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## Newsletter

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Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time • Vol. I, Psalter Week II



### 12 noon Saturday 13 September Merton Deanery Jubilee Pilgrimage

Parishioners from all of the parishes in the Merton Deanery are coming to Sacred Heart Church for a pilgrimage to our Jubilee Church. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 12.00 noon; the preacher will be Fr Peter Gallagher SJ, Provincial of the Jesuits in Britain. Please bring a packed lunch; teas and coffees will be served in the Lower Hall afterwards. Please make a special effort to attend this event and welcome our guests from other parishes!

### Today's Mass

As is usually the case, the **First Reading** (Ecclesiasticus 3:19–21,30–31) contains a prefiguring of the Gospel message: God wants us to be humble, not proud. The Book of Sirach (also known as Ecclesiasticus, not to be confused with Ecclesiastes) was written nearly 200 years before Christ in Hebrew. It is included in the Septuagint (the Greek Old Testament) and, therefore, in the Old Testament of the Catholic and Orthodox Churches.

**Psalm 67(68):** In his goodness, God is concerned for the poor, not the wealthy or important.

The **Second Reading** (Hebrews 12:18–19,22–24a) is an image of the Parousia (the Day of the Lord) – that is, the Second Coming of Christ.

**Gospel** (Luke 14:1,7–14): Jesus has a Sabbath meal with a Pharisee and his guests. A Sabbath meal is supposed to be an anticipation of the banquet in the kingdom, but Jesus criticises them for their haughtiness and lack of humility.

*Canon David*

### Parish Pastoral Team

<b>Parish Priest</b>	Canon David Gibbons KCHS
<b>Parish Clergy</b>	Fr Edwin Raj Fr Frank Mudu Deacon Julian Burling
<b>Team Member</b>	Sr Dorothy Perrott OSU
<b>Faith Minister</b>	Rob Hitchcock

### Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

Burlington Road, KT3 4ND  
[school@sacredheart.merton.sch.uk](mailto:school@sacredheart.merton.sch.uk)  
Headteacher: Lorraine Dolan-Walsh

### New Parish Clergy

An especial welcome to **Fr Edwin Raj** and **Fr Frank Mudu**. Do introduce yourself to them when you meet them! Meanwhile, Fr David Hunter remains here until his next appointment is arranged.

### 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.



**We are a Jubilee Church!** Find out more about the Year of Jubilee 2025 for 'Pilgrims of Hope' at [cbcew.org.uk/jubilee-2025](http://cbcew.org.uk/jubilee-2025).

## This week

### First Holy Communion



Would your son or daughter like to make their first Sacrament of Reconciliation and first Holy Communion in 2026?

Don't delay: applications close next Monday 8 September! Register through the online form: [tinyurl.com/shwfhc26apply](https://tinyurl.com/shwfhc26apply).

### This Sunday

#### Café in the Lounge after the 10.00am Mass

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



### Wimbledon College

#### Wimbledon College Open Events

Wimbledon College, a Jesuit secondary school and Sixth Form for boys, welcomes prospective parents and pupils for September 2026 admission into Year 7 to its Open Evening. Taking place from 5.00pm to 8.00pm on Thursday 25 September, the event includes school tours (until 7.00pm) and ticketed talks from the Headteacher.

Open Mornings take place by appointment only at 9.00am from Monday 29 September to Wednesday 1 October.

The deadline for applications for September 2026 entry is Friday 31 October. For further information and to book for the open events, please visit [wimbledoncollege.org.uk/openevents](https://wimbledoncollege.org.uk/openevents).

#### Monday: Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

The theme of this year's Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation is 'Seeds of Peace and Hope'. Read Pope Leo's message at [tinyurl.com/264xz2tm](https://tinyurl.com/264xz2tm).

#### 7.00pm First Monday Adoration

Adoration will start promptly after the 6.30pm Mass. This time of community worship will be led by musicians from the Jesuit young adult community at No. 9 Edge Hill.

Come along and meet Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament with gentle music and guided prayer. *'A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent in sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.'* (Padre Pio, St Pio of Pietrelcina)

Adoration continues as usual on Wednesday and Friday from 10.30am until 12 noon and from 5.25pm to 6.25pm.

#### 9.00am Thursday: Mass in the Hall of Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

All parishioners, parents, and family members are welcome to attend this first Mass of the new school year at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School (Burlington Road, KT3 4ND).

#### 8.00pm Thursday Parish Pastoral Council

PPC members are reminded of this month's meeting in the Lounge.

#### First Friday Devotion

This First Friday is a monthly day of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Can YOU attend Mass, Adoration, and/or Confession this Friday?

**Holy Mass:** 10.00am • 6.30pm  
**Adoration:** 10.30am – 12 noon • 5.25pm – 6.25pm • 7.00pm – 8.00pm  
**Confessions:** 6.00pm – 6.20pm



#### 10.00am Saturday 6 September Jubilee Year Pilgrimage Mass

All Mass readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and welcomers are encouraged to attend this Mass.

There will be priests available for Confessions after the Mass, to enable you to enjoy the special Jubilee Year Indulgence (see the Jubilee Year leaflets for more details). Refreshments will be served afterwards.

### Spotlight on...



The **Children's Liturgy of the Word** is a fantastic programme for children in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2, which explains and discusses the Gospel in an age-appropriate way. Parents are invited to come along too!

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.

So please join us during the 10.00am Mass on Sundays:

- 7 and 21 September
- 5 and 19 October
- 2, 16, and 30 November
- 7 and 14 December

For further information, or if you would like to volunteer to help, please email Elizabeth at [elizabethbottriell@hotmail.com](mailto:elizabethbottriell@hotmail.com).

**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](https://sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/safeguarding).

**Parish Safeguarding Representatives:** Victoria Wheatley ([wimbledonsg1@safeguardraos.org.uk](mailto:wimbledonsg1@safeguardraos.org.uk))  
Siobhán Heffron ([wimbledonsg3@safeguardraos.org.uk](mailto:wimbledonsg3@safeguardraos.org.uk)) • Maria Christopher ([wimbledonsg5@safeguardraos.org.uk](mailto:wimbledonsg5@safeguardraos.org.uk))

## Forthcoming parish liturgies and events



# 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](http://edgehillplayers.com) – we look forward to seeing you!

**9.30am – 4.30pm Friday 26 and  
Saturday 27 September: Free  
Training in Community Organising**

Community leaders are made, not born. Every year, Citizens UK ([citizensuk.org](http://citizensuk.org)) trains hundreds of people how to create change through community organising.

By taking part in this training, you will deepen your understanding of community organising, develop core community organising leadership skills, meet others working to make change, and better prepare yourself to lead change in your community.

The training will take place in our church halls. All training is delivered by experienced, professional members of the Guild of Community Organisers. Please email your interest to David at [dthurst52@gmail.com](mailto:dthurst52@gmail.com) by Friday 19 September.

## New to the parish?

Welcome! Please introduce yourself to a member of the parish team after Mass and register online at [sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](http://sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk) or by filling out a registration form from the back of the church.

## Other notices

**Next Saturday 6 September  
March for Life UK**

The theme of this year's annual March for Life UK is 'Human Rights for All Humans'. It begins with Mass in Westminster Cathedral at 10.30am, and there is a pro-life family Festival at the Emmanuel Centre, from where the march to Parliament Square will begin at 1.30pm. For full details, please visit [marchforlife.co.uk/2025-event-page](http://marchforlife.co.uk/2025-event-page).

### Receptionist(s) needed!

The parish urgently requires receptionists for the Presbytery on Wednesday mornings and Thursday afternoons. If you would like to find out more or volunteer, please contact Thelma in the Parish Office as soon as possible.

### Christmas Lunch Lead Volunteer needed!

Every year, the parish organises a Christmas Day lunch for those who may be alone during the festive season. The lunch is a joyous affair, including drinks and nibbles, carol singers and musicians, Christmas dinners with all the trimmings, and a visit from Father Christmas himself. We are looking for a volunteer to lead this year's organisation of the lunch. If you would like to find out more, please contact Thelma in the Parish Office.

## Diocesan notices

**Saturday 20 September  
Diocesan Day for Catechists**

All catechists are encouraged to attend this annual day at St George's Cathedral, Southwark (Lambeth Road, SE1 7HY). For more information and to register, please email Rob Hitchcock at [wimbledonpfm@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:wimbledonpfm@rcaos.org.uk).

**6.30pm Friday 26 September  
Fr Joseph Donkor Induction Mass**

Fr Joseph invites all parishioners to his induction as Parochial Administrator of St Simon Stock Church, Walderslade (in Chatham; Bleakwood Road, ME5 0NF). Refreshments will follow the Mass.

**Free catechetical workshops**

Thanks to the generosity of donors to the Archbishop's Appeal, every parishioner, as well as teachers and parents in our schools, has FREE access to workshops created by the Catechetical Institute at the world-renowned Franciscan University until Tuesday 30 September.

From Scripture to parenting workshops, to catechetical training and mentoring, there is something for everyone. For more information and instructions to access the workshops, please visit [aec.rcaos.org.uk/franciscan](http://aec.rcaos.org.uk/franciscan).

**Catholic Certificate  
in Religious Studies**

The CCRS is a knowledge-based, internationally-recognised qualification that provides participants with an understanding of the teachings of the Catholic faith. It enhances the understanding that education within the Church is a lifelong process which leads to greater intimacy with Jesus Christ. This course presents the basic foundational teachings of the Catholic Church in a manner that is captivating, inspiring, and applicable.

The CCRS is designed and intended to support the Archbishop's vision of missionary parishes and schools by cultivating an evangelistic spirit. Participants will be equipped to make informed and practical contributions to their chosen field of ministry within the Church. For further information, please visit [aec.rcaos.org.uk/ccrs](http://aec.rcaos.org.uk/ccrs).



The **Pope's Intention** for September 2025 is 'for our relationship with all of Creation.' Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

## Celebrants this Sunday

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

## We remember in our prayers

### Those who have died recently

Rita O'Connell • Francis Foulger • Anna Vaughey  
John Ridge • Agnes Salmon  
Betty Gibson • Margaret Duffy

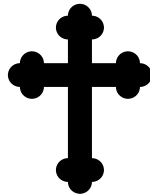
### Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Maria Prescott • Mary Hayes • Thomas Pearson  
Desmond Gunning • Michael Vaughey • Anthony Hastings  
Sheila Connor • Molly Goodhardt  
Eira Smith • Andrej Kempinski

### Those who are sick

Corné Rossouw • Finley Kennedy • Samar Staussi  
Maria Tinker • Emily Grey • Eileen Norris • Electa Almeida  
Karolina Masica • Mark Capra • Teresa Escalona  
Simon Potter • 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](https://sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/donate).  
Thank you.



## Weekday Mass Intentions

### Saturday 30 August • of Our Lady

10.00am Mike Cairns (RIP)  
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### Monday 1 September

10.00am Peter Stephens (RIP)  
6.30pm Valeria Kucharsky (Healing)

### Tuesday 2 September

10.00am Mike Cairns (RIP)  
6.30pm Brian Houston (RIP)

### Wednesday 3 September • S Gregory the Great, P D

10.00am Maria Keaveney Jessiman (RIP)  
6.30pm Bernadette McMurray (RIP)

### Thursday 4 September

9.00am School [*Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School*  
(*Burlington Road, KT3 4ND*)]  
10.00am Sr Emerentienne Rambravelo (Healing)  
6.30pm Joyce Brown (RIP)

### Friday 5 September • S Teresa of Calcutta, Rel

10.00am Catherine Gill (RIP)  
6.30pm Dominic Proctor (RIP)

### Saturday 6 September • of Our Lady

10.00am Mihai Miron (RIP)  
6.30pm Aggie D'Sa (RIP)

## Music at the 12 noon Mass

*returns next Sunday 7 September*

## Music at the 5.00pm Mass

Scan the QR code or visit  
[sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/5pm](https://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](mailto: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](mailto:presidentA190704@svp.org.uk).