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Today's Masses

Pentecost is a Day of Prayer for the Church, and is the last day of the fifty days of Easter.

The **Pentecost Vigil Mass** (6.30pm Saturday) – not as extensive as the Easter Vigil – offers us **Old Testament Readings**, followed by the traditional **Pentecost Psalm 103(104)**. In the **Second Reading** (Romans 8:22–27), St Paul explains how the Spirit helps us in our weakness. When we hear the **Gospel** (John 7:37–39), we wait in vigil for the Holy Spirit, which we shall celebrate liturgically tomorrow.

In the **Mass of the Day** (all other Masses), the **First Reading** (Acts 2:1–11) is the famous account of Pentecost, which strikes terror into the hearts of Mass readers with all the names! Pentecost is one of the most momentous events in the history not just of the Church, but of the whole world. The day of Pentecost was the undoing of the tower of Babel.

After the **Pentecost Psalm 103(104)**, in the **Second Reading** (1 Corinthians 12:3b–7, 12–13), the Baptized have various different gifts and perform various different activities and acts of service to the community of faith, but all are inspired by the one Holy Spirit.

The **Sequence** is obligatory at the Mass of the Day, and it should be sung if at all possible. The **Gospel** (John 20:19–23) follows: the risen Jesus Christ appears to the disciples behind locked doors. He 'breathed on them', an act evoking God's creative breath in Genesis 2:7, and this is linked to receiving the Holy Spirit for the forgiveness of sins. The idea seems to be that whenever the disciples – and their ordained successors – forgive sins, at that moment, God forgives the sins and they remain forgiven, and on the last day, God will confirm the remission. Conversely, the unforgiven sins will be held fast until Judgment Day.

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

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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.



Next Sunday is Trinity Sunday, the last day to fulfil the fourth precept of the Church, which requires us to receive Holy Communion at least once a year during the Easter season.

This Sunday

We welcome **Fr Ante Vidović** to celebrate the 6.30pm (Saturday) Mass and **Fr Andrew Coy** to celebrate the 5.00pm Mass.

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. Learn more at shootingstar.org.uk.

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 22 June.

Adult Initiation

We welcome Flavia Jace to be Baptized and Confirmed at the 10.00am Mass today.

This week

Erratum: The editor apologises for the incorrect dates for the young adults' events in the printed copies of last weekend's newsletter. The correct dates follow.

8.00am Monday: DHM Convent Mass

All parishioners are welcome to the monthly Mass at the Daughters of the Heart of Mary Convent (41 Murray Road, SW19 4PD).

Donhead Preparatory School

LP2 pupils will attend the 10.00am Mass on Thursday.

7.30pm Thursday 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!)

Friday evening 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.

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), who aid children with life-threatening illness and their families. View the full programme and book now at tinyurl.com/shwhaydn25. Tickets are also available on the door!

Next Sunday's Second Collection: Day for Life

The proceeds provide core funding for life-related activities supported by the Church and for Catholic life charities.

Parish notices

Fr David Hunter is away on annual leave until Thursday 26 June.

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.

Safeguarding update

Following the successful Safeguarding Sunday two weeks ago, the Parish Pastoral Team met with the Parish Safeguarding Team for an update and review on the parish's safeguarding procedures and protocols. For more information on safeguarding, please see the below notice or the posters on all of the noticeboards around the church and church halls.

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)



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.

Sister Dorothy would be pleased to receive homemade cakes (big or small) for her refreshments stall. Bring them a day or two beforehand (to the Presbytery) or bring them on the day.

Forthcoming parish liturgies and events

6.30pm – 10.30pm Saturday 21 June
Young Adults Summer 2025 Ball

CYA Dance LAB is hosting a ball in the Upper Hall for young adults (aged 18–39) who are Catholic or going through RCIA. Prior experience is required in at least two of: Quickstep, Waltz, Tango, and Cha-cha. Tickets are £30 and include a buffet and a drink. To sign up, please visit cyadance.carrrd.co.

After the 6.30pm Mass
Saturday 21 June
Raphael Pilgrimage Reunion Curry

Our pilgrimage has been taking the sick and infirm to Lourdes for over seventy years. Come to the Lounge and learn more about us over a delicious home-cooked curry! Please book with Angela at searlean@aol.com or Chris at christopherwoodward107@gmail.com or 07791 578297.

7.30pm Wednesday 25 June
Wimbledon Newman Society screens
Francesco: Inspiring Hope (2020)

This documentary provides an intimate look at the late Pope Francis, who spoke about many issues including climate change, the common good, synodality, women's empowerment, migration, sexual abuse, the pandemic, and peacemaking. All are welcome to the Lounge to be reminded of his wonderful life and teaching!

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

Please see the insert box.

Diocesan notices

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

Fr Carter Griffin's masterclass webinar will benefit parents, grandparents, catechists, and anyone involved in forming children to be saints. Book your tickets at tinyurl.com/29kb4yjd.

Vacancy: Chief Financial Officer at the
Sancta Familia Catholic Academy Trust

The Trust – of which the Ursuline High School is a part – is seeking a Chief Financial Officer. The CFO will have responsibility for all aspects of the Trust's finance as it grows, ensuring its financial sustainability and capacity to fulfil its potential in Catholic education. Through day-to-day accounting, the CFO will help embed a culture where individual schools work together using resources effectively in the interests of pupils and staff across the Trust. For more information and to apply before this Monday 9 June, please visit tinyurl.com/yc8kdefk.

Vacancy: Trust Relationship Officer at
the Archdiocesan Education Service

The Archdiocese of Southwark's Education Service is seeking a full-time Trust Relationship Officer. Pivotal in fostering and maintaining relationships with trusts and schools in promoting the Archdiocese's mission and activities, the Officer will support the needs of schools and academies in the area of two trusts and the schools yet to convert. The post is paid at £60,000, including TSP where appropriate. For more information and to apply, please visit tinyurl.com/4my96p2d.

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

8.00pm Wednesday 18 June
Wimbledon & Putney Commons
Conservators Annual Open Meeting

Held in our Upper Hall, conservators and senior staff will be available to meet. You can view the agenda and approved accounts at wpcc.org.uk/AOM25.

2.00pm Thursday 19 June
Merton Refugee Week:
Community as a Superpower

Merton Citizens' event takes place at the Merton Arts Space (Compton Road, SW19 7QA). With an hour of music and stories, we will celebrate Merton Council submitting its application to become a Borough of Sanctuary. All are welcome to come and celebrate refugees' positive contribution to Merton! Book for free via Eventbrite at tinyurl.com/3rddf4xz.

6.00pm – 9.00pm Friday 20 June
Prospects & Hope
for the Papacy of Leo XIV

Speakers at this conference in the medieval crypt of St Etheldreda's, Farringdon (Ely Place, EC1N 6RY) include the Papal Nuncio, Fr Dominic Robinson SJ, Fr Anthony Furlong IC, and Mary Maxwell. To book (conference fee: £35), please email retreatsdover@gmail.com or call 020 7379 7273.

Vacancy: School Transport Driver at
Marymount International School

Marymount International School London in Kingston-upon-Thames is seeking a minibus driver over an existing route. Normal working hours will be shifts from 6.00am–8.00am and 4.00pm–8.00pm, Mondays to Fridays in term time. Additional opportunities for weekend driving may be offered on an ad hoc basis. For more information and to apply before Monday 16 June, please call 0208 949 0571 or email HR@marymountlondon.com.

Celebrants this Sunday

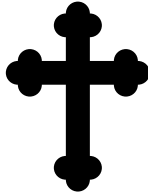
6.30pm (Sat) Fr Ante Vidović
8.00am Fr Jackson Sebastian
10.00am Canon David Gibbons
12 noon Canon David Gibbons & Dcn Julian Burling
5.00pm Fr Andrew Coy & Dcn Julian Burling
8.00pm Fr Jackson Sebastian

We remember in our prayers

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time
Pauline Ellison-Rich • Teresa Kay • Cailean Taylor

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 • 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

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 7 June

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

Monday 9 June • Mary, Mother of the Church

8.00am Sisters [41 Murray Road, SW19 4PD]
10.00am Memorial Mass of Rena de Souza (RIP)
6.30pm Sonny Hearty (RIP)

Tuesday 10 June

10.00am Claire Murphy (RIP)
6.30pm Brendan Conway (RIP)

Wednesday 11 June • S Barnabas, Ap

10.00am Peggy Smith (RIP)
6.30pm Maria Keaveney Jessiman (RIP)

Thursday 12 June • Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest

10.00am Una Grant (RIP)
6.30pm Barambas Jovan & Sebamali Thiruchelvam (RIP)

Friday 13 June • S Anthony of Padua, Pr D

10.00am George & Teresa Smith (RIP)
6.30pm Kishany & her mother (RIP)

Saturday 14 June • of Our Lady

10.00am Sabby & Fajr
6.30pm Olive Mkupu (RIP)

Music at the 12 noon Mass

Solemn Latin Mass • Mass VIII (Missa de Angelis)
Sequence: *Veni, Sancte Spiritus* (booklet p.23)
Offertory motet: *Veni Creator Spiritus* (T. Attwood)
Communion motet: Litany to the Holy Spirit (P. Hurford)
Organ: Fantasia on *Komm, Heiliger Geist* (J.S. Bach)

Music at the 5.00pm Mass

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



Parish services and contacts

Parish Office
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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.

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.