



# THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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## Newsletter

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Year of Jubilee 2025 • Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time

### CALLING ALL SINGERS!

Can you help us create a  
Big Choir of 100+ voices?

Katy Lees, Giles Kennedy and Katy's Songbirds  
invite you to lend us your voice for an  
evening of festive music ...

#### A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION CONCERT

Thursday 18 December 2025 – 7.45pm  
Sacred Heart Hall & Church, Edge Hill, Wimbledon, SW19 4LU  
Pre-concert rehearsal 6.30pm

#### REHEARSALS

Mondays: 10, 17, 24 Nov; 1, 8, 15 Dec  
(Come to as many as you like!)

8.30pm—9.30pm  
Sacred Heart School, Burlington Road, New Malden, KT3 4ND

TO REGISTER CONTACT:  
[katylees3009@gmail.com](mailto:katylees3009@gmail.com)

Whatever your experience, join us to raise the roof together,  
proving that music has the power to change lives...

Supporting:  
Breast Cancer Now & BEAT Eating Disorders

### Today's Mass

**First Reading:** During the journey of the Israelites through the wilderness, led by Joshua, they fight Amalek and his army. They are victorious as long as Moses, who is watching from a height, can hold up his arms in prayer. Moses needs the help of Aaron and Hur to do this. The lifting up of arms and hands in the air is an ancient gesture of prayer, still used today. It is a physical illustration of the need for perseverance in prayer.

**Psalm** is a psalm of confidence in God, witnessing to God's faithfulness.

**Second Reading:** Paul reaffirms the message of his Letters to Timothy: stick with what you have been taught and study Scripture with discernment.

This Sunday's **Gospel** is a parable on prayer and the need for perseverance in prayer. Unlike the judge in the parable, God is not indifferent, and with God, justice is assured – but do we have enough faith to persist?

*Canon David*



11.00am – 3.00pm Saturday 22 November  
Deanery Day of Recollection

All Ministers of Holy Communion and Mass Readers – and everyone else who would like to attend – are invited to this Deanery Day of Recollection at St Teresa of the Child Jesus, Morden (Bishopsford Road, SM4 6BZ). Starting with Mass of the Day, the day includes two talks by Canon David on 'The Mass'. Car parking is available; car sharing would be good.

### 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   |
| Faith Minister | Rob Hitchcock            |

### Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

Burlington Road, KT3 4ND  
[school@sacredheart.merton.sch.uk](mailto:school@sacredheart.merton.sch.uk)  
Headteacher: Sarah Norville



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 Sunday

### World Mission Sunday

This Sunday is World Mission Sunday, a Day of Prayer for the Evangelization of the World.

The **Second Collection** is for Missio, the Church's official organ for the support of foreign missions. Our collection at Masses this Sunday will support churches, hospitals, schools, and vocations in areas where the Church is new, young or poor: the money goes directly from this country to the bishops in the mission territories, local church helping local church. For more information, please visit [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk).

### 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 2 November.

### 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!

At Sunday Masses, **children's activity sheets** are available from the back of the church. Suitable for little ones of primary school age, these are entertaining and they can be taken home. Parents, please bring a pencil.

## This week

**Canon David** is away on holiday until this Thursday 23 October.

**Thelma** is away until this Wednesday 22 October. The **Reception** remains open as normal from 9.00am to 4.00pm, Monday to Friday.

### Rosalie Elwes RIP

Funeral Mass at 11.30am on Monday.

### 7.00pm – 8.00pm Tuesday The return of POD Youth Group!

Pocket of Disciples (POD) is our parish post-Confirmation youth group of faith, fun, and fellowship. The group meets in the Youth Room and is open to young people in Year 9 and above; for more information, please contact Rob at [wimbledonpfm@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:wimbledonpfm@rcaos.org.uk).



Would you like your house blessed by one of our clergy? Please contact the Parish Office to arrange an appointment!

### Jean Murphy RIP

Funeral Mass at 11.30am on Thursday.

### 7.30pm – 8.30pm Thursday Signing of School Forms

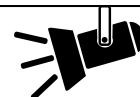
To apply for your child to enter a Catholic secondary school next September, you require the Parish Priest's signature and parish stamp on the Certificate of Catholic Practice. Please obtain this Certificate from the school (one per school), complete your part of the form, and come to the Lower Hall 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.

## Parish notices

### Newsletter feedback welcomed!

Does our weekly newsletter work for you? Is it attractive, accessible, and relevant? What would you change? The editor welcomes your feedback, no matter how small or critical, at [wimbledonnewsletter@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:wimbledonnewsletter@rcaos.org.uk).

## Spotlight on...



The **Memory Lane Club** is a friendly, lively, informal drop-in space, welcoming those in the local community affected by memory loss or dementia and their carers. We meet 10.30am to 12.30pm on Wednesdays in the Lounge.

Recommended by GPs right from its opening, this popular club has gone from strength to strength since it first opened its doors in March 2015. Run by volunteers, there is coffee, cake, chat, fun, laughter, and a varied programme of activities. Carers get the opportunity to meet and share experiences with other carers and volunteers, many of whom themselves have had personal experience of looking after a loved one with dementia.

If you are a carer of a loved one with dementia, we would be delighted to see you. Please do drop in on any Wednesday morning along with your loved one. You will receive a warm welcome, won't be charged anything, and will meet some new people. Give it a go! For more details or to volunteer, please email [wimbledonmemlanec@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:wimbledonmemlanec@rcaos.org.uk) or telephone 07713 882280.

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

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

## Forthcoming parish liturgies and events

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

This special day is organised by the Schola Gregoriana of Cambridge in the Lower Hall. Everyone is welcome; the repertoire is uniquely adapted to beginners and experienced singers. We will rehearse and explore the ancient chants of the Church both historically and musically, considering aspects of modality and stylistic interpretation. The day will culminate in the celebration of First Vespers of All Saints in our church, sung by participants.

For further information and to book, please visit [tinyurl.com/yyv4h7ht](https://tinyurl.com/yyv4h7ht) or contact Deacon Julian. Please bring a packed lunch.

**2.30pm Friday 7 November**  
**Screening of *High Noon* (1952)**  
**at the Friendship Group**

Once voted 'the greatest Western of all time', join us in the Lounge with ice creams, teas, and biscuits. All are welcome!

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

Please see the front cover.

**11.00am – 3.00pm**  
**Saturday 22 November**  
**Deanery Day of Recollection**

Please see the front cover.

## Diocesan notices

**Until Sunday 2 November**  
**Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles**  
**of St Carlo Acutis**

St John Fisher Parish (Cannon Hill Lane, SW20 9DB) is hosting this self-explanatory exhibition, which is aimed to inform the many Catholics who are uncertain of the real presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. The exhibition is free and open for a couple of hours each weekday except Thursday, and from 8.00am to 7.30pm on Saturdays and Sundays.

### Scam emails

The diocesan ICT team report a rise in scam emails targeting parishioners. These emails impersonate the parish priest, often using a similar email name and masking the real email address. They typically request the recipient to purchase Amazon or other gift cards as gifts for the priest. If you encounter these emails, please report them as spam and inform the Parish Office immediately. In particular:

- never purchase gift cards as gifts for – or requested by – a member of the Parish Pastoral Team;
- double-check any suspicious emails (contact the Parish Office if in any doubt); and
- do not share personal or financial information in response to unsolicited emails.

**Could you become a**  
**Governor or Director?**

Do you have the skills to become a Foundation Governor of a Catholic school or Director of a Multi Academy Trust? Could you spare a few hours a month? This is a fulfilling role that isn't without its challenges! Governors and Directors work together as a team to ensure good standards of education. You do not need to be a parent nor work in the education sector. Find out more at [tinyurl.com/3z85bnac](https://tinyurl.com/3z85bnac).

### Safe Spaces

Safe Spaces is a free and independent support service that provides a confidential, personal, and safe space for anyone who has been abused by someone in the Church or as a result of their relationship with the Church of England, the Catholic Church in England and Wales, or the Church in Wales. Their website is [safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk](https://safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk) and their helpline is 0300 303 1056.

## New to the parish?

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



## Congratulations on your engagement!

To be married in the Church, the Archbishop requires that you give at least six months' notice. This allows time for the necessary paperwork and preparation. Please contact the Parish Office.

You can learn more about how to get married on our website, [sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk](https://sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk), under 'Faith and the Sacraments' → 'Marriage'.

## Other notices

**6.00pm this Tuesday 21 October**  
**Merton Citizens Citizens' Assembly**

Join Merton Citizens and hundreds of leaders from across South London at St George's Cathedral (Lambeth Road, SE1 7HY) to hold local decisionmakers to account on their pledges. For more details and if you would like to participate, please contact David at [dthurst52@gmail.com](mailto:dthurst52@gmail.com).

**12.30pm for 1.00pm**  
**this Friday 24 October**  
**St John's Lunchtime Concert**

Simon Neill and Robert Mingay-Smith (piano duet) perform Schubert, Mozart, and Saint-Saëns for four-hands 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.

## FIND HOPE IN ADORATION

Archbishop John Wilson



As part of the Jubilee Year 2025, Archbishop John is encouraging people to turn to the Lord Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration and have their hopes 'fulfilled by Christ'. Throughout the year, the **Hope in Adoration** campaign will share testimonies from parish priests and the laity on how Eucharistic Adoration has helped them build a closer relationship with the Lord Jesus. Find out more at [rcaos.org.uk/hopeinadoration](https://rcaos.org.uk/hopeinadoration).

## Celebrants this Sunday

|              |                     |
|--------------|---------------------|
| 6.30pm (Sat) | Fr Edwin Raj        |
| 8.00am       | Fr Edwin Raj        |
| 10.00am      | Fr Peter Mudu Frank |
| 12 noon      | Fr Edwin Raj        |
| 5.00pm       | Fr Peter Mudu Frank |
| 8.00pm       | Fr Edwin Raj        |

## We remember in our prayers

### Those who have died recently

Jean Murphy • Rosalie Elwes • Thomas MacNamara

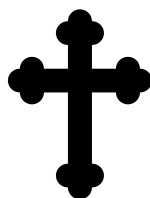
### Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Francis McHugh • Donald Derx • Joseph Moran  
Hildgarde Dom Paul • Patrick Scanlon • John Shannon

### 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 • Ethan Costa Peruzzo • Thelma Lobo

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 18 October • S Luke, Ev

|         |                                                      |
|---------|------------------------------------------------------|
| 10.00am | Tom Phillips (Birthday)                              |
| 12 noon | Wedding of Ayodeji Olonilma<br>and Magdalen Christie |
| 6.30pm  | Mary Vaughan Neil (RIP)                              |

### Monday 20 October

|         |                                     |
|---------|-------------------------------------|
| 10.00am | Anne Gay                            |
| 11.30am | Funeral Mass of Rosalie Elwes (RIP) |
| 6.30pm  | Percy & Margaret James (RIP)        |

### Tuesday 21 October

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| 10.00am | Private Intention                |
| 6.30pm  | Rosanne Gomez & John Pinto (RIP) |

### Wednesday 22 October • S John Paul II, P

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| 10.00am | Marie Barretto (RIP) |
| 6.30pm  | Sr Bernie Arscott    |

### Thursday 23 October

|         |                                   |
|---------|-----------------------------------|
| 10.00am | Giuseppe Rodi (RIP)               |
| 11.30am | Funeral Mass of Jean Murphy (RIP) |
| 6.30pm  | Rinat & Ruslan Dusumov (RIP)      |

### Friday 24 October

|         |                        |
|---------|------------------------|
| 10.00am | Anthony Docherty (RIP) |
| 6.30pm  | John Shannon (RIP)     |

### Saturday 25 October • of Our Lady

|         |                       |
|---------|-----------------------|
| 10.00am | Daria Coutinho (RIP)  |
| 6.30pm  | Jenny Elborough (RIP) |

## Music at the 12 noon Mass

**Entry hymn:** (21) All my hope on God is founded

**Kyrie:** *Missa brevis in C (Orgelsolo)* K259 (W.A. Mozart)

**Gloria:** De Angelis (467)

**Offertory motet:** *Laudate Dominum* (W.A. Mozart)

**Sanctus:** *Missa brevis in C* (W.A. Mozart)

**Communion motet:** *Oculi omnium* (C. Wood)

**Comm. hymn:** (588) Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, proclaimed

**Organ:** Finale from Organ Sonata in D (C.P.E. Bach)

## 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

[wimbledon@rcaos.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto:wimbledonnewsletter@rcaos.org.uk) by Tuesday evening.

Please remember always to register your car when using the church car park (except Sundays) via a registration tablet at the church entrance, presbytery reception, or hall entrances.