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Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time



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)

Parish Pastoral Team

Parish Priest	Canon David Gibbons KCHS
Parish Clergy	Fr Edwin Raj
	Fr Peter Mudu Frank
	Deacon Julian Burling
Team Member	Sr Dorothy Perrott OSU
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Today's Mass

First Reading (Habakkuk 1:2–3,2:2–4): unlike the other prophets – who generally announced that God was about to bring judgment upon the people because of their sin – Habakkuk complains to God that He does nothing about the violence and iniquity all around, and God answers. God's answer is brief, if not cryptic: the righteous person must remain faithful and patient.

Psalm 94(95) fits in with the other readings. Its message could be summed up as: 'Keep the faith, keep listening, and stay receptive to God's call to you'.

Second Reading (2 Timothy 1:6–8,13–14): Paul encourages Timothy, a younger colleague whom Paul has accepted into the Church, to keep the faith and to follow Paul's own example.

Gospel (Luke 17:5–10): Jesus' audience would have been less squeamish than we are about servants, who were a fact of life in the Roman Empire. We must remember that these remarks are aimed at His disciples as they travel with Jesus to Jerusalem, and – as they are proclaimed in the Gospel at Mass today – they are aimed at us, who seek to be His disciples. We must strive after faith, but avoid all sense of superiority and any attitude that God is obligated to us.

Canon David

Support for Christians in the Holy Land

At Masses this Sunday, the Holy Land Group, a missionary group from Bethlehem, will speak about what is happening in the West Bank and sell religious articles made from olive wood. By buying these items, we can support the beleaguered Christian communities in the Holy Land. Any help you can offer will be highly appreciated – 'When you help the poor, you help Our Lord.'



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

Today is **Rosary Sunday**; please see the insert box. Also, the third national **Mass Count** takes place this Sunday.

Second Collection: 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 or to donate online, please visit cafod.org.uk/fundraise/family-fast-day. CAFOD Gift Aid envelopes are available at the back of the church.

World Day of Migrants and Refugees

This Sunday is an occasion to express concern for different vulnerable people on the move; to pray for them as they face many challenges; and to increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers. This year's theme is: *Migrants, missionaries of hope*. You can learn more and read Pope Leo's message at cbcew.org.uk/wdmr.

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 19 October.

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!

This week

Canon David is away on holiday from this Thursday 9 October; he will return on Thursday 23 October.

Paul Cecil RIP

Funeral Mass at 12 noon on Monday, followed by cremation at the North East Surrey Crematorium.

4.30pm – 5.30pm Monday and 7.30pm – 8.30pm Tuesday 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. **Please ensure you have completed your section of the form, and bring the child applicant and the form.**

7.00pm First Monday Adoration

Please see the front cover.

Edmund Middlehurst RIP

Funeral Mass at 11.30am on Tuesday. The Committal is at Leatherhead Crematorium on Wednesday.

Aaron Perry RIP

Funeral Mass at 12.30pm on Wednesday, followed by Burial at Morden & Sutton Cemetery.

4.30pm – 7.00pm Wednesday Sixth Forms Open Evening

Please see the insert box.

7.00pm Thursday: Prayer and a Pint Young Adults Group

A place to build community, pray, have a pint, sing, and play. Come to the Lounge! (Bring drinks and games!)

6.00pm – 7.30pm Friday 28th Wimbledon Presentation Evening

Please bring cash to support the girlguides running fundraising stalls for their chosen charities in the Lower Hall. All welcome. The charities include Maggie's, Centrepont, Shelter, WWF, and Cancer Research UK.

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 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.

Holy Matrimony

The Wedding of Mark Skelin and Victoria Mance is at 1.00pm on Saturday 11 October.

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 that leaves you pondering long after the event. It will be an atmosphere of inspiration and connection as the night unfolds with beautiful performances and heartfelt expressions. For more information or to book, please visit tinyurl.com/dyvf6ycw.

Next Sunday's Second Collection

...will be a leaving present for Frs Jackson Sebastian and David Hunter.

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.

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Rosary Sunday

Today is Rosary Sunday, and on Tuesday, we will celebrate Our Lady of the Rosary. In our church, the Holy Rosary is prayed at:

- 9.30am (before the 10.00am Mass, Monday to Saturday),
- 4.50pm (before Adoration, Wednesdays and Fridays)
- 5.50pm (before the 6.30pm Mass, Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays).

'The Rosary is the most excellent form of prayer and the most efficacious means of attaining eternal life. It is the remedy for all our evils, the root of all our blessings. There is no more excellent way of praying.' (Pope Leo XIII)

WELCOME

Fr Peter Mudu Frank

We welcome Fr Peter, who has joined us as an Assistant Priest. He is a priest of the Diocese of Zaria in northern Nigeria, and has been ordained for 12 years.

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.



Wimbledon College

4.30pm – 7.00pm Wednesday: 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 liturgies and events

7.00pm Tuesday 21 October The return of POD Youth Group!

Pocket of Disciples (POD) is our parish post-Confirmation youth group of faith, fun, and fellowship. Open to Year 9 and above; for more details, contact Rob at wimbledonpfm@rcaos.org.uk.

7.30pm – 8.30pm Thursday 23 October Signing of School Forms

This additional time in the Lower Hall is available for those who cannot attend this week's sessions (see 'This week').

10.45am – 6.15pm Saturday 1 November Gregorian Chant Workshop Day

Organised by the Schola Gregoriana of Cambridge in the Lower Hall, the day will culminate in the celebration of First Vespers of All Saints in our church, sung by participants. Everyone, including beginners, is welcome. For further information and to book, please visit tinyurl.com/yyv4h7ht or contact Deacon Julian.

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 as you like! To register, please email katylees3009@gmail.com.

Other notices

6.00pm Tuesday 21 October Merton Citizens Citizens' Assembly

Join Merton Citizens at St George's Cathedral (Lambeth Road, SE1 7HY) to hold local decisionmakers to account on their pledges. For more details, please contact David at dthurst52@gmail.com.

Diocesan notices

7.00pm – 8.45pm Thursday 16 October Commission for Promoting Racial & Cultural Inclusion Webinar

Join the Archdiocese of Southwark's Commission for Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion for a timely, free webinar exploring how cultural and ethnic identities can be celebrated within our parishes. Expect reflections on the Archdiocese's ongoing story of inclusion, with real parish stories; a lively panel discussion with clergy and parish/chaplaincy representatives; and practical tools and next steps for our parish and your ministry. Register now at tinyurl.com/uxpaz3wv.

Mondays 2 – 9 March 2026 Ecumenical Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi

Join Bishop Paul Hendricks, Canon Michael Branch, and Anglican Bishop Christopher Chessun on a joyful 8-day pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi. Please visit tinyurl.com/rcaosep26 for more details, including costs and how to book your place.

EDGEWAYS

The production team apologises for the mistakes in printed copies of September's issue of *Edgeways*; the printers have been notified. You can read the issue online at sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/edgeways.

Celebrants this Sunday

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

We remember in our prayers

Those who have died recently

Paul Cecil • Aaron Perry • Jean Murphy
Edmund Middlehurst • Mary Black
Rosalie Elwes • Yvonne Crossley

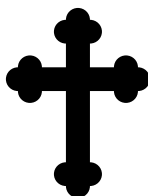
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Laszlo Hajdu • Celia Cviic • Michael 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 • Hilary Brazier

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.

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sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/donate.
Thank you.



Weekday Mass Intentions

Saturday 4 October • S Francis of Assisi

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

Monday 6 October

10.00am Canon Donald Gray (RIP)
12 noon Funeral Mass of Paul Cecil (RIP)
6.30pm Sheila Devine

Tuesday 7 October • Our Lady of the Rosary

10.00am Alfred Jessiman (RIP)
11.30am Funeral Mass of Edmund Middlehurst (RIP)
6.30pm Fr David Hunter

Wednesday 8 October

10.00am Margaret Mary Brennan (RIP)
12.30pm Funeral Mass of Aaron Perry (RIP)
6.30pm Maria Carmela Rosell Boza (RIP)

Thursday 9 October • S John Henry Newman, Pr

10.00am Mary Anne Gannon (RIP)
6.30pm Maria Keaveney Jessiman (RIP)

Friday 10 October

10.00am Gino Garzolini (RIP)
6.30pm Rosanne Gomez (RIP)

Saturday 11 October • of Our Lady

10.00am Mary Anne Gannon (RIP)
1.00pm Wedding of Mark Skelin and Victoria Mance
6.30pm Kevin O'Brien (RIP)

Music at the 12 noon Solemn Latin Mass

Missa super 'Douce mémoire' (O. Lassus)
Beati quorum via (C. Villiers Stanford)
O Lord, increase my faith (H. Loosemore)
Organ: *Ricercar a 6* (Musical Offering) (J.S. Bach)

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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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.