



# THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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## Newsletter

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**Year of Jubilee 2025 • Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
Seventh Week of Eastertide • Vol. I, Psalter Week III



### Fr Jackson Mavelithayil

With effect from 1 September, the Archbishop has appointed Fr Jackson as Sub-Dean of St George's Cathedral. He will replace Fr Joseph Donkor – formerly of this parish – who will move to be Parochial Administrator of Walderslade in Kent.

Although we shall be sorry to see Fr Jackson go, we recognise that the Archbishop and his Council consider these moves very carefully and within the bigger picture of the Archdiocese as a whole. Fr Jackson's successor as Assistant Priest at Wimbledon will be announced in due course. We wish Fr Jackson all the best and every blessing as he prepares for his move.

### Today's Mass

Our **First Reading** (Acts 7:55–60) is the martyrdom of St Stephen, the first martyr. What is interesting is that at his martyrdom, St Stephen receives his own, personal vision of Christ's Second Coming (known as the *Parousia*). **Psalm 96(97)** picks up on the same idea as Stephen's vision, of Christ the King, 'high above all the earth'.

The **Second Reading** (Apocalypse 22:12–14,16–17,20) is the end of St John's vision in the Apocalypse, at which St John makes a heartfelt prayer to Jesus: 'Come, Lord Jesus!'

**Gospel** (John 17:20–26): In His 'High Priestly Prayer', our Blessed Lord prays that His followers may have the same unity as He has with the Father: 'May they be perfectly one'. In 1995, Pope St John Paul II made a fervent plea for Christian unity and reconciliation in his encyclical *Ut Unum Sint* ('May they be One'). You can read it online at [tinyurl.com/utunumsint](http://tinyurl.com/utunumsint).

*Canon David*



### Sacred Heart Feast Celebration 1.00pm – 4.00pm Sunday 29 June



There will be a raffle, bottle and tombola stalls, and entertainment, including Sacred Heart School Choir. Entry is free, although donations are encouraged. Come and join in the fun – spread the word, and please pray for fine weather!

Setting up will take place from 2.30pm on Saturday 28 June; can YOU come and help? We shall also need people to clear away afterwards. Please bring toys (in good condition), bottles, and dry goods to the Parish Office.

### Parish Pastoral Team

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

### Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

Burlington Road, KT3 4ND  
[school@sacredheart.merton.sch.uk](mailto:school@sacredheart.merton.sch.uk)  
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).

## Second Collection: Catholic Communications Network

On this World Communications Sunday, we are asked to keep those who work in the media in our prayers. Our Second Collection is for the media office of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, which supports the bishops, promotes the Gospel through the media, answers media enquiries, provides news releases, and trains spokespeople.



### 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.

The celebration, which will run from 10.00am to 5.00pm, promises to be a great day of prayer, reflection, celebration, and fun, with lots of activities for children and adults. The event is free; no booking is required. You can learn more and register for children's sessions at [aec.rcaos.org.uk/jubileecelabrati](http://aec.rcaos.org.uk/jubileecelabrati).

There are spare seats on a coach which will leave St Teresa of the Child Jesus, Morden (Bishopsford Road, SM4 6BZ) at 8.00am and return at 7.00pm. If you would like to book a seat for £20 per person or per family (2 adults and children), please contact their Parish Office at 020 8648 3113 or [morden@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:morden@rcaos.org.uk).

## This week

Fr David Hunter is away on annual leave from this Monday 2 until Thursday 26 June.

### Mathew Flaherty RIP

Funeral Mass at 12.30pm on Monday, followed by burial at Morden Cemetery.

### 7.00pm First Monday Adoration

Every first Monday of the month until July 2025, Adoration will start promptly after the 6.30pm Mass. This time of community worship will be led by musicians from the Jesuit young adult community at No. 9 Edge Hill.

Come along and meet Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament with gentle music and guided prayer. *'A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent in sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.'* (Padre Pio, St Pio of Pietrelcina)

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

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

### Donhead Preparatory School

Some pupils will attend the 10.00am Mass in the church on Thursday.

### 2.30pm Friday: Friendship Group VE Day Celebration Tea

Do join the Friendship Group in the Lounge for a fun afternoon! Everyone is welcome.



**Café in the Lounge** follows the 10.00am Mass this Sunday. You are warmly invited to join us for tea, coffee, biscuits, etc.!

### Holy Matrimony

The Wedding of Emma Jeyarajah and Mariano Turnour is at 1.30pm on Friday.

### First Friday Devotion

This First Friday is a monthly day of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Can YOU attend Mass, Adoration, and/or Confession this Friday?

**Holy Mass:** 10.00am • 6.30pm  
**Adoration:** 10.30am – 12 noon • 5.25pm – 6.25pm • 7.00pm – 8.00pm  
**Confessions:** 6.00pm – 6.20pm

### No morning Confessions on Saturday 7 June

...because of the First Holy Communion Masses. Confessions will be heard as usual from 6.00pm to 6.20pm on Saturday evening.

### 10.00am and 12 noon Saturday 7 June First Holy Communion Mass

Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

### Saturday 7 June Diocesan Jubilee Celebration

Please see the insert box.

### 6.30pm Mass on Saturday 7 June

Please note that this Mass will be the proper Vigil Mass of Pentecost, with different readings and prayers from those of the Mass of the Day.

### Next Sunday's Second Collection: Shooting Star Children's Hospice

The chosen charity of the Sacred Heart Chorus and Orchestra's June concert is dedicated to providing vital care and support for children with life-limiting conditions and their families.

**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

### Solar panels

Starting this week, solar panels will be installed on the roof of the halls. As well as using solar energy and not fossil fuels, and so being better for the planet, this should save on energy bills in the long run. The system will also provide emergency lighting in the church in the event of a power cut, thus making it safer. We thank Paul Duffin for steering through this significant project.

### Volunteer receptionist needed

A volunteer is urgently needed to staff the Reception on Thursday afternoons from 1.00pm to 4.00pm. Please get in touch with Thelma as soon as possible at [thelmadcosta@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:thelmadcosta@rcaos.org.uk).

### Finances

Your Easter Offering to the priests of the parish totalled £17,763.39. Canon David, Fr Jackson, and Fr David thank you for your generosity.

### Vacancy: Accounts Manager

The parish is looking for an Accounts Manager to start sometime in June. The post is paid at £18.00 hourly for 19 hours per week. Supported by members of the Finance Committee, the Accounts Manager works closely with the Committee and the Gift Aid coordinators. Knowledge of the diocesan accounting systems would be an advantage. Please contact Thelma at [wimbledon@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:wimbledon@rcaos.org.uk) for an application form, job description, and person specification. The deadline to apply is this Friday 6 June, with interviews on Friday 13 June.

## Forthcoming parish liturgies and events

### 7.30pm Thursday 12 June Prayer and a Pint Young Adults Group

A place to build community, pray, have a pint, play piano, sing, and play pool and darts. Young adults, come to the Lounge! (Bring drinks and games!)

### Evening of Friday 13 June Young Adults' visit to the Nunciature

Mgr Ante Vidović has generously invited our parish's young adults for a visit to the Apostolic Nunciature (54 Parkside, SW19 5NE), including some reflections on Pope Leo. If you would like to come along, please contact Rob at [wimbledonpfm@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:wimbledonpfm@rcaos.org.uk).

### 8.00pm Saturday 14 June An Evening with Haydn

This concert is a highlight of the parish music calendar, when our own Sacred Heart Chorus and Orchestra invite you to share an evening with Joseph Haydn, performing his Nelson Mass and Te Deum, along with the wonderful 'Clock' Symphony conducted by our Director of Music, Bob Rathbone.

Do make every effort to attend and help fellow parishioners (and clergy!), who are singing to support the amazing work of the Shooting Star Children's Hospice ([shootingstar.org.uk](http://shootingstar.org.uk)), who aid children with life-threatening illness and their families. View the full programme and book now at [tinyurl.com/shwhaydn25](http://tinyurl.com/shwhaydn25).

## 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.

## Diocesan notices

### REGISTER NOW: 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](mailto:mflsw@rcaos.org.uk) by Monday with the following details: your full names, address, phone number, anniversary being celebrated, and parish.

### 7.30pm Wednesday 18 June 'Forming Families, Forming Saints' Webinar via Zoom

The primary purpose of parents is to raise saints, while pursuing this for themselves. Fr Carter Griffin, author of *Forming Families, Forming Saints* (2024), will deliver this masterclass webinar, which will benefit parents, grandparents, catechists, and anyone involved in forming children to be saints. Tickets are £5; book now at [tinyurl.com/29kb4yjd](http://tinyurl.com/29kb4yjd).

## Other notices

### 11.00am – 4.30pm Saturday 7 June LHBMSM Retreat of Quiet Reflection

Love Heals Body Mind and Spirit Ministry invites you to a day retreat of quiet reflection at Our Lady of the Assumption and St Gregory in Piccadilly (Warwick Street, W1B 5LZ), including Mass, a scripture-based talk, meditation, Adoration, and healing prayers. Please bring a packed lunch. For further information, please email [lovehealsbodymindspirit@gmail.com](mailto:lovehealsbodymindspirit@gmail.com).

### 7.00pm Saturday 7 June An Evening of Summer Baroque

The Academy Choir Wimbledon will be performing a special summer concert of Baroque favourites including two Bach Motets, Handel's Water Music, and anthems by Purcell. Sam Laughton conducts the choir and the Academy Baroque Players. The concert will be hosted at St John the Baptist (Spencer Hill, SW19 4NZ). For further details and to book your tickets, please visit [academychoirwimbledon.co.uk](http://academychoirwimbledon.co.uk).

### 12.30pm onwards Sunday 8 June A Fresh Outpouring of the Holy Spirit

The All Nations Catholic Charismatic Group invites you to their celebration of Pentecost at St John Fisher, Merton (Cannon Hill Lane, SW20 9DB). The Feast of Pentecost is an integral part of our Christian life; we come together to celebrate our church's birthday. Food and drinks will be provided after the celebration. For more information, please see the poster on the noticeboard.

## Celebrants this Sunday

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

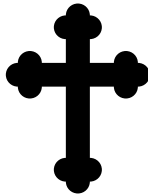
## We remember in our prayers

**Those who have died recently**  
Yves Oder • Matthew Flaherty

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time**  
Harry Evans • Neville De Souza • John Harrison  
Catherine McManus • Ellen Worth

**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 • Debbie Gargan • Giovanna Apparenza  
Mark Capra • Mike Cairns • Teresa Escalona  
Carmela Rosell • Simon Potter • Natalia Mata

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 Confessions  
on Saturday 7 June*

## 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](mailto:wimbledonnewsletter@rcaos.org.uk) by Tuesday evening.

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Thank you.



## Weekday Mass Intentions

### Saturday 31 May • The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10.00am	Lindsey Penelope (Thanksgiving & Health)
12 noon	First Communicants
6.30pm	The O'Brien Family

### Monday 2 June

10.00am	Sr Damian O'Mahoney
12.30pm	Funeral Mass of Matthew Flaherty (RIP)
6.30pm	Neville Newton (RIP)

### Tuesday 3 June • SS Charles Lwanga & Companions, MM

10.00am	Alfred Jessiman (RIP)
6.30pm	Tony Burke (RIP)

### Wednesday 4 June

10.00am	Una Grant (RIP)
6.30pm	Madge Fleming

### Thursday 5 June • S Boniface, B M

9.00am	School [ <i>Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School (Burlington Road, KT3 4ND)</i> ]
10.00am	Keith Drake (RIP)
6.30pm	Anne Marie Nolan

### Friday 6 June

10.00am	Louise Mary Jay
1.30pm	Wedding of Emma Jeyarajah and Mariano Turnour
6.30pm	George Miranda (RIP)

### Saturday 7 June

10.00am	First Communicants
12 noon	First Communicants
6.30pm	Owen McGovern (RIP)

## Music at the 12 noon Mass

**Solemn Latin Mass** • *Missa brevis* (P. Heredia)  
*Ascendit Deus* (P. Philips) • *Tantum ergo* (A. Bruckner)  
**Organ:** Postlude for the Sunday after Ascension (C. Tournemire)

## 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, first Sacraments, marriages, and funerals.

Please remember always to register your car when using the church car park (except Sundays). Registration tablets are available at the church entrance, the presbytery reception, and the hall entrances.

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THE SACRED HEART  
CHORUS AND ORCHESTRA

# HAYDN

*Missa in Angustiis (Nelson Mass)*

*Te Deum in C Major (Marie Therese)*

*Symphony No. 101 (The Clock)*

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