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Year of Jubilee 2025 • The Solemnity of All Saints
Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time



Holy Souls in November

If you would like to have your loved ones remembered in Masses this month, please write their names on a piece of paper and place it into the Holy Souls envelopes provided at the back of the church. They will be placed in a box at the altar during Masses in November. Any donations enclosed will go towards Masses for the Holy Souls during the year.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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

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Headteacher: Sarah Norville

Today's Mass

The **Solemnity of All Saints** – a Holyday of Obligation – is usually observed on 1 November – but this year, under the rules in England and Wales, the Solemnity is transferred to this Sunday.

As we enter the final month of the Church's year, we turn our attention to all the saints who live triumphantly in heaven, including those not in the canon (list) of saints. The Solemnity reminds us – the Church Militant – of our unity with the communion of saints in heaven – the Church Triumphant. Meanwhile, All Souls' Day on Monday reminds us of our unity with the Holy Souls in Purgatory – the Church Penitent.

First Reading (Revelation 7:2–4,9–14): St John, in his vision of heaven, sees the innumerable ranks of the saints, who have remained faithful to Christ even unto death.

Psalm 23(24): This hymn-like psalm sums up the virtues required to enter heaven: clean hands, a pure heart, and a desire for Godly things, not worthless things. This is one of the new Lectionary texts where more inclusive language is used.

Second Reading (1 John 3:1–3): This passage gives the hope that, as we are children of God, we too can be numbered among the saints in heaven.

Gospel (Matthew 5:1–12a): There are many different ways of understanding the Beatitudes, but one way is to see them as a list of entrance requirements to enter the kingdom of heaven: this includes humility, mercy, purity, and peacemaking. Many Christians in the world today, especially in parts of the Middle East and Nigeria, are suffering the persecution to which Christ refers.

Canon David



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

**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!

Parish notices

Receptionists needed!

The parish urgently requires receptionists for the Presbytery for weekday mornings and afternoons. For more information and to volunteer, please contact Thelma in the Parish Office as soon as possible.

Annual Mass Count

The average Sunday Mass attendance during this year's count period was 1,301. Last year's figure was 1,337, so our attendance is down by some 2.7%.

Next Sunday is the **Solemnity of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**. This Feast displaces the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time; musicians and readers at Mass, please take note.

It is also **Remembrance Sunday**. Canon David will represent the parish at the traditional Act of Remembrance at the Wimbledon War Memorial.

Next Sunday's **Second Collection** will be for the Archbishop's Appeal, which funds three key mission priorities: youth and evangelization, our faith in action, and clergy care and formation.

Please also see the notice about the **Blessing of Graves** next Sunday under 'This Week'.

This week

7.00pm – 8.00pm Tuesday: POD

Pocket of Disciples is our parish post-Confirmation youth group of faith, fun, and fellowship. This meeting in the Youth Room is open to Year 9 and above; for more details, please contact Rob at wimbledonpdm@rcaos.org.uk.

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). The children love to see adults joining them!

**2.30pm Friday
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!

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

**2.30pm Sunday 9 November
Blessing of Graves**

There will be a short service outside the chapel at the Merton and Sutton Joint Cemetery (Garth Road, SM4 4NW). After the service, clergy of the Deanery will be available to bless individual graves of any relatives or friends of parishioners who are buried there or in the adjacent Morden (Battersea New) Cemetery.

**Saturday 1 – Sunday 9 November
Plenary Indulgences**

A Plenary Indulgence, applicable only to the Holy Souls, may be gained once in church either on All Souls' Day (Monday 3 November), or on the preceding or following Sunday, on the usual conditions. These conditions are: visit a church, recite the Our Father and a Creed, receive sacramental Confession and Holy Communion, and pray for the Pope's intention.

Those who visit a cemetery between Saturdays 1 and 8 November and pray for the Faithful Departed may obtain a Plenary Indulgence applicable to the Holy Souls (and at other times a Partial Indulgence).

Monday: All Souls' Day

The transfer of the Solemnity of All Saints means that the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed is also transferred to the next day. Therefore, this year, All Souls' Day is this Monday. Requiem Masses for All the Faithful Departed will be celebrated at 8.00am, 10.00am, and 6.30pm.

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. On All Souls' Day, this is a special opportunity to come and pray for your loved ones who have departed.

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)

Now that **Frs Edwin and Peter**, our new Assistant Priests, have settled in, why not invite them for a visit, a cup of tea or coffee, or even for a meal? This will help them to get to know people and the parish. You can email Fr Edwin at edwinraj@rcaos.org.uk and Fr Peter at peterfrank@rcaos.org.uk.

Forthcoming parish liturgies and events

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

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.

7.30pm Wednesday 12 November 'Love the Stranger: A Catholic Response to Asylum Seekers, Migrants, and Refugees' at the Wimbledon Newman Society

Everyone is welcome to this talk in the Lounge by Liam Allmark, Head of Communications, Fundraising, and Advocacy at the Jesuit Refugee Service (jrsuk.net). The talk's title is inspired by a 2023 document by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. With so much adverse and hostile commentary, it is important for us to reflect carefully on the Church's teaching about how we should love the stranger. On this matter, our speaker is a very knowledgeable expert.

7.30pm Thursday 13 November Prayer and a Pint Young Adults Group

A place to build community, pray, have a pint, play piano, sing, and play pool and darts. Young adults (18+), come to the Lounge! (Bring drinks and games!) Any donations are gratefully received.

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 day at St Teresa of the Child Jesus, Morden (Bishopsford Road, SM4 6BZ). Canon David will speak on 'The Mass'. Please bring a packed lunch; car parking is available. The programme is:

11.00am	Holy Mass
11.45am	First session
12.45pm	Lunch break
1.30pm	Second session
2.30pm	Adoration

12 noon Saturday 22 November Musicians' Jubilee Year Mass

Our parish's musicians will gather for this Mass, celebrated by Fr Dominic Allain. Every parishioner is welcome to attend and hear our combined choirs and instrumentalists.

Finances: Following an interval between our previous and present Accounts Managers, Gerry Kerins is now up-to-date with the parish finances, and we thank him for his work. We can now report the following monthly Offertories for the parish and Second Collections:

April: £38,027.75	June: £36,352.69	August: £36,332.10
May: £36,157.55	July: £45,079.47	September: £36,916.28

Diocesan Second Collections:

St George's Cathedral: £1,476.42,
Priests' Training Fund: £1,939.42
Catholic Education Service: £540.37

Diocesan Third Party Collections:

Holy Places: £2,856.09
Peter's Pence: £1,670.70
Day for Life: £1,182.89
Communications: £788.33

Other Third Party Collections:

Jesuit Missions: £4,043.27
Apostleship of the Sea: £1,044.63
Shooting Star Children's Hospices: £516.20
Farewell to Frs Jackson and David: £2,100.00

Thank you for your generosity to parish, diocesan, and other needs.

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.

Other notices

7.30pm for 8.00pm this Tuesday 4 November Christian Care Association AGM

You are invited to this AGM (refreshments at 7.30pm) at Martin Way Methodist Church (Buckleigh Avenue, SW20 9JZ) near South Merton station. After formal business, Dame Siobhan McDonagh, MP for Mitcham and Morden, will speak on the theme of: *Building a Community where everyone belongs*. Please email cresso.scarlett@christiancaremerton.org.uk if you intend to attend.

7.00pm for 7.30pm Tuesday 11 November Merton Citizens Interfaith Discussion

Come along for an evening of scriptural reasoning on the theme of peace. Participants from different faith traditions – and those of none – are invited to come together to read and reflect on passages from Christian, Hindu, Jewish, and Muslim traditions, exploring how our sacred texts speak to peace, reconciliation, and hope in a divided world. Arrive by 7.00pm for Turkish food at Holy Trinity Church in Wimbledon (The Broadway, SW19 1SB). For more details and to book, please visit tinyurl.com/hdjehude.

Vacancy: Mission Adviser

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales is recruiting for a Mission Adviser. For full details and to apply before Sunday 9 November, please visit tinyurl.com/47zwpj3u.

Vacancy: Housing and Welfare Advice Worker at the Manna Society

Based in London Bridge, the Manna Day Centre is a drop-in centre for homeless and vulnerably-housed single men and women. The charity is seeking a full-time Housing and Welfare Advice Worker. For full details and to apply before Friday 21 November, please visit mannasociety.org.uk.

Celebrants this Sunday

6.30pm (Sat) Canon David Gibbons
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

Margaret de Larrazabal • Gerald Oury • Michael McCormick

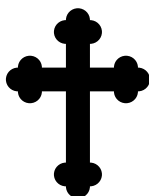
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Sr Dorothy Wilcock • Philomena Dobinson
Daniel Gould • Angela Mondelli • Ian Sambitan
Wilibaldo Epat • Mucho Andalahao • Mervin Sumiwan

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 • Sheila Morrissey

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 1 November • of Our Lady

10.00am Baby Nicholas
6.30pm Nora Quinn (RIP)

Monday 3 November • All Souls' Day

8.00am Departed Named in the Holy Souls Box (RIP)
10.00am Marlene Saldanha (RIP)
6.30pm Aubrey James (RIP)

Tuesday 4 November • S Charles Borromeo, B

10.00am Maria Keaveney Jessiman (RIP)
6.30pm Betty Gibson (RIP)

Wednesday 5 November

10.00am Michael McCormick
6.30pm Tom Phillips

Thursday 6 November

9.00am School [Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School
(Burlington Road, KT3 4ND)]
10.00am Celine Ebbans (RIP)
6.30pm Maria Mirandah (RIP)

Friday 7 November • Dedication of the Cathedral

10.00am Alfred Jessiman (RIP)
6.30pm Winifred Hogan (RIP)

Saturday 8 November • of Our Lady

10.00am Aidan Gordon (RIP)
6.30pm Victor Barrie Partington (RIP)

Music at the 12 noon Solemn Latin Mass

Missa de Angelis

Offertory motet: *O quam gloriosum* (T.L. de Victoria)

Communion motet: Hail, glorious spirits, heirs of light (C. Tye)

Organ: *Toccata 'Placare Christe Servulis'* (M. Dupré)

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) via a registration tablet at the church entrance, presbytery reception, or 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.