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EDGEWAYS



What did we young adults learn from our visit to the Apostolic Nunciature? How did Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School pupils visit dozens of countries in just one afternoon? And how are the 9th Wimbledon Scouts 'keeping the Spirit alive'? Read June 2025 *Edgeways* at sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/edgeways or pick up a printed copy from the back of the church.

Parish Pastoral Team

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Today's Masses

This Sunday is the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul. The 6.30pm (Saturday) Vigil Mass will hear different readings and prayers from those of the Mass of the Day on Sunday.

The **First Readings** at both Masses record significant miracles in the life of St Peter. At the Vigil Mass, we hear the healing of the man at the Beautiful Gate (Acts 3:1-10) while at the Mass of the Day, we hear of St Peter's liberation from prison (Acts 12:1-11). Both Saints Peter and Paul were imprisoned multiple times; **Psalm 34(33)** during the day is a response of thanksgiving to their releases.

At the Vigil Mass, **Psalm 19(18)** can be seen as describing the whole feast: 'Their sound goes forth through all the earth.' Peter travelled (to Rome) and wrote his letters, while St Paul spread the Good News of Jesus throughout the then-known world through his voyages and writings - writings excerpted in the **Second Readings**. At the Vigil Mass, Galatians 1:11-20 tells us from where Paul got the Gospel: through a direct revelation of Jesus Christ. At the Mass of the Day, 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18 is a poignant summary of Paul's mission.

We last heard the **Gospel at the Vigil Mass** (John 21:15-19) on the Third Sunday of Easter, when Jesus asked Peter 'do you love me?', eliciting the threefold affirmation of love by Peter and Christ's threefold command to 'feed my sheep'. The **Gospel of the Mass of the Day** (Matthew 16:13-19) is Peter's profession of faith and Christ's statement 'On this rock ...'. Both Gospels affirm the primacy of Peter and his successors as Pope.

On this Feast of the two Apostles who ended up and were martyred in Rome, it is very appropriate that we welcome the **Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain, His Excellency Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía**, to celebrate the 12 noon Mass.

Canon David



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

Second Collection: Peter's Pence

Sent from bishops throughout the Church to the Holy Father, this traditional annual collection offers each of us a tangible way of supporting the Holy Father in his mission of service to the Universal Church. Pope Leo XIV gives concrete aid to poor dioceses, humanitarian initiatives, religious institutes and the faithful in grave difficulties. Peter's Pence is a gesture of communion — an expression of solidarity with the Pope in his work.

To learn more or to donate online, please visit obolodisanpietro.va.

The Catenian Association

There will be a short recruitment talk at the end of the 10.00am Mass by the Catenian Association, an international association of Catholic men and their families. In our parish, the Catenians meet monthly for friendship, social companionship, and charitable fundraising. For more information and to join, please contact Tom at tomconlon.uk@gmail.com.

Café in the Lounge after the 10.00am Mass

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

Spotlight on...



The **Thursday Group** warmly invites anyone who suffers with mental health issues to come and join us in the Lounge at 3.00pm any Thursday. We discuss the Sunday readings to help us to understand them and to find what each of us gets from them. This is followed by tea, cake, and confidential chat, finishing by 5.00pm. For more information, please call Sr Peggy on 07749 300964.

12 noon Mass presided by the Apostolic Nuncio

We are delighted to welcome His Excellency Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía, the Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain, to preside at the 12 noon Mass, along with Fr Andrew Coy, his Private Secretary.

As the saying goes, 'to see the Nuncio is to see the Pope', so you will want to come to this Mass to meet Pope Leo's representative to this country! – and stay for the Feast Day celebrations...

1.00pm – 4.00pm Sacred Heart Feast Celebration

Free entry, food and drink (donations gratefully received), raffle and tombola, bottle stall, toy stall, book stall, jewellery stall, and entertainment, including children's games and the Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School Choir.

Come, enjoy yourself, and invite your friends! Please bring cash for the stalls and raffle.



Catholic converts share their testimonies at Aylesford

[youtube.com/watch?
v=EiztmOL-0xQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EiztmOL-0xQ)

Alexander, Stephen, Frederick, and Sean share their testimonies on what led them to convert to the Catholic Church. Their powerful stories recount how they have deepened their love and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. The testimonies were filmed at the Friars, Aylesford, on Saturday 7 June at the Archdiocese of Southwark's Jubilee celebration. Over 3,000 gathered to worship and give thanks to God.

This week

11.30am Wednesday Mass and First Profession (First Vows) of Sister Dins Sebastian, Novice with the Sisters of Christ

Rt Rev'd Hugh Allan, O. Praem, Episcopal Vicar for Religious, will preside at the Mass and ceremony. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

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).

2.30pm Friday Friendship Group Meeting

Come along to the Lounge for Pimm's, strawberries and cream, and some tennis! All welcome.

Confessions on Saturday 5 July

Due to the Confirmation Mass below, Confessions on Saturday 5 July will only be heard from 10.30am until 11.00am (rather than until 11.30am). Confessions will be heard as normal from 6.00pm to 6.20pm on Saturday evening.

Sacrament of Confirmation

We welcome Canon Gerard Bradley, Episcopal Vicar for South West London, to celebrate the Confirmation Mass at 11.30am on Saturday 5 July. Please pray for our Confirmandi.

Forthcoming parish liturgies and events

7.30pm Thursday 10 July 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!)

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)

Parish notices

Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem

Many congratulations to parishioner Corrado Amari, who was recently invested as a Knight of the Order. Canon David has been appointed by Cardinal Filoni, Grand Master, as the new Prior of the Southwark Section.

Solar panels

Solar panels have been installed on the roof of the Upper Hall. As well as reducing the parish's environmental footprint, the panels will save on its energy bills and provide emergency lighting in the church, making it safer.

On their first day of operation, the panels generated 5.09kW of electricity, of which 0.97kW was used by the church lights and Presbytery, while 4.12kW was sold to the electricity supplier. The parish saved more than 11kg in CO2 emissions in a day.

Vacancy: Full Time Kitchen Assistant at St Teresa's Home CIO

St Teresa's Home CIO requires a full-time kitchen assistant for five days out of seven, including Sundays from 7.00am to 3.00pm. Experience and qualifications are preferable, and a DBS check is required. For full details and to apply, please contact the office on 0208 879 7366 (option 3) or info@stteresashome.co.uk.

Diocesan notices

Saturday 2 August: National Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life to Walsingham

Led by Bishop John Keenan of the Diocese of Paisley, Scotland, everyone is invited to join this pilgrimage to Walsingham, North Norfolk, either in-person or via the Shrine livestream at walsingham.org.uk/live-stream. Details of the day and travel arrangements can be found at prolifepilgrimage.org.

Friday 22 – Friday 29 August Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage

A few places are still available on the pilgrimage which Southwark makes to Lourdes with the Catholic Association (also coinciding with the Wimbledon College Lourdes Hospitalité). For more information and to book, please visit tinyurl.com/3f3fswny. There are a range of hotels available, though most Southwark pilgrims will be staying at the Hotel Eliseo. For more information, please email Bishop Paul at paulhendricks@rcaos.org.uk or Canon Perera at edwardperera@rcaos.org.uk.

Archdiocese of Southwark Rosary Prayer Project

Everyone is warmly invited to join this Archdiocese-wide prayer initiative, praying a decade of the Rosary each day for priests and parishes in their deanery. For further details, please see the poster at the back of the church or email southwarkrenewal@gmail.com.

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 (cont'd)

9.30am – 4.00pm Saturday 19 July Introduction to Prayer Day

The Kairos Centre in Roehampton (Mount Angelus Road, SW15 4JA) invites you to this prayer day focussed on St Ignatius of Loyola SJ and his spirituality. It is an exploration of finding God in the everyday and how Ignatian spirituality has gifted us with different forms of prayer. The cost is £35, including refreshments (please bring a packed lunch). For more information and to reserve your place before this Saturday 5 July, please visit thekairoscentre.co.uk or call 0208 788 4188. Please also save the date for a Day for Young Adults (16–19 years old) on Sunday 28 September.

Friday 15 – Sunday 17 August Evangelium 2025 Conference

Hundreds of young Catholic adults have ignited their faith through this conference on Catholic faith, life, and culture. Many have met lifelong friends and spouses, joined apostolates, or discovered their vocation. Hosted at the Oratory School, Reading, this year's guest speakers include Fr Marcus Holden and Fr Mark Wharton. For more information and to book, please visit tinyurl.com/4tjwssmp.

Tuesday 16 – Wednesday 25 September: Medjugorje Pilgrimage

St Teresa of the Child Jesus in Morden invites you to a nine-night pilgrimage to Medjugorje. The accommodation cost (half-board and transfers) is £374 per person for a shared room, or £464 per person for a single room.

Please book your own flights (EasyJet London Gatwick to Split 15:55 EZY8599, returning 10:25 EZY8600) and arrange your own travel and medical insurance. Once you have booked your flights, please text/call so that your name is on the list: Mary Carroll on 07854 539691 or Deacon Con Diver on 07956 134633.

Other notices

11.00am – 4.30pm this Saturday 5 July 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.

Wednesday 9 July 'Act Now, Change Forever'

As Catholics, we're called to care for God's creation and speak out for justice. That's why Catholics across the diocese are joining CAFOD at the 'Act Now, Change Forever' mass lobby of Parliament. This is a chance to live out our faith by urging leaders to act on the climate crisis already affecting the world's poorest communities. Let's come together in faith, hope, and action – for our common home!

To join the lobby, please register at tinyurl.com/ydkr85en. You'll receive all the details directly from The Climate Coalition. If you would like to connect with others from your constituency, please email Sarah and Celeste at southwark@cafod.org.uk.

Celebrants this Sunday

6.30pm (Sat)	Canon David Gibbons
8.00am	Canon David Gibbons
10.00am	Fr Jackson Sebastian & Dcn Julian Burling
12 noon	Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía (<i>principal</i>)
5.00pm	Fr David Hunter
8.00pm	Fr Jackson Sebastian

We remember in our prayers

Those who have died recently

Josephine Rochford • Michael Thomas Cairns
Dominic Proctor

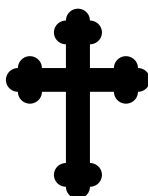
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Brian Meehan • Colin Schembri • Maria Devlin
John Sherwell • Daphne Minas
Tom Starkey • Eileen O'Connell

Those who are sick

Corné Rossouw • Finley Kennedy • Samar Staussi
Thelma Lobo • Maria Tinker • Emily Grey • Eileen Norris
Electa Almeida • Margaret Duffy • Karolina Masica
Deborah Chalcraft • Debbie Gargan • Giovanna Apparenza
Mark Capra • Teresa Escalona • Carmela Rosell
Simon Potter • Natalia Mata • Angela White
Peter Gent • Margaret Brauer
Karoline Wilhelm-Brown • Valeria Kucharsky

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
Confessions will only be heard
until 11.00am on Saturday 5 July

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.

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sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/donate.
Thank you.



Weekday Mass Intentions

Saturday 28 June • The Immaculate Heart of the B.V. Mary

10.00am	Stephen & Dorothy Yi (50 th Wedding Anniv.)
2.30pm	Wedding of Harry Wilkinson and Veronica Carton
4.30pm	In honour of St Josemaría Escrivá
6.30pm	Tom Starkey (RIP)

Monday 30 June

10.00am	Jim Roddy (Birthday)
6.30pm	Chloe Jay (RIP)

Tuesday 1 July

10.00am	Gladys Ching (Birthday)
6.30pm	Paddy Healy (RIP)

Wednesday 2 July

10.00am	Joan Smith (RIP)
11.30am	First Profession (Vows) of Sr Dins Sebastian
6.30pm	Anthony Lee (RIP)

Thursday 3 July • S Thomas, Ap

9.00am	School [<i>Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School</i> (Burlington Road, KT3 4ND)]
10.00am	Brigeeen Thursby Pelham (RIP)
6.30pm	Cecilia Myung-An-Kim (RIP)

Friday 4 July

10.00am	Joe McHugh (RIP)
6.30pm	Mary Cogan

Saturday 5 July • of Our Lady

10.00am	Dexter (RIP)
11.30am	Confirmandi
6.30pm	Margaret Kingsnorth (RIP)

Music at the 12 noon Mass

Missa de Angelis (Kyrie/Gloria/Sanctus)

Entrance hymn: (116) *Christus vincit* • **Credo:** (469) Credo III

Offertory motet: *Tu es Petrus* (G.P. da Palestrina)

Communion motet: *O salutaris hostia* (E. Elgar)

Communion hymn: (143) Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Organ: *Tu es Petra* (H. Mulet)

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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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 email any notices for the weekly newsletter to
wimbledonnewsletter@rcaos.org.uk by Tuesday evening.