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Newsletter

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

Poets & Prophets

"Your sons and daughters will prophesy..." Acts 2:17

Join us for an evening of heartfelt poetry and timeless wisdom, where every word invites you to listen a little deeper.

Featuring spoken word, poetry, live music, and original artwork.

Don't miss the opportunity to be moved and enlightened in the beautiful atmosphere, words and art that awaken us. Whether you're here to reflect, connect, or just enjoy the creative spirit all are welcome.

Scan QR code for tickets:

Date: Saturday 11th October 2025
Location: Sacred Heart Church, Wimbledon.
Time: 18:30 - 22:00

@poetsandprophets.events

Poets & Prophets

Today's Mass

Today's **First Reading** (Amos 6:1,4-7) is more trenchant criticism from Amos, this time against the super-rich. They may be having a good time now, but it will not last.

Psalms 145(146) is one of the *Hallel* ('praise') psalms sung at great celebrations. It is a call to praise by the whole community, rich and poor, great and humble. It reminds us that God raises up the 'little people': those who are oppressed, hungry, prisoners, blind, bowed down, strangers, orphans and widows. The wicked, however, will be thwarted.

Second Reading (1 Timothy 6:11-16): In contrast to chasing after money, we should pursue good things: 'righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, and gentleness'.

The **Gospel** (Luke 16:19-31) is the parable of Dives (Latin for 'rich man') and Lazarus. Jesus tells us how God sees the rich and powerful compared to the poor and humble, and brings in the idea that some will not be converted from their unjust ways even if someone were to come back from the dead.

Canon David

Second Collection: Jesuit Refugee Service

There will be a short talk at the end of Masses this weekend about the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS), our Second Collection. JRS is a Catholic organisation with a global mission to accompany, serve, and advocate alongside and for the rights of refugees and other forcibly displaced people. In our country, JRS supports people made destitute by the asylum process through practical support, expert casework and legal advice, and a range of classes and activities. You can learn more about the JRS or donate online at jrsuk.net.



We are a Jubilee Church! Find out more about the Year of Jubilee 2025 for 'Pilgrims of Hope' at cbcew.org.uk/jubilee-2025.

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

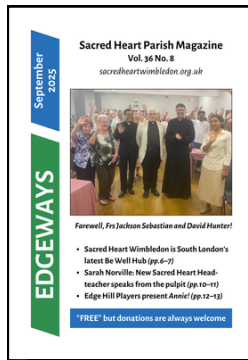
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school@sacredheart.merton.sch.uk
Headteacher: Sarah Norville

This Sunday

Second Collection: See the front cover.

Café in the Lounge after the 10.00am Mass: You are warmly invited to join us for tea, coffee, biscuits, etc.!

Social Club after the 8.00pm Mass: All are welcome to join us in the Lounge for a drink and social gathering!



EDGEWAYS

From the launch of the parish's Be Well Hub to Sarah Norville's address on Education Sunday; from Edge Hill Players' *Annie!* to the visiting relics of three saints – we have the parish's news, events, and photographs!

Read September 2025 *Edgeways*, YOUR monthly parish magazine, at sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/edgeways/! Printed copies can be found at the back of the church.

This week

Monday Anniversary

Monday is the 175th anniversary of the restoration of the English Hierarchy and the establishment of the See of Southwark by Pope Pius IX in 1850.

Margaret Duffy RIP

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

Francis Foulger RIP

Francis' body will be received into the church at 4.30pm on Monday. The Funeral Mass is at 11.30am on Tuesday, followed by cremation at the North East Surrey Crematorium.

7.30pm Tuesday and 5.00pm Thursday EHP Puss in Boots Panto Launches

It's panto time again – oh yes, it is! If you would like to take part in Edge Hill Players' production of *Puss in Boots*, come along to the Upper Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday (adults and secondary school children) or 5.00pm on Thursday (primary school children). Everyone is welcome! Let's make it a purr-fect show! For more information, please visit edgehillplayers.com. The panto will show at 2.30pm and 7.00pm on Saturdays 31 January and 7 February.



Erratum: Please note the corrected Thursday launch time of 5.00pm. The editor apologises for all confusion.

Kit Hing Kwok RIP

Funeral Mass at 12 noon on Wednesday, followed by burial at Epsom Cemetery.

8.00pm Thursday Parish Pastoral Council

Members of the PPC are reminded of the monthly meeting in the Lounge.

Friday: CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

Please support CAFOD's Harvest Fast Day to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges. For information and resources for families, please visit cafod.org.uk/fundraise/family-fast-day.

2.30pm Friday: 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!

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

Holy Matrimony

The Wedding of Patrick Gallagher and Angeline Rajasoonyer is at 11.30am on Saturday 4 October.

Next Sunday's Second Collection: CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

Please see the notice on the left. CAFOD envelopes are available from the back of the church.

Masses next weekend: Support for Christians in Bethlehem

At Masses next Sunday, the Bethlehem Nativity Group from Bethlehem, in the Holy Land, will visit us to speak briefly about the Holy Land and sell religious articles made out of olive wood to help and support the poor Christian families, currently suffering greatly by the Israeli military action and settlements on Palestinian land. Any help you can offer to them will be highly appreciated – 'When you help the poor, you help Our Lord.'

October is the month of the Rosary. Please join us to pray the Holy Rosary in the Lady Chapel (behind the altar, to the left) at 4.50pm (Wednesdays and Fridays) or 5.50pm (other weekdays).



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)



Wimbledon College

4.30pm – 7.00pm Wednesday 8 October: Ursuline High School and Wimbledon College Sixth Forms Open Evening for 2026 Entry

Ready to take the next step in your educational journey? Our Open Evening is the perfect opportunity to discover Ursuline High School and Wimbledon College Sixth Forms, where faith guides learning and values drive success.

The Open Evening will be hosted in two sessions at Wimbledon College (Edge Hill, SW19 4NS). To sign up for a session, which includes a joint headteachers' talk, please visit tinyurl.com/uhs6f25 (Ursuline High School) or tinyurl.com/wc6f25 (Wimbledon College).

Forthcoming parish events and liturgies

**4.30pm – 5.30pm
Monday 6 October and
7.30pm – 8.30pm
Tuesday 7 October and
Thursday 23 October
Signing of School Forms**

To apply for your child to enter a Catholic secondary school next September, you require the Parish Priest's signature and parish stamp on the Certificate of Catholic Practice. Please obtain this Certificate from the school (one per school), complete your part of the form, and come to the Lower Hall at one of the above times for Canon David's countersignature. One thing he will check is whether the family is registered in the parish. **Please ensure you have completed your section of the form, and bring the child applicant and the form.**

**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.

**6.30pm Saturday 11 October
Poets & Prophets**

Please see the front cover.

**8.30pm Mondays 10 November
to 15 December inclusive
Katy's Songbirds Christmas
Celebration Concert Rehearsals**

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 on the above Mondays 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.

**Pray the Rosary with the
Archbishop this October**

The Rosary Challenge invites you to pray a decade of the Rosary each weekday in October. The Mark 10 Mission has created beautiful online videos for each mystery of the Holy Rosary, led by the Archbishop. Please visit themark10mission.co.uk or The Mark 10 Mission YouTube channel [@themark10mission](https://www.youtube.com/@themark10mission).

**Join the Archdiocese of
Southwark's WhatsApp channel**

For the latest updates, including reflections and homilies from the Archbishop, prayers, and music, join us at rcaos.org.uk/whatsapp.

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.

Diocesan notices

**Vacancy: Parish Finance
Support Officer**

The Archdiocese's Finance Team is hiring a Parish Finance Support Officer. For more details and to apply, please visit tinyurl.com/2tjhwf7x.

Other notices

Action needed: Stop assisted suicide!

As the Assisted Suicide Bill moves through the Lords, peers have made it clear that receiving physical letters will most influence this stage of the process. Right To Life UK has launched a tool to create a personalised postal letter: it chooses a key concern with the bill, selects a peer to receive the letter, and customises it so that it is addressed from you. Take action now: visit righttolife.org.uk/aspeersletter.

Musicianship Fundraising Appeal

Grace, a young adult parishioner, is fundraising her tuition for the One Hope Project Academy, a programme designed to help her grow in worship-leading and musicianship. To learn about and support Grace's appeal, please visit gofund.me/10ba5d7d.

Wimbledon Marriage Care

Wimbledon Marriage Care is seeking volunteers to join their team of chaperones: could you help? This vital role involves welcoming clients and ensuring that their session with the counsellor goes uninterrupted. These in-person sessions take place for up to three hours on Monday mornings from 9.00am and Tuesday evenings from 7.00pm in Wimbledon. To learn more, please contact Clive or Teresa Weeks on 020 8393 1607 or 07815 854007 or email c.a.weeks@hotmail.co.uk. For counselling appointments, please call the National Appointment Service on 0800 389 3801.

Celebrants this Sunday

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

We remember in our prayers

Those who have died recently

Francis Foulger • Margaret Duffy • Paul Cecil • Aaron Perry
Kit Hing Kwok • Jean Murphy • Edmund Middlehurst
Mary Black • Rosalie Elwes

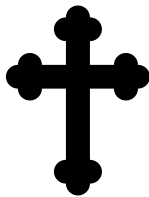
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

David Dwyer • Caroline Worrall • Marian Tadeusz Owoc
Robert Collins • Fr Michael Ashworth SJ • Joyce Laundry
Patrick McManus • Orysia Todoriv • John Murphy
Fernand Laloux • Jose Dos Santos • Linda Barton

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)

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 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 Elliott (Wedding Anniv.)

Monday 29 September • SS Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael

10.00am	Ollie Cahill (RIP)
12 noon	Funeral Mass of Margaret Duffy (RIP)
6.30pm	Andrzej Kempinski (RIP)

Tuesday 30 September • S Jerome, Pr D

10.00am	Michael McGovern (RIP)
11.30am	Funeral Mass of Francis Foulger (RIP)
6.30pm	Marian Tadeusz Owoc (RIP)

Wednesday 1 October • S Thérèse of the Child Jesus, V D

10.00am	Matthew Edwards (RIP)
12 noon	Funeral Mass of Kit Hing Kwok (RIP)
6.30pm	Pat McManus (RIP)

Thursday 2 October • The Holy Guardian Angels

10.00am	Mary Vaughan-Neil (RIP)
6.30pm	Niall MacNulty (RIP)

Friday 3 October

10.00am	Rita Egan (RIP)
6.30pm	Gerard O'Neill (RIP)

Saturday 4 October • S Francis of Assisi

10.00am	Sheila Devine
11.30am	Wedding of Patrick Gallagher and Angeline Rajasooner
6.30pm	Mary Vaughan-Neil (RIP)

Music at the 12 noon Mass

Entry hymn: (608) Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Kyrie/Agnus Dei: Kenneth Leighton in D

Gloria/Sanctus: (460)/(433)

Offertory: Ah, thou poor world (J. Brahms)

Communion motet: Give almes of thy goods (C. Tye)

Communion hymn: (800) When I needed a neighbour

Organ: Scherzo from Sonata 5 (A. Guilmant)

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.