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Habemus Papam!

O God, who in your providential design willed that your Church be built upon blessed Peter, whom you set over the other Apostles, look with favour, we pray, on Leo our Pope and grant that he, whom you have made Peter's successor, may be for your people a visible source and foundation of unity in faith and of communion.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

from the Roman Missal

Today's Mass

First Reading (Acts 13:14,43-52): Paul and Barnabas suffer persecution at Antioch for preaching the Gospel, but succeed in converting many of the Gentiles (the non-Jews).

Psalm 99(100): If Christ is the Good Shepherd, that makes us 'the sheep of his flock'.

Second Reading (Apocalypse 7:9,14-17): In his vision, St John sees the heavenly hosts (to which we refer in the *Sanctus*: 'Holy Lord God of hosts'). This army of soldiers for Christ is innumerable – thus fulfilling the promise to Abraham – and taken from every nation, not just the Jews.

If Jesus is the lamb in the Second Reading, then in the **Gospel** (John 10:27-30), He is the Good Shepherd. Today is traditionally Good Shepherd Sunday, a day of prayer for religious vocations. This Gospel is also notable for Jesus' statement that 'I and the Father are one', a clear indication of His divinity as one of the Persons of the Holy Trinity.

Canon David

Second Collection: Mission Appeal for the Missionary Society of St Paul

This weekend, we welcome Fr Boniface Akpoigbe MSP to make the annual Mission Appeal for the Missionary Society of St Paul (MSP). You can find out more about the MSPs and their apostolate at mspfathers.co.uk. Donations in cash or by cheque can be made in the retiring collection, or you can use the card reader at the back of the church. The Archdiocese of Southwark benefits greatly from the mission of the MSPs, as we have the second-highest number of MSP priests of any diocese in the world.

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

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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 Sunday

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

'Jesus said to them: 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few. Therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'" (Luke 10:2)

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, please pray earnestly today for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and please encourage young people to consider if they have a vocation to the priesthood or religious life.

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Please see the front cover for more information.

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 this Sunday, the next Children's Liturgy will be on Sunday 25 May.

6.00pm: 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.



Wimbledon College

Governor's Consultation on Academisation: have your say!

The Governing Body of Wimbledon College, with the support of its trustees, is proposing to convert Wimbledon College from Voluntary Aided status to Academy status, joining the Sancta Familia Academy Trust within the Archdiocese of Southwark.

The Governors would like to invite parishioners to participate in the stakeholder consultation that is currently underway. The consultation has been extended until this Saturday 17 May. Further information regarding the proposal and a link to the consultation response form is available on Wimbledon College's website at tinyurl.com/24faw5sz.

This week

Fr David Hunter is away until this Monday 12 May, acting as Chaplain on a pilgrimage to Rome (apologies for the erratum in last weekend's newsletter!). **Canon David** is on holiday from this Thursday 15 until Monday 26 May.

11.30am Monday Safeguarding Meeting

We remind volunteers for the Presbytery Reception of this important meeting in the Lounge.

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

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

Brigean Thursby-Pelham RIP

Funeral Mass at 11.30am on Thursday, followed by repatriation to Ireland for burial.

Namir Akrawi RIP

Funeral at 11.15am on Friday, followed by cremation at the Putney Vale Crematorium.

No Adoration on Friday morning

...due to the funeral. Adoration continues as normal between 5.25pm and 6.25pm on Friday evening.

Next Sunday: Safeguarding Sunday

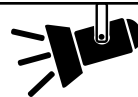
There will be a Pastoral Letter from His Grace the Archbishop on safeguarding. This is to keep the subject of safeguarding positively in the life of the Church.

Next Sunday: Jesuit Missions Appeal

At Sunday Masses next weekend, we welcome Joseph Ghansah SJ and Timothy McHugh to make an appeal for Jesuit Missions.

Headquartered on Edge Hill, Jesuit Missions is the international mission and development office of the Jesuits in Britain, supporting partners in over twenty countries on three continents, and working with marginalised communities on projects including education, women's empowerment, human rights, and environmental sustainability. To learn more, please visit jesuitmissions.org.uk.

Spotlight on...



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion assist the distribution of Holy Communion at Masses. If you would like to become a Minister, please approach Canon David.

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

Forthcoming parish events and liturgies

7.00pm for 7.45pm Tuesday 20 May
Katy's Songbirds present a
Summer Celebration Concert

Join us at 7.45pm in the church for a concert featuring music from your favourite TV ads, from Bizet and the Beatles to Verdi and Motown! The concert is preceded by a Pimms Bar in the Upper Hall from 7.00pm.

The concert is in support of the suicide prevention charity Campaign Against Living Miserably and Merton Memory Hub, which supports residents with dementia and their families and carers.

Tickets are £10 for adults and £5 for under-14s. Reserve your tickets now: email ksongbirds656@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.

Diocesan notices

11.00am – 5.30pm Saturday 24 May
Youth Day at St George's Cathedral

The Southwark Catholic Youth Service is excited to invite young people aged 10 to 14 to a special youth day at St George's Cathedral in Southwark (Lambeth Road, SE1 7HY). It will be a fun and faith-filled day of activities, prayer, and friendship with other young Catholics from across the diocese. The day costs £5, with lunch and dinner included. Parents: if your child would like to attend, please book at tinyurl.com/yday24may.

Thursday 26 June – Sunday 29 June
Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis
at St George's Cathedral

On Thursday 26 June, young adults will gather for an evening of adoration and veneration of the relic. On Friday 27 June, Archbishop John will preside at the 6.00pm Solemn Mass of the Sacred Heart, including the veneration of the relic. On Saturday 28 June, a 'Morning with Carlo Acutis' will include Mass, Adoration, the Rosary, and a talk on the relic. The Cathedral will also host an exhibition from Thursday 19 June to Monday 7 July. For more information, please visit tinyurl.com/acutisrcaos25.

New Rosary times

The Rosary is prayed in our church at 5.50pm every weekday except Wednesdays and Fridays, when it will begin at 4.50pm.

9.30am – 4.30pm Saturday 28 June
Buiding a Better Marriage

St Raphael's in Surbiton (Portsmouth Road, KT1 2NA) will host a day in which married couples can privately explore their relationship more deeply and gain valuable insights into the communication and the call of the Church to the married. There is no charge for this course. To book, please email Carole on mflkent@rcaos.org.uk or call 07983 524727. Refreshments will be provided, but please bring a packed lunch.

Assisted Suicide Bill

The report stage of the Assisted Suicide Bill is this Friday. If you haven't yet done so, it is vital that you contact your Member of Parliament urgently. Please visit righttolife.org.uk/ASVote to email your MP – it takes just 30 seconds! If you have the time, please also visit your MP: arrange a meeting now at righttolife.org.uk/meetyourMP.

Children's entertainer needed!

Christ the King Parish in Wimbledon Park (9 Crescent Gardens, SW19 8AJ) is holding a Summer BBQ after its 10.30am Mass on Sunday 22 June. The parish is looking to pay a children's entertainer (or group) to run church-themed activities and games; a child workforce DBS check is required. If you can help, please contact Celine Duckworth on 07572 291776 or wimbledonparksg1@safeguardrcaos.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.

Other notices

Friday 13 – Sunday 15 July
'A Time for Healing' Weekend Retreat

The Kairos Centre in Roehampton (Mount Angelus Road, SW15 4JA) invites you a prayerful, sacred, and reflective retreat. The retreat includes prayer and Adoration, optional opportunities for sharing, walking a labyrinth, and spiritual direction. For further information and to book, please visit thekairoscentre.co.uk or call the Kairos Centre on 020 8788 4188.

Vacancy: Operations Manager at the
Ecological Conversion Group

The Ecological Conversion Group is searching for an Operations Manager to support its work in social and environmental justice, inspired by the teachings of *Laudato si'* (2015). The job is a one-year fixed-term contract with potential extension subject to further funding. For further information and to apply before Friday 23 May, please visit theecg.org/contact/current-opportunities or email jp@theecg.org.

Monday 21 – Saturday 26 July
Aid to the Church in Need Pilgrimage
'York and the North:
Heartland of Faith and Hope'

York and Yorkshire are at the heart of the English story of Christianity and Catholicism. As we explore York, Ripon, Beverley, and the site of the Cistercian Monastery at Fountains, we will learn why our faith had such deep roots in this area; why over 50 Yorkshire men and women, such as Margaret Clitheroe and John Fisher, were prepared to die for our faith; and how their great sacrifices paved the way for the survival of faith now.

Fr Dominic Robinson SJ will lead the pilgrimage, with Suze Mathews as pilgrimage historian. The total cost is £285. For more information, please visit tinyurl.com/4ybcye7f. To book, please contact Bridget Teasdale at bridget.teasdale@acnuk.org.

Celebrants this Sunday

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

We remember in our prayers

Those who have died recently

Brigeen Thursby-Pelham • Namir Akrawi • John Reynolds
John Goldschmidt • Henry Lacide • Matthew Flaherty

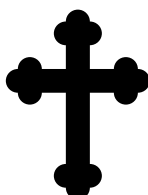
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Beryl Shannon • Rita Westbrook • Michael O'Connell

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 • Carmela Rosell • Bridie Geoghegan

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 morning Adoration
this Friday 16 May*

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)

Please email any notices for the weekly newsletter 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 10 May

10.00am Kade Schembri (RIP)
6.30pm Eileen Casey (RIP)

Monday 12 May

10.00am Maria Keaveney Jessiman (RIP)
6.30pm Mary Hoey (RIP)

Tuesday 13 May

10.00am Medjugorje Apostolate
6.30pm Norbert & Eleanor Shannon (RIP)

Wednesday 14 May • S Matthias, Ap

10.00am Adrian Mullen (RIP)
6.30pm Private Intention

Thursday 15 May • S John Stone Pr M

10.00am Maria Smith (Thanksgiving)
11.30am Funeral Mass of Brigeen Thursby-Pelham (RIP)
6.30pm George Lally

Friday 16 May • S Simon Stock Pr

10.00am Joseph Wright (RIP)
6.30pm Rita Westbrook (RIP)

Saturday 17 May

10.00am Christine Leonard (RIP)
6.30pm Dan O'Brien (RIP)

Music at the 12 noon Mass

Entrance hymn: (239) Hail Redeemer, King divine
Kyrie/Gloria: (459)/(460)

Offertory motet: *Surrexit pastor bonus* (O. Lassus)

Communion motet: *Bone pastor* (T. Tallis)

Communion hymn: (475) Loving shepherd of thy sheep

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
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.