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Year of Jubilee 2025 • Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Thirty-Third Week in Ordinary Time

RORATE MASSES



6.30am Mondays 1, 8, and 15 December

These traditional dawn Masses of Our Lady by candlelight will be celebrated on the first three Mondays of December in the Lady Chapel. If you have never experienced one of these special Advent Masses, do make an effort to come along and help prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas. By popular request, these Masses will be sung Masses and in Latin.

Today's Mass

The readings and proper prayers today very much focus our attention on the Second Coming of Christ.

First Reading (Malachi 3:19–20): The prophet Malachi portends the Day of Judgement. The arrogant and evildoers will be 'set ablaze', but those who fear the Lord will receive healing.

Psalm 97(98): We are manifestly near the end of the liturgical year, with this psalm's reminder that 'the Lord comes to judge the peoples with fairness'.

Second Reading (2 Thessalonians 3:7–12): As we await Christ's Second Coming, St Paul suggests that we should use the time well, quietly going about our business.

Gospel (Luke 21:5–19): Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, 'adorned with noble stones and offerings' as it was. It was destroyed by the Romans in 70 AD. Jesus also foretells of the persecution His followers will experience – yet He counsels them not to be terrified or distracted, but to gain eternal life by their endurance.

Canon David

World Day of the Poor

The theme of the ninth World Day of the Poor is: 'You are my hope' (cf. Psalm 71:5). In Pope Leo XIV's message for the day, which you can read at tinyurl.com/3465wrfk, he says: 'It is my hope, then, that this Jubilee Year will encourage the development of policies aimed at combating forms of poverty both old and new, as well as implementing new initiatives to support and assist the poorest of the poor.' For further information and prayers, please visit cafod.org.uk/pray/world-day-of-the-poor.

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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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 week

Confirmation 2026

Are you in Years 8 to 13? Would you like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next year? Registration is now open! Please ask your parent or guardian to complete the online form before Monday 5 January 2026: tinyurl.com/shwconf26. If you were baptised outside the parish, they will need to upload a copy of your baptismal certificate.

If you have any questions, please contact Rob, our Faith Minister, at wimbledonpfm@rcaos.org.uk.

This Sunday

World Day of the Poor

Please see the front cover.

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 30 November. Please email Elizabeth at elizabethbotttriell@hotmail.com if you have any questions.

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!

Monday: Parish Finance Committee

Among other things, the Finance Committee will consider refurbishment in the halls and, most excitingly, the architect's preliminary Quinquennial Report on the church building.

Red Wednesday

In support of persecuted Christians worldwide, our church will be illuminated red on Wednesday evening. Please pray for all those who suffer religious persecution.

8.00pm Wednesday 9th Wimbeldon (Sacred Heart) Scouts Annual General Meeting

Parents and friends are invited to attend the meeting in the Lounge, followed by refreshments.

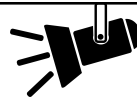
Gerald Oury RIP

Funeral Mass at 11.00am on Thursday. The Committal at Putney Vale Cemetery is on Friday.

EDGEWAYS

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

Spotlight on...



Our parish offerings for young people and their families include the annual First Holy Communion and Confirmation programmes. We welcome helpers and catechists who would like to form our parish's young people in their faith; a DBS check is required. To learn more and to volunteer, please contact Rob at wimbledonpfm@rcaos.org.uk.

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 of the Blessed Sacrament
3.00pm	Departure

Next Sunday 24 November The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

The Second Collection will be for the Catholic Youth Services. This fund supports youth work in the Archdiocese and nationally.



Entering a Care Home?

If you or a member of your family enters an Old People's Home or Care Home, please notify the Parish Office. We can arrange for the person to be visited or, if the home is in another parish, we can make a referral to the Parish Priest. The Parish Clergy, Sister Dorothy, Ministers of Holy Communion, and SVP members all visit the sick and housebound, but it is easy to accidentally or unknowingly miss someone out, so please do contact the Parish Office to let us know.

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 sacredheartwimbeldon.org.uk/safeguarding.

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

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) represents you. Members are volunteers who meet monthly, whose role is to support the Parish Priest and his team in their pastoral work. PPC discussions range from the immediate and practical to the longer term, encouraging wide aspects of parish life.

We are pleased to report that **Will Morris** is now the Chair of the PPC, and **Jerric Chong** is the Secretary. We thank Rachel Purvis for acting as Secretary in recent months. There are some new members, and others have stepped down. You can see the 'mugshots' on the noticeboard in the church entrance. *These are not escaped prisoners but esteemed members of the PPC!*

In order to reflect the Archdiocese's Some Definite Service programme, the agenda of the PPC will focus on four areas:

1. Pastoral care;
2. Evangelization – *Jude Mariadoss is our Parish Lead for Evangelization;*
3. Catechesis – *Rob Hitchcock is our Parish Lead for Catechesis;* and
4. Adult formation – *Nina Beltran is our Parish Lead for Formation.*

The PPC has been working on a Parish Plan, based on Some Definite Service. You can contact the PPC at ppc@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk.

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

**6.00pm this Wednesday 19 November
Red Wednesday Mass**

Aid to the Church in Need invites you to this Holy Mass for Red Wednesday at St George's Cathedral, Southwark (Lambeth Road, SE1 7HY), followed by the 'Courage to be Christian' award and a Reception. The focus will be on suffering young Christians around the world. Many churches, including St George's Cathedral and our own (see 'This Week'), will be lit red to shine a light on religious persecution.

**11.00am – 3.00pm
Saturday 22 November
Christ the King Christmas Fair**

Our neighbours at Christ the King in Wimbledon Park (The Crescent, SW19 8AJ) invite you to their Christmas Fair! All the traditional stalls await: books, bottle and chocolate tombolas, cakes, handicrafts, jewellery, new gifts, toys, and more. Please join for a browse, drinks, lunch, and a warm welcome from the parish community. Cash entry is £1 on the door for adults and £0.50 for 13- to 16-year-olds; under-12s go free.

**12.30pm Saturday 29 November
Installation of Bishop Nicholas Hudson**

Bishop Hudson's Installation as Bishop of Plymouth is in the city's Cathedral Church of St Mary and St Boniface (Cecil Street, PL1 5HW). The service will be livestreamed. Please remember Bishop Hudson in your prayers as he begins his new apostolate.

Forthcoming parish liturgies and events

Please note that the **Musicians' Jubilee Year Mass**, which was to have taken place on Saturday 22 November, has been postponed.

**2.30pm Friday 5 December
Friendship Group Christmas Singalong
with Songs on Wheels**

Do join us in the Lounge for tea, cakes, and sherry. Everyone is welcome!

**6.30pm Mondays 1, 8, and 15
December: Rorate Masses**

Please see the front cover.

**6.30pm for 7.45pm
Thursday 18 December
Katy's Songbirds
Christmas Celebration**

Katy's Songbirds invite you to their Christmas Celebration, an evening of traditional carols and festive music featuring Katy Lees, Giles Kennedy, Putney & Wimbledon Bass Band, the Lantern Arts Youth Choir, and Edge Hill Players. The concert will support Beat, an eating disorders charity, and Breast Cancer Now.

Mulled wine, mince pies, a raffle, and a bar will be available in the Upper Hall from 6.30pm, with the concert beginning at 7.45pm in the church.

Other notices

**Message from the
Good Counsel Network**

'Please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia this Monday. These days seem quite dark, with Parliament voting to decriminalise abortion partially and legalise euthanasia. Please invite others to join us in praying and fasting for life: facebook.com/events/828656872884422.'



Holy Souls in November: If you would like to have your loved ones remembered in Masses during November, 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.

Celebrants this Sunday

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

We remember in our prayers

Those who have died recently

Septimus Waugh • John Engley • Marie Whitehead
Vera Bunce • Gerald Oury • Diarmuid 'Dee' Santry

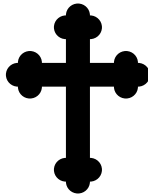
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Fr John Fairhurst SJ • Amiee Lydon

Those who are sick

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 • Peter Hayes

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 15 November • of Our Lady

10.00am Sangwtha Perpetua (Thanksgiving)
6.30pm Fr John Fairhurst SJ (RIP)

Monday 17 November

10.00am Michael Healy (RIP)
6.30pm Gerry & Phyllis Micetich (RIP)

Tuesday 18 November

10.00am Peter Pennyfather (RIP)
6.30pm Rita Westbrook (RIP)

Wednesday 19 November

10.00am Harry Moyles (RIP)
6.30pm Deceased Members of the
Slattery & O'Connor Families (RIP)

Thursday 20 November

10.00am Elsie Healion (RIP)
11.00am Funeral Mass of Gerald Oury (RIP)
6.30pm Michael Molloy (RIP)

Friday 21 November • The Presentation of the Bl. V. Mary

10.00am Vivian James (RIP)
6.30pm Maureen Casey (RIP)

Saturday 22 November • S Cecilia, V M

10.00am Celine Ebbans (RIP)
6.30pm Michael Molloy (RIP)

Music at the 12 noon Mass

Entry hymn: (179) For the healing of the nations

Kyrie/Gloria: (459)/(460)

Offertory motet: *Ave Maria* (E. Elgar)

Communion motet: The Lord bless you and keep you (J. Rutter)

Communion hymn: (633) Seek ye first

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.