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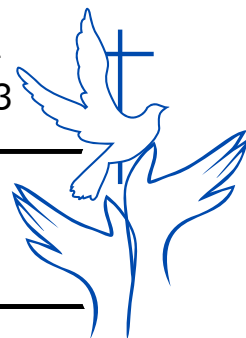
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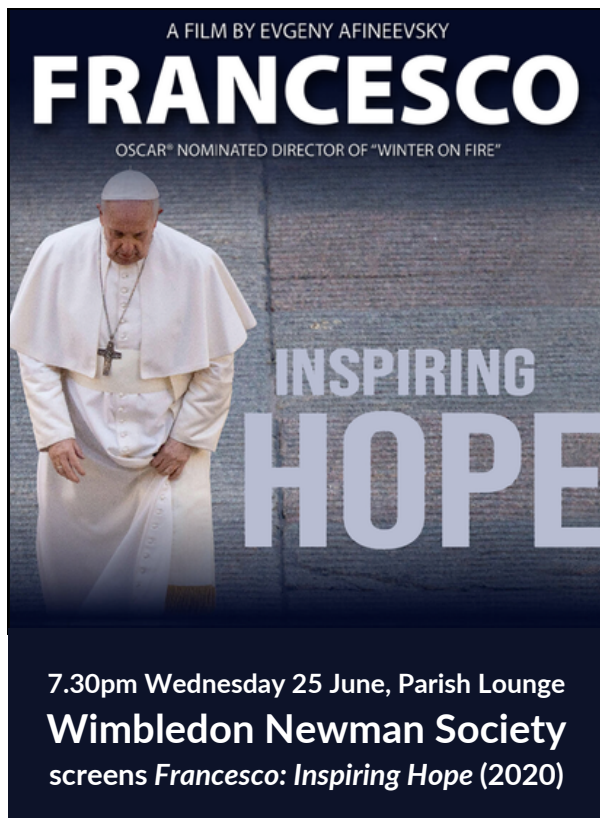
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Newsletter

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Year of Jubilee 2025 • Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time • Vol. I, Psalter Week III



From a letter of St Athanasius

We acknowledge the Trinity, holy and perfect, to consist of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. In this Trinity, there is no intrusion of any alien element or of anything from outside, nor is the Trinity a blend of creative and created being. It is a wholly creative and energising reality, self-consistent and undivided in its active power, for the Father makes all things through the Word and in the Holy Spirit, and in this way, the unity of the Holy Trinity is preserved.



Today's Mass

The **First Reading** (Proverbs 8:22-31) portrays Wisdom as existing before Creation and as having assisted at Creation. Here, the Church has always understood Wisdom as referring to Christ, the second person of the Trinity.

Psalm 8: The psalmist praises the first Adam, who is 'little less than a god', but we pray the psalm to praise the second Adam, Christ, under whose feet all things will be put.

Second Reading (Romans 5:1-5): We can look forward to God's glory thanks to the work of Jesus and of the Holy Spirit.

Gospel (John 16:12-15): In His Farewell Discourse to the disciples, Jesus closely links the Father, the Son, and the Spirit of truth. The Son was charged with accomplishing the Father's work, but after Jesus' departure, the Spirit will lead the disciples in that mission.

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.

This Sunday

We welcome **Mgr Ante Vidović** to celebrate the 5.00pm Mass.

Easter Communion

This Trinity Sunday is 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. The 'Easter Duty' is one of the three precepts of the Church that are binding obligations for Catholics. Receiving Holy Communion during this time is a way to connect with the Paschal Mystery, the central event of Christian faith, and to deepen one's spiritual life.

Day for Life

The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. In England and Wales, the Day for Life is celebrated on the third Sunday of June. Inspired by Romans 5:5-6, this year's theme is: *Finding Meaning in Suffering – Hope Does Not Disappoint*. Christian hope is not naïve optimism, but an unshakeable trust in the power and presence of God who is with us always. This hope can endure the darkness of human suffering and see beyond it. Learn more about the Day for Life at cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life and read a special message from Pope Leo at tinyurl.com/2zrpu5sa.

Closely connected is the Church's opposition to assisted suicide. The Bishops urge us to unite in prayer and compassionate action. Please contact your MP – even if you have done so in the past – to voice your opposition.

Second Collection: Day for Life Fund

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

Café in the Lounge after the 10.00am Mass

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

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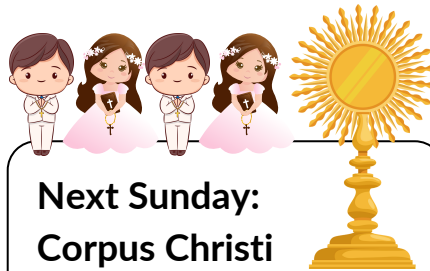
Wimbledon College

The Rhetoric (Year 13) Leavers' Mass is at 2.30pm on Friday.

Saturday 21 June: Confirmandi Confessions

Our Confirmation candidates will be celebrating the Sacrament of Penance on Saturday between 10.30am and 1.00pm. Please keep the candidates in your prayers.

Regular penitents are advised to avoid Saturday morning, else you might have a very long wait!



Next Sunday: Corpus Christi

Next weekend, we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

The Procession of the Blessed Sacrament will take place at the end of both the 10.00am and 12 noon Masses, concluding with Benediction.

- At these Masses, children who recently made their First Holy Communion are invited to strew rose petals before the Blessed Sacrament. They are welcome to wear their First Holy Communion outfits if they wish.
- Can YOU bring rose petals for the Procession? Please deliver them to the Sacristy.
- **The Procession is an act of worship. Please join in; do not stand around and take photographs/videos.**

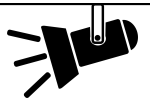
6.30pm – 10.30pm Saturday 21 June Young Adults Summer 2025 Ball

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.carrd.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 searlearn@aol.com or Chris at christopherwoodward107@gmail.com or 07791 578297.

Spotlight on...



The **Halls Committee** comprises the following members:

- Thelma D'Costa, our Executive Assistant, who organises hall bookings;
- George McLennan, our Caretaker;
- Jesus Tamara Velasco, of the Finance Committee;
- Wendy Tansey, representing hall users; and
- Maria Christopher, representing the Parish Pastoral Council.

The committee recently met for the first time. Matters they discussed included the level of fees, encouraging more bookings, and areas needing upgrading. A plan of action was drawn up. For more information or to make a booking enquiry, please contact Thelma in the Parish Office.

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)



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.
- For the stalls and raffle prizes, we need toys (in good condition), bottles, and dry goods. Please drop these off at the Presbytery Reception.
- 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.

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.

Diocesan notices

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

St George's Cathedral in Southwark (Lambeth Road, SE1 7HY) is welcoming a relic of Blessed – soon to be Saint – Carlo Acutis. At 6.30pm 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' from 9.30am to 1.00pm 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.

Forthcoming parish liturgies and events

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!

11.00am – 1.00pm Saturday 14 July LHBMSM Half-Day Retreat

Love Heals Body Mind and Spirit Ministry invites you to a half-day retreat in the Lounge, including the Holy Rosary, a talk, meditation, and healing prayers. The retreat begins with teas and coffees. All are welcome. For further information, please email lovehealsbodymindspirit@gmail.com.

Other notices

12.30pm for 1.00pm Friday 27 June St John's Lunchtime Concert

Anthea Fry (piano) plays Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's *Fantasia in C minor*, Ludwig van Beethoven's *Sonata 27/1*, and Frédéric Chopin's *Polonaise-Fantaisie* at St John the Baptist (Spencer Hill, SW19 4NZ). Entry is free, with refreshments from 12.30pm and a retiring collection to support St John's Music Fund.

6.00pm Monday 7 July Prisons in Crisis: What Does Catholic Social Teaching Have to Offer?

Join the Catholic Union's next Pub Talk with Andy Keen-Downs CBE, Chief Executive of the Prison Advice and Care Trust (PACT), at the Rising Sun in Belgravia (Ebury Bridge Road, SW1W 8PZ). For more information and to book (a donation is requested), please visit tinyurl.com/3zwn27be.

Saturday 12 July Catholic Union Summer Gathering

The event at Worth Abbey, outside Crawley (RH10 4SB), will include an address from the President, Baroness Hollins, and a chance to meet fellow members in congenial surroundings. The day fortuitously coincides with the 50th anniversary of the abbey church's consecration, with planned festivities. For more information and to book, please visit tinyurl.com/2nkryw89 or email info@catholicunion.org.uk.

5.00pm Sunday 13 July: Refugee Tales

Every summer, Refugee Tales walk in solidarity with refugees and those seeking asylum, calling for an end to indefinite detention. As walkers arrive at the Merton Arts Centre in Wimbledon (Compton Road, SW19 7QA), actor Niamh Cusack will host an evening of stories and music, with Patience Agbabi sharing 'The Refugee's Tale', and much more. To book, please visit tinyurl.com/yf2ms87z.

Wednesday 6 – Saturday 9 August Summertime 2025 Altar Servers' Summer Break

Hosted at the Westminster Youth Ministry Retreat Centre in Pinner (Waxwell Lane, HA5 3EP) for boys and girl servers aged 11 to 15, the break costs £189, which covers all board and lodging and Thorpe Park. For more details and an application form, please contact Fr Stephen Boyle, Chaplain to the Guild of St Stephen, on 01322 220075 or dartford@rcaos.org.uk, or visit stanselmsdartford.wordpress.com.

The Good Counsel Network

The Network (goodcounselnet.co.uk) is appealing for funds to support mothers in choosing to have their babies and not abort them. If you can support their work, please donate by bank transfer to The Guild of Our Lady of Good Counsel, HSBC Bank, sort code 40-06-30, account number 1399 4678. Please also support their work in your prayers.

Celebrants this Sunday

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

We remember in our prayers

Those who have died recently

Wan-Yung-Tseung • Simon Buckley • Ray Duggal

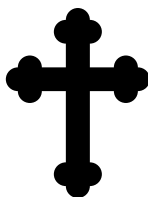
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Louise Dray • Michael Devereaux • Ron Williams
Hugh McCluskey • Maria Almeida • John Slattery
Martin John Derx • George Davis

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
Angela White • Peter Gent

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
*long waits expected
on Saturday 21 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)

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 14 June • of Our Lady

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

Monday 16 June

10.00am Christina Carrucan (RIP)
6.30pm Jean Miller (RIP)

Tuesday 17 June

10.00am Private intention
6.30pm Michael Healy (RIP)

Wednesday 18 June

10.00am Eve Low (RIP)
6.30pm Anna & David Patient (Wedding anniversary)

Thursday 19 June • S John Rigby, M

10.00am Clara D'Sa
6.30pm Margaret Joyce (Good health)

Friday 20 June • S Alban, M

10.00am Paddy Healy
2.30pm Wimbledon College leavers
6.30pm Medjugorje shepherds (Thanksgiving)

Saturday 21 June • S Aloysius Gonzaga, Rel

10.00am Agnes Chin (RIP)
6.30pm Andrew Martin (RIP)

Music at the 12 noon Mass

Entrance hymn: (259) Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty

Kyrie/Gloria: (459)/(460)

Offertory: St Patrick's Breastplate (trad. arr. C.V. Stanford)

Communion motet: *Tibi laus* (O. Lassus)

Communion hymn: (257) Holy God, we praise Thy name

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, 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.