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Newsletter

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Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time • Vol. I, Psalter Week IV

ARTIST CALL OUT

Poets & Prophets

"I have hidden your word in my heart..." Psalm 119:11



We're looking for spoken word artists, poets, musicians, and creatives.

Open to artists ready to speak, sing, and share from the Spirit.

If your art speaks truth, hope, or the heart of God
We want to hear from you!



To register your interest please scan the QR code:

Location: Sacred Heart Church, Wimbledon.
Date: 27th of September 2025
Hosted by: @poetsandprophets.events

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Today's Mass

First Reading (Genesis 18:1–10a): Abraham and Sarah are visited by three mysterious strangers, clearly God himself (in the persons of the Trinity?). This may be a very ancient story, but it still speaks to us powerfully today as it is proclaimed as the First Reading at Mass.

The response sums up **Psalm 15(14)** well: only 'the just will live in the presence of the Lord'. As for those who are unjust ...

Second Reading (Colossians 1:24–28): Paul suffers because he is a member of the Body of Christ, but he must struggle on because God has commissioned him to proclaim the mystery of Christ.

Gospel (Luke 10:38–42): Like the lawyer in last Sunday's Gospel, whose lack of understanding provoked the parable of the Good Samaritan, Martha too fails to understand. As Mary exemplifies, the follower of Jesus must, above all, listen to Him. Only in this way will the Christian disciple be able to follow Christ on His way.

Canon David



Fr David Hunter

Fr David will be moving to a new apostolate, but because it is not yet definite, we are unable to disclose what his new appointment will be or precisely when he will be moving.

At Masses on Sunday 7 September, there will be a Second Collection to thank Frs Jackson and David. Alternatively, please place your donation in an envelope marked 'Frs Jackson & David' and pop it through the Presbytery letterbox.

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.



Canon David and the Parish Pastoral Team wish you a wonderful summer!

This Sunday

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.

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. This will be the last Children's Liturgy until the autumn.

Café in the Lounge after the 10.00am Mass

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



Annie

Thursday 11 - Saturday 13 September: Edge Hill Players is excited to present *Annie!* This popular show includes an 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 seats must be reserved in advance - so book your seats now at edgehillplayers.com! We look forward to seeing you!

This week

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

Leslie Gonsalves RIP

Funeral Mass at 10.00am on Monday, followed by cremation at the North East Surrey Crematorium.

Louise Jayaratne RIP

Funeral Mass at 11.15am on Thursday, followed by cremation at Lambeth Crematorium.

10.30am - 11.30am Saturday 26 July Bereavement Support Group

Are you coping with the loss of a loved one? Having difficulties adjusting to life without that person? Join us in the Lounge for our monthly, confidential drop-in session for all who have been bereaved, whether recently or a while ago. For more information, please call 07865 204995 or email bereavementsacredheart@gmail.com.

Holy Matrimony

The Wedding of James Kennett and Isabel French is at 2.00pm on Saturday 26 July.

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!

Friday 15 August The Assumption of Our Lady Holyday of Obligation

On this Holyday of Obligation, you should attend Holy Mass if you possibly can. The Vigil Mass will be at 6.30pm on Thursday. On Friday, Holy Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am, 6.30pm, and 8.00pm.

10.45am - 5.45pm Saturday 16 August: A Day with Mary

Beginning with a Procession, the day includes the Crowning of Mary; Holy Mass with celebrant and preacher Fr Alessandro Maria Apollonio, Director of Mariology in Rome; Confessions; and Adoration. Please bring a packed lunch. If you have attended a Day with Mary before, you will want to attend this one. If you have never attended a Day with Mary before, you will want to attend this one!

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

New Assistant Priests from Monday 1 September

Fr Edwin Raj is a priest of the Diocese of Kuzhithurai in the state of Tamil Nadu, India. He has been ordained eight years. As well as spending some time as Bishop's Secretary and as Parish Priest, he has worked with diocesan schools and its Youth Commission. **Fr Frank Mudu** is a priest from Nigeria.

Planned Giving

If you can, please update your regular giving and Gift Aid your donation. If you don't yet do so, please complete a Standing Order form, which can be found at and returned to the box at the back of the church.

Upcoming funerals

Derek Lathey RIP: Funeral Mass at 2.00pm on Monday 28 July, followed by cremation at the North East Surrey Crematorium.

Mary Vaughan-Neil RIP: Funeral Mass at 12 noon on Tuesday 29 July, followed by burial at Merton & Sutton Cemetery.

Tony Brook RIP: Funeral Mass at 12.30pm on Monday 11 August at St John Fisher Church, Merton (Cannon Hill Lane, SW20 9DB).

Upcoming marriages

John Waghorn & Madeleine Garner	12.30pm	Saturday 2 August
Tom Everatt & Thérèse Monaghan	12 noon	Saturday 9 August
Mcguen Rebelo & Danielle Ferrao	12.30pm	Tuesday 12 August
Patrick O'Donnell & Catherine Porter	12 noon	Thursday 14 August
Carl Cota & Quency D'Costa	2.00pm	Sunday 17 August
Nelson Benjamin & Anne Northampton	12 noon	Monday 18 August
Richard Jirjis & Monica Lopez	11.00am	Wednesday 27 August
Sivanathan Ahrooram & Yvonne Suvendrarajah	2.30pm	Friday 29 August
Leon Alexis-Bailey & Simone Atallah	1.00pm	Saturday 30 August

First Holy Communion 2026

Please complete the online application form at sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk (under 'Faith and the Sacraments') by Monday 8 September.

Musicians and choirs' summer breaks

Our musicians and choirs will be taking a well-earned rest over the summer, resuming on Sundays 24 August (10.00am Mass) and 7 September (12 noon and 5.00pm Masses).

Performers wanted!

Poets & Prophets (Instagram: [poetsandprophets.events](https://www.instagram.com/poetsandprophets.events)) is a space for the raw expression of spoken word, poetry, and music. After the success of its inaugural event, Poets & Prophets will return to our church on Saturday 27 September. Before then, the team invites spoken word artists, musicians, and creatives ready to speak, sing, and share from the Spirit to come forward. If you want to share your work in a faith-filled environment, sign up at tinyurl.com/be5nxcue.

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

St Teresa's Home CIO is seeking a full-time kitchen assistant for five days out of seven, including Sundays from 7.00am to 3.00pm. Experience and qualifications are preferable; 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.

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

12.30pm for 1.00pm this Friday St John's Lunchtime Concert

Charlotte Brosnan (soprano) and Robert Mingay-Smith (piano) perform Purcell, Handel, Mozart, Puccini, Previn, and Goodall 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.

1.15pm - 5.30pm Monday 25 August Our Lady Queen of Peace Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Fr Zvonimir Pavičić OFM, Parish Priest of St James, Medjugorje, will lead this pilgrimage at the Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in Norfolk. The programme includes a talk, rosary, litany, Mass, Adoration, Benediction, and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. For more information, please email pilgrimsmary@hotmail.com.

London Catholic Social Group

The London Catholic Social Group is a group for Catholic adults over 30 that meets for regular social events in friendly and relaxed settings to make new friends, enjoy new experiences, and socialise. Regular events include walks, meals, karaoke evenings, outings, and galleries.

For more information about the group's upcoming events, please contact Brendan at 07425 549408 or londonswcatholicocial@gmail.com, or join the 'London Catholic Social Group' on Facebook.

... and now, time to enjoy the newsletter's annual summer break!

This is the last newsletter until Sunday 31 August. The editor wishes you a wonderful summer! Any parish notices during the break will be communicated via announcements at Mass. Do also join the Sacred Heart Wimbledon Parishioners Facebook group at facebook.com/groups/221586015725496.



Celebrants this Sunday

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

We remember in our prayers

Those who have died recently

John Neville • Derek Lathey • Leslie Gonsalves
Louise Jayaratne • Adelfa Gladys Ablanedo
Tony Brook • Mary Vaughan-Neil • Carmela Rosell

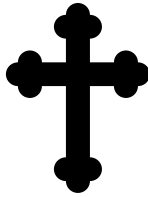
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Edgar Xuereb • Florence Nwokeji • Michael Bourne
Joseph Lim Joon Hin • Maria Dusauzay

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 • 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 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)

Monday 21 July

10.00am Funeral Mass of Leslie Gonsalves (RIP)
6.30pm Michael & Noel Meehan (RIP)

Tuesday 22 July • S Mary Magdalene

10.00am The Alphonse & Vaz Families
6.30pm Serena Gregory

Wednesday 23 July • S Bridget, Rel, Patron of Europe

10.00am Brian D'Sa (Birthday)
6.30pm John Desmond Leonard (RIP)

Thursday 24 July

10.00am Marlene Saldanha (RIP)
11.15am Funeral Mass of Louise Jayaratne (RIP)
6.30pm Jan Ptaszynski (RIP)

Friday 25 July • S James, Ap

10.00am Sisters of St Anne
6.30pm William Holder (RIP)

Saturday 26 July • SS Joachim & Anne

10.00am Sisters of St Anne
2.00pm Wedding of James Kennett and Isabel French
6.30pm Denis Geoghegan (RIP)

Music at the 12 noon Mass

Mass of St Clare of Assisi (L. Refice)

Entry hymn: (22) All people that on earth do dwell

Offertory motet: Praise him with the sound of trumpets (C. Mawby) • **Communion motet:** *Tantum ergo* (F. Laloux)

Communion hymn: (386) Lord of all hopefulness

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 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.