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Today's Mass

First Reading (Deuteronomy 30:10-14): Moses lays down the law (literally) – the law which the People of God must obey. This law's interpretation gives rise to the lawyer's question in today's Gospel.

Psalms 68(69) fits in well with today's Gospel, with its references to compassion for the poor and needy.

Second Reading (Colossians 1:15-20) is a Christological hymn, thought by scholars to be St Paul's correction of a hymn in use at Colossae. It highlights the mediation of Christ, first in Creation, then in reconciliation.

Gospel (Luke 10:25-37): The parable of mercy which we call the Parable of the Good Samaritan is one of Jesus' most provocative parables. True compassion leads to helping someone in need; as St Ambrose said: 'Mercy, not kinship, makes someone a neighbour.' We could read the parable as Jesus being the Good Samaritan. But the Christian community and all individual Christians are also called to be the Good Samaritan. Love of God cannot be separated from love of neighbour.

Canon David

Second Collection: Stella Maris

This Sunday is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult and hazardous conditions. Stella Maris is the Catholic Church's maritime agency, which looks after seafarers and fishers worldwide. Stella Maris provides practical and pastoral care to all seafarers, such as through port chaplains and volunteer ship visitors. To learn more about Stella Maris or to donate online, please visit stellamaris.org.uk. To donate £5 by text, please text 'SEA' to 70460.

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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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.

This Sunday

Second Collection: Stella Maris

Please see the front cover.

Archdiocesan Diaconate Day

Is God calling you to become a Permanent Deacon? From the earliest days of the Church, men have been called to serve as ministers of the Word, of the Altar, and of Charity. To be a Deacon is to serve your community. Could this be you? Talk to your family, to Canon David or one of the priests, and to Deacon Julian. For more information, please visit: rcaos.org.uk/thediaconate.

Café in the Lounge after the 10.00am Mass

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

This week

Thelma is away on annual leave this week and returns on Thursday 24 July. The Reception is open as normal, from 9.00am to 4.00pm Monday to Friday.

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).

Holy Matrimony

The Wedding of Sweedal Alberts and Jeremy Lyons is at 12 noon on Saturday 19 July.

Next Sunday 20 July Food Collection for the Manna Society

Based in London Bridge, the Manna Day Centre (mannasociety.org.uk) supports homeless and vulnerably-housed single men and women. Please place your food items in the collection box at the back of the church.

An appeal from Canon David

The Finance Committee recently finalised the accounts for last year and the budget for this year. I have to tell you that despite our appeal last year, we finished with a deficit of £35,500, and the budget for this year, assuming current levels of planned giving, will result in a further deficit of £36,000. So, in just two years, the parish would be £70,000 in the red.

In planning the budget, we try to allow for the regular maintenance and repair of the buildings and heating systems, but inevitably, there are unforeseens in a parish of this size. For instance, last year, it became necessary to replace the presbytery roof, despite it having been renewed only 12 years ago. This extra cost accounted for the budget overrun.

While the parish has substantial reserves, we know that these will be needed in the next two or three years to pay for long-outstanding repairs and improvements to our beautiful church. So we need to increase regular giving to cover day-to-day costs of running the church and halls. An overall increase of 7% in planned giving, including Gift Aid, would enable us to cover this year's commitments.

I realise that not everyone is in a position to increase their offerings, and in Our Lord's mind, the widow's mite is just as valuable to bringing about His Kingdom. But I am earnestly asking you each:

- to think carefully what, if any, increase in giving you can make;
- to give on a regular basis by a banker's order, if you don't yet do so; and
- if you are a taxpayer, to complete a Gift Aid declaration to increase the value of your donation by a further 25%.

I thank you all for your continued generosity and prayers in supporting our amazing parish.

Canon David

Forthcoming parish liturgies and events

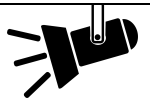
7.00pm Thursday 31 July Wimbledon Catenian Association

Following our pulpit presentation, we invite all men to attend this meeting in the Lounge, which will be followed by a social with drinks (food is optional at £10 per head). All are welcome: membership is open to all Catholic men, whether you are at the beginning of your career, settled in your job, or retired. Catenians ask nothing more of you than your friendship. Please contact Des O'Brien on 07736 424111 or at des@boxofcolours.com, or Tom Conlon on 07837 778247 or at tomconlonuk@gmail.com.

2.30pm Friday 1 August: Friendship Group Objects and Stories of Interest

Bring an object or story to share with the Friendship Group! The meeting takes place as always in the Lounge, accompanied by tea and cake. Everyone is welcome!

Spotlight on...



Become a flower-arranger: email sacredheartflowers@outlook.com – no experience is required!

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)

Parish notices

Planned Giving Appeal

Many thanks to those who have already responded to Canon David's appeal (see the insert box). Please contact your bank directly if you intend to increase an existing banker's order. At the back of the church, you can find:

- details of our finances;
- pledge forms for new bankers' orders and Gift Aid declarations; and
- a box for returning completed pledge forms.

Christopher Woodward
Chair of the Finance Committee

Wimbledon College students and staff meet Pope Leo XIV

As part of the 'Called to Action' initiative, students and staff from Wimbledon College were welcomed by Pope Leo XIV in Rome during a General Audience. Learn more about their meeting at tinyurl.com/54abx7jr.



Would you like your house to be blessed by one of our clergy? Please contact the Parish Office to arrange an appointment!

Diocesan notices

12.30pm next Saturday 19 July Stephen Trafford's Priestly Ordination

Stephen Trafford's priestly ordination at St George's Cathedral, Southwark (Lambeth Road, SE1 7HY) will be livestreamed to youtube.com/watch?v=pCY174CwQ_Q. Please pray for Stephen, and for more vocations to the Sacred Priesthood.

Ursuline High School Open Events

Join one of our open events to discover why Ursuline High School, an outstanding state Catholic school welcoming all faiths, may be the right choice for your daughter. Come and take a tour of the school, and meet staff and students! Find details and tickets at ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk.

- For Main School (Year 7 entry), there will be an Open Evening from 6.00pm to 8.30pm on Wednesday 24 September, and Open Mornings at 9.00am or 11.00am from Monday 29 September to Friday 3 October.
- For Sixth Form (Year 12 entry), there will be an Open Day from 4.30pm to 7.00pm on Wednesday 8 October.

Tony Brook RIP

Tony's funeral will be at 12.30pm on Monday 11 August at St John Fisher Church, Merton (Cannon Hill Lane, SW20 9DB).



Annie



Thursday 11 – Saturday 13
September

Edge Hill Players is excited to present *Annie*! This popular show includes an exceptional array of some of the best well-known musical theatre songs ever written. Our production boasts brilliant choreography and a talented cast of children and adults from the parish and beyond, all accompanied by a live orchestra. Tickets are limited and this year, seats will need to be reserved – so put the dates in your diary and book your seats now at edgehillplayers.com – we look forward to seeing you!

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

Thursday 24 July: National Day of Prayer and Fasting for Life

On the Vigil of the Feast of St James, the Good Counsel Network invites you to pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia. Please invite others to join in praying and fasting for life.

Saturday 26 July GK Chesterton Pilgrimage

Join the 15th annual GK Chesterton Pilgrimage – in prayer, by walking a short section, or even by walking the whole 27 miles! You can find all the details about the pilgrimage and Mass on the Facebook event page at tinyurl.com/gkpilgrim25.

- Sponsor Nathanael as he raises funds for The Guild of Our Lady of Good Counsel's lifesaving work at tinyurl.com/vjzedhyr.
- Email your prayer intentions for pilgrims to pray for along the way to catholicgkcsociety@yahoo.co.uk. (Your intentions will not be made public.)

10.30am – 4.00pm Monday 25 August Celebration of St Faustina's Birthday

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London, invites you to a reflection day at Aylesford Priory, Kent, on this bank holiday Monday. The day will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction, and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. For more information, please call Millie on 07957 594646. Coaches will depart from Ealing Broadway and Victoria.

Karios Centre Preached Retreats

Some places are still available for July and August Preached Retreats at the Kairos Centre in Roehampton (Mount Angelus Road, SW15 4JA). Don't miss out! You can find all the relevant details at thekairoscentre.co.uk.

FIND HOPE IN ADORATION

Archbishop John Wilson



As part of the Jubilee Year 2025, Archbishop John is encouraging people to turn to the Lord Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration and have their hopes 'fulfilled by Christ'. Throughout the year, the **Hope in Adoration** campaign will share testimonies from parish priests and the laity on how Eucharistic Adoration has helped them build a closer relationship with the Lord Jesus. Find out more at rcaos.org.uk/hopeinadoration.

Celebrants this Sunday

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

We remember in our prayers

Those who have died recently

John Neville • Derek Lathey • Leslie Gonsalves
Louise Jay • Andre Brenninkmeyer

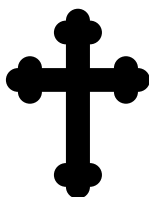
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Margaret Monteith • Margaret Tyrrell
Beryl Elliott • Liam Gilsenan

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

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 12 July • S John Jones, Pr M

10.00am Joan Doody (RIP)
6.30pm Aimee & Margaret Lydon (RIP)

Monday 14 July

10.00am Joseph Downey (RIP)
6.30pm Patrick & Lena Meehan (RIP)

Tuesday 15 July • S Bonaventure, B D

10.00am John & Rachel Marshall (Wedding Anniv.)
6.30pm Norbert & Yvonne D'Costa (Wedding Anniv.)

Wednesday 16 July • Our Lady of Mount Carmel

10.00am Annamaria & Gaspare Claudili (RIP)
6.30pm Eugene Desmier (RIP)

Thursday 17 July

9.00am School [*Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School*
(*Burlington Road, KT3 4ND*)]
10.00am Simone Owen-Thomas (RIP)
6.30pm Deceased relatives of donor (RIP)

Friday 18 July

10.00am Bertha D'Costa (RIP)
6.30pm Edward & Bridget Burke (RIP)

Saturday 19 July • of Our Lady

10.00am Brigeen Thursby-Pelham (RIP)
12 noon Wedding of Sweedal Alberts
and Jeremy Lyons
6.30pm Berta Palha (RIP)

Music at the 12 noon Mass

Entry hymn: (813) Will you let me be your servant

Kyrie/Gloria: (459)/(460)

Offertory motet: O come, ye servants of the Lord (C. Tye)

Communion motet: Soul of my Saviour (A. Caesar)

Communion hymn: (796) What does the Lord require?

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

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.