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



11.00am – 4.00pm
Saturday 11 October
Ignatian Prayer Day

Ignatian spirituality is about finding God in the everydayness of my life and in my relationship with God, myself, others, and Creation. This sense of awareness of God in our everydayness invites us to a conversation with God in prayer.

Ignatian spirituality has gifted us with different forms of prayer, which we will have the opportunity to explore during this prayer day, hosted in the Lounge. We invite you to come with an open mind to participate in as much or as little as you wish. Everyone is welcome; please bring a packed lunch.

And why not stay after the Ignatian Prayer Day for an evening with **Poets & Prophets** in the Upper Hall from 6.30pm...? More details inside!

Parish Pastoral Team

Parish Priest	Canon David Gibbons KCHS
Parish Clergy	Fr Edwin Raj
	Deacon Julian Burling
Team Member	Sr Dorothy Perrott OSU
Faith Minister	Rob Hitchcock

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

Burlington Road, KT3 4ND
school@sacredheart.merton.sch.uk
Headteacher: Sarah Norville

Today's Mass

First Reading (Amos 8:4–7): Amos expresses God's word against those who mistreat the poor, trade dishonestly, or practice extortion; these things make the poor poorer and hungrier. Does this reading and today's Gospel shed any light on your financial dealings?

Psalm 112(113) is a psalm of praise of God, who is concerned for the poor and lowly.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1–8 is an exhortation to prayer for all in authority. And we should pray in a united manner, 'without anger or quarrelling'.

Gospel (Luke 16:1–13): Jesus addresses obstacles to following Him. We must be honest and faithful even in small things, and then we can be trusted with greater things. Also, we 'cannot serve God and money'. We must be generous, and concentrate on serving God and our neighbour, as today's Collect emphasises, if we wish to attain eternal life.

Canon David

**be
well**

We are delighted to announce that South London Listens has recognised our parish as a **Be Well Hub**, and we have been awarded a grant by the Archdiocese to develop it further.

If you are interested in finding out what this means for you, your mental health and how you might benefit, please contact Graham Kennedy at wimbledonbwhc@rcaos.org.uk, or find him at the Continental Breakfast in the Lower Hall after the 8.00am and 10.00am Masses this Sunday. You can also read more on pages 10–11 of July 2025 *Edgeways* (tinyurl.com/jul25edgeways).



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

Evangelii Gaudium Sunday

In *Evangelii Gaudium* (2013), Pope Francis urged the faithful to 'embark on a new chapter of evangelization' marked by joy: 'Evangelization is first and foremost about preaching the Gospel to those who do not know Jesus Christ or who have always rejected him. Many of these are quietly seeking God, led by a yearning to see his face ... Christians have the duty to proclaim the Gospel without excluding anyone.' (§ 14) This is the challenge we take up this Sunday, formerly known as Home Mission Sunday.

It is 1,700 years since the Council of Nicaea, and so this year's theme is 'I believe'. Visit cbcew.org.uk/evangelii-gaudium-sunday for reflections on this Sunday, the Council of Nicaea, Creeds, and how belief enriches family life. The **Second Collection** will be taken for the Bishops' Conference's Mission Directorate. Please hold this important work in your prayers.

Continental Breakfast after the 8.00am and 10.00am Masses

Join us in the Lower Hall for bacon, pastries, sausage rolls, teas, and coffees – all to accompany good chats with fellow parishioners!

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. After this Sunday, the next Children's Liturgy will be on Sunday 5 October.

Social Club after the 8.00pm Mass

All are welcome to join us in the Lounge for a drink and social gathering!

Calling all singers! Katy's Songbirds invite you to lend us your voice for our Christmas Celebration Concert, hosted in our church at 7.45pm on Thursday 18 December. Rehearsals will be held from 8.30pm to 9.30pm on Mondays from 10 November to 15 December inclusive at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School (Burlington Road, KT3 4ND) – come to as many rehearsals as you like! To register, please email katylees3009@gmail.com.

This week

Fr Edwin is away this week on a diocesan induction course for all newcomers to the Archdiocese. We are grateful to **Fr Chris Connor** for his help with Masses and Confessions while Fr Edwin is away.

Please see the insert boxes for the **Open Evenings** at Ursuline High School and Wimbledon College taking place this Wednesday and Thursday.

Agnes Salmon RIP

Funeral Mass at 12 noon on Monday, followed by burial at Merton & Sutton Cemetery.

Betty Gibson RIP

Funeral Mass at 1.00pm on Wednesday, followed by burial at Morden Cemetery.

7.30pm Wednesday 'What is Evangelization?' at the Wimbledon Newman Society

Ever wondered what is evangelization? Join us in the Lounge as Rob Hitchcock, our parish's Faith Minister, will answer that exact question. What is it, and how do we do it? All welcome!

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).

This Mass, which will be a Votive of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, will include the induction of Sarah Norville, the new Headteacher.

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) 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 as soon as possible.

10.30am – 11.30am Saturday 27 September 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 Remi Shah and Rachel Barter is at 1.00pm on Saturday 27 September.

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) • Maria Christopher (wimbledonsg5@safeguardrcaos.org.uk)



Ursuline High School Open Events

Join one of our open events to hear from our Headteacher why our outstanding Catholic state school, welcoming all faiths, may be the right choice for your daughter, tour the school, and meet many staff and students.

For Year 7 (Main School) entry, our Open Evening is from 6.00pm to 8.30pm this Wednesday, and Open Mornings take place at 9.00am or 11.00am from Monday 29 September to Friday 3 October.

All our Open Events are ticketed and we operate a no ticket, no entry policy. For more information and to book, please visit tinyurl.com/uhsy725.



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 this Thursday, 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.

For further information and to book for any event, please visit wimbledoncollege.org.uk/openevents.

Forthcoming parish liturgies and events

**7.30pm Tuesday 30 September and
5.30pm on Thursday 2 October**
EHP *Puss in Boots* Panto Launches

It's Panto time again – oh yes, it is! If you would like to take part in *Puss in Boots*, come along to the Upper Hall on the above Tuesday (adults and secondary school children) or Thursday (primary school children). Everyone is welcome! For more information, please visit edgehillplayers.com.

2.30pm Friday 3 October
Beetle Drive at the Friendship Group

Come and try your luck! Prizes, tea, and cakes provided. Everyone is welcome, so join us in the Lounge!

**4.30pm – 5.30pm Monday 6 October
and
7.30pm – 8.30pm Tuesday 7 October**
Signing of School Forms

To apply for your child to enter a Catholic secondary school, you need to obtain a Certificate of Catholic Practice (from the school, one per school) and come and see Canon David in the Lower Hall for his countersignature. One thing he will check is whether the family is registered in the parish. Please complete your section of the form, and bring the form and the child applicant.

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Please see the front cover.

6.30pm Saturday 11 October
Poets & Prophets

Join us in the Upper Hall for an evening of inspiring poetry and profound insights. Our talented poets and prophets will captivate you with their words and share wisdom. It will be an atmosphere of inspiration and connection as the night unfolds with beautiful performances and heartfelt expressions. For more information, to book, or to sign up to perform, please visit tinyurl.com/dyvf6ycw.

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.

Parish notices

Receptionist(s) needed!

The parish urgently requires receptionists for the Presbytery on Friday afternoons. If you can help, please contact Thelma in the Parish Office as soon as possible.

2026 Merton Faith in Action Winter Night Shelter: Volunteers needed!

For eight consecutive Thursday evenings and Friday mornings from 22 January to 12 March inclusive, we will welcome rough sleepers to sleep in our Lower Hall. We would be most grateful for your help if you are able to:

- spend just ONE night providing overnight supervision to our guests, from 9.30pm to 6.30am (a current DBS check is required), or
- serve TWO or THREE Friday morning breakfast shifts from 6.30am to 8.30am, or
- drive luggage on a couple of Thursday or Friday mornings at 8.00am between our parish and another local church.

If you can help, or for further details, please email Nandita Nelson at sacredheartwns@rcaos.org.uk.

Vacancy: Kitchen Assistant at St Teresa's Home CIO

St Teresa's Home CIO is searching for a full-time Kitchen Assistant, four or five days out of seven on alternate weeks, 7.00am to 3.00pm, Sundays included. Experience is preferable and a DBS check will be carried out. For further details and to apply, please email info@stteresashome.co.uk.



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.

Celebrants this Sunday

6.30pm (Sat)	Fr Edwin Raj
8.00am	Canon David Gibbons
10.00am	Fr Edwin Raj
12 noon	Canon David Gibbons
5.00pm	Fr Edwin Raj
8.00pm	Canon David Gibbons

We remember in our prayers

Those who have died recently

Francis Foulger • Agnes Salmon • Betty Gibson
Margaret Duffy • Angelito Berongoy
Paul Cecil • Aaron Perry

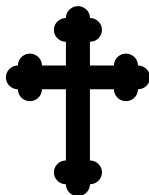
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Fiorella Vitor Laguna • James Tait • David O'Keeffe
Ashley Nicholas • Susan Dale
Kenneth Eager • Fr Michael O'Halloran SJ
Vladimir Pavlinic • Fr Patrick Cooper SJ

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 • Debbie Gargan • Patricia Codd

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)

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Thank you.



Weekday Mass Intentions

Saturday 20 September • SS Andrew Kim Taegön, Pr,
Paul Chöng Hasang, and Companions, MM

10.00am Marlene Saldanha (RIP)

6.30pm William Holder (RIP)

Monday 22 September

10.00am Paul Patrick D'Sa (RIP)

12 noon Funeral Mass of Agnes Salmon (RIP)

6.30pm Pauline & Andrew Ninnis (Wedding Anniv.)

Tuesday 23 September

 • S Pius of Pietrelcina, Pr

10.00am Molly Mealin (RIP)

6.30pm Wendy D'Costa (Birthday)

Wednesday 24 September

 • Our Lady of Walsingham

1.00pm Margareta (Birthday Thanksgiving)

10.00am Funeral Mass of Betty Gibson (RIP)

6.30pm Annabel Marshall (Birthday)

Thursday 25 September

9.00am School [*Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School*
(*Burlington Road, KT3 4ND*)]

10.00am Matthew D'Sa (Wellbeing)

6.30pm Mary Vaughan-Neil (RIP)

Friday 26 September

10.00am Paul Nguyen

6.30pm Sisters of St Anne

Saturday 27 September

 • S Vincent de Paul, Pr

10.00am Ida Caccamo (RIP)

1.00pm Wedding of Remi Shah and Rachel Barter

6.30pm Suzanne & Michael Elliot (Wedding Anniv.)

Music at the 12 noon Mass

Missa tertia (L. Bárdos)

Entry hymn: (684) Tell out my soul

Offertory hymn: (891) Christ be our light

Communion motet: *Jesu dulcis memoria* (T.L. de Victoria)

Communion hymn: (542) O Lord hear my prayer

Organ: *Choral Alleluatique no. 4* (C. Tournemire)

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

wimbledon@rcaos.org.uk

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.