 22 April.

#### **Easter Monday No Confessions and no 6.30pm Mass**

Because this Easter Monday is a bank holiday, the church will close after the 10.00am Mass. There will be neither evening Confessions nor evening Mass.

#### **9.00am Thursday: Mass in the Hall of Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School**

All parishioners, parents, and family members are welcome to attend this Eastertide Mass at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School (Burlington Road, KT3 4ND).

#### **10.30am – 11.30am Saturday Bereavement Support Group**

Are you coping with the loss of a loved one? Having difficulties adjusting to life without that person? Join us in the Lounge for our monthly, confidential drop-in session for all who have been bereaved, whether recently or a while ago. For more information, please call 07865 204995 or email [bereavementsacredheart@gmail.com](mailto:bereavementsacredheart@gmail.com).

### **Monday 28 April: St George's Day at St George's Hospital**

10.30am Holy Hour with  
Rosary & prayers

11.30am Benediction

12 noon Sung Mass

1.00pm Unveiling and  
Blessing of the new  
icon of St George

St George's Hospital, Tooting  
(Blackshaw Road, SW17 0QT)

On the feast day of our patron saint, the Hospital Chaplaincy will welcome Episcopal Vicar Canon Gerard Bradley to visit some of the patients and staff and to offer Mass in honour of St George.

Please join us on this great occasion to pray for all the sick in our hospital and for those who care for them. Even if you cannot make it, please pray for us: your prayers are invaluable to our work.

*Fr Peter Littleton*

### **Next Sunday 27 April (Divine Mercy Sunday)**

We wouldn't usually include a 'next Sunday' section in the newsletter, but there is so much happening which we would hate for you to miss!

#### **Second Collection: Maintenance of St George's Cathedral**

St George's Cathedral in Southwark is the mother church of the diocese. This collection helps us to meet the cost of the cathedral's upkeep.

#### **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 with fellow parishioners!

#### **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 next Sunday 27 April, the next Children's Liturgy will be on Sunday 11 May.



#### **Cash-only charity bake sale after the 10.00am Mass**

Coinciding with Continental Breakfast, Year 8 Bernadette pupils at the Ursuline High School are organising a cash-only charity bake sale in the Lower Hall after the 10.00am Mass as part of their philanthropy project.

Proceeds will support the Ben Kinsella Trust ([benkinsella.org.uk](http://benkinsella.org.uk)), their chosen charity, which tackles knife crime by educating young people through workshops and campaigning for action, and justice for those affected by knife crime, across government, businesses, and society.

Please do come along to buy some cakes and sweet treats!  
**And don't forget to bring cash!**

#### **2.00pm: St George's Day Celebration for the Wimbledon & Womble District Scouts**

The annual St George's Day Parade Celebration takes place in the church.

**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@safeguardraos.org.uk](mailto:wimbledonsg1@safeguardraos.org.uk)) • Siobhán Heffron ([wimbledonsg3@safeguardraos.org.uk](mailto:wimbledonsg3@safeguardraos.org.uk))

## Forthcoming parish events and liturgies

### Saturday 3 May Legion of Mary Venerable Edel Quinn Pilgrimage to the Friars, Aylesford

Join the parish's Legion of Mary group for this pilgrimage inspired by Venerable Edel Quinn. The programme includes Mass at 12 noon celebrated by Bishop Paul Hendricks.

A coach will board outside Sacred Heart Church at 8.30am, returning at about 6.00pm. Seats are £18 for adults and £5 for children. For further information and to book, please call Questa Newill on 07787 334586 or 020 8540 8091 as soon as possible.

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

For full details, please contact Judy at [judyruston@gmail.com](mailto:judyruston@gmail.com).

## Diocesan notices

### Pilgrimage to Pentecost

Our Lady and the Apostles prepared together for the first Pentecost in prayer and reflection. Do the same this year by taking part in the archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Pentecost course!

Starting next Sunday 27 April, the six-week course includes daily Scripture reflections in a specially-written booklet, six pre-recorded talks from Jubilee shrines and churches, and a closing Mass at the Jubilee Celebration Day (see next panel).

Find out more about how to take part (at home, at a local Hub, or via Zoom) by visiting [aec.rcaos.org.uk/P2P](http://aec.rcaos.org.uk/P2P).

### Could you become a Governor or Director?

Do you have the skills to become a Foundation Governor of a Catholic school or Director of a Multi Academy Trust? Could you spare a few hours a month? This is a fulfilling role that isn't without its challenges! Governors and Directors work together as a team to ensure good standards of education. You do not need to be a parent or work in the education sector. Find out more and register your interest at [tinyurl.com/3z85bnac](http://tinyurl.com/3z85bnac).

## EDGEWAYS

What did Pope Francis say in his recent encyclical on the Sacred Heart? How does our parish's girlguiding unit inspire girls to become 'dreamers, innovators, and leaders'? And how are pupils at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School marking the Jubilee Year for 'Pilgrims of Hope'?

Read April 2025 *Edgeways*, YOUR monthly parish magazine, at [sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/edgeways](http://sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/edgeways)! Printed copies can be found at the back of the church.



## Saturday 7 June Archdiocesan Jubilee Celebration Day

The Archbishop invites you to the centrepiece event of the Year of Jubilee 2025 in the Archdiocese of Southwark, hosted at the Friars, Aylesford.

Running from 10.00am to 5.00pm, the celebration promises to be a great day of prayer, reflection, celebration, and fun. There will be lots of activities for children and adults. The event is free; there is no need to purchase a ticket to attend. Learn more at [aec.rcaos.org.uk/jubileecelation](http://aec.rcaos.org.uk/jubileecelation).

Pre-booking for the 90-minute ministry sessions for children (Key Stages 1 and 2) and young people (Key Stages 3 and 4) will open at 11.00am on Wednesday 30 April at the link above.

If you would be willing to volunteer to help out during the day, please register at [bit.ly/southwarkhelper](http://bit.ly/southwarkhelper).

A walking pilgrimage to the Friars will depart from St George's Cathedral, Southwark (Lambeth Road, SE1 7HY), on Monday 2 June. View the pilgrimage itinerary and register ASAP at [aec.rcaos.org.uk/pilgrimage2025](http://aec.rcaos.org.uk/pilgrimage2025).

## 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.

## Other notices

### 3.00pm this Saturday 26 April Fr Jacques Philippe: God's Mercy, the Foundation of Our Hope

Renowned spiritual director Fr Jacques Philippe, a priest of the Community of the Beatitudes, is accompanying this event at the Holy Ghost Catholic Church, Balham (Nightingale Square, SW12 8QJ). The programme includes a talk, Adoration, Mass, and a social. For full details and to register for free, please visit [tinyurl.com/mmhh69c4](http://tinyurl.com/mmhh69c4).

### Friday 9 to Sunday 11 May Called to Love: Masculine and Feminine

This weekend for young adults – whether single, dating or engaged couples – will explore the nature of masculinity and femininity. Hosted by the Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst College, Lancashire, the retreat will consider the contemporary challenges to being a man and a woman and the Church's wisdom for this, drawing particular inspiration from Pope St John Paul II. For further details and to book, please visit [christianheritagecentre.com/events/called-to-love](http://christianheritagecentre.com/events/called-to-love).

### 6.45pm Saturday 10 May The London Welsh Male Voice Choir

Faith in Action Merton Homelessness Project presents the London Welsh Male Voice Choir for an evening fundraising concert at St Matthew's Church, West Wimbledon (Durham Road, SW20 0DE). Among the guest artists is parishioner James Marshall, violinist at our 10.00am Family Mass on Sundays.

Do come along to support homeless and vulnerably-housed people in and around the London Borough of Merton. Tickets are £40 premium and £30 standard. Book your tickets now: [trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/79116](http://trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/79116).

## Celebrants this Sunday

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

## We remember in our prayers

### Those who have died recently

Patricia Gage • Anthony Lee  
Bridgeen Thursby-Pelham • John Goldschmidt

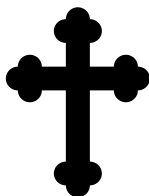
### Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Georgina Russell • John Davis  
Maria Kuczynska • Matthew Abbey

### 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 Chalcraft • Peter Boyle • Debbie Gargan  
Giovanna Apparenza • Mark Capra  
Mike Cairns • Teresa Escalona

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.



*no Confessions this Easter Monday 21 April*

## 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](mailto: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](https://sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/donate).  
Thank you.



## Weekday Mass Intentions

### Saturday 19 April

8.00pm **The Mass of the Resurrection** in the Easter Vigil is offered for the Holy Souls (RIP)

### Monday 21 April

10.00am Blanca Newland (Birthday)

### Tuesday 22 April

10.00am Celine McDaid (Birthday)  
6.30pm Lisa Lynch (RIP)

### Wednesday 23 April

10.00am Rita Aguiar (RIP)  
6.30pm Jerzy Owoc (RIP)

### Thursday 24 April

9.00am School [Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School (Burlington Road, KT3 4ND)]  
10.00am Eve Staszczak (Good Health)  
6.30pm Michael Maidment (RIP)

### Friday 25 April

10.00am Mose Rutthetta (RIP)  
6.30pm Jean-Louis Hincker

### Saturday 26 April

10.00am De Souza Family (Thanksgiving)  
6.30pm Patricia Small (RIP)

## Music at the 12 noon Mass

**Solemn Latin Mass • Messa Concertata** (T. Casati)

**Introit:** *Christus Vincit* (cf. 116)

**Sequence:** *Victimae Paschali laudes* (cf. 760)

**During sprinkling:** *Vidi aquam* (plainchant)

**Offertory motet:** *Haec Dies* (W. Byrd)

**Communion motet:** *Angelus autem Domini* (F. Anerio)

**Communion hymn:** (322) Jesus Christ is ris'n today

**Organ:** Saraband for the Morning of Easter (H. Howells)

## 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).