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## Newsletter

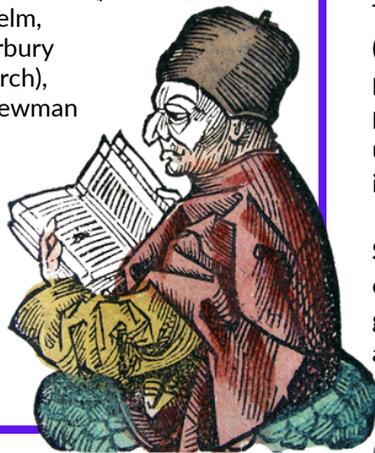
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Second Sunday of Lent (Year A)  
Second Week of Lent

**7.00pm for 7.30pm**  
**Tuesdays 3, 10, and 17 March**  
**Lenten talks: The English**  
**Doctors of the Church**

This Tuesday, Canon David will begin a three-part talk series on The English Doctors of the Church in the Lower Hall. Come along to learn about St Bede the Venerable (pictured, this Tuesday), St Anselm, Archbishop of Canterbury (next Tuesday 10 March), and St John Henry Newman (Tuesday 17 March).

Refreshments will be available from 7.00pm, with the talk starting at 7.30pm. Come to as many or as few talks as you can!



### Today's Mass

The **Gospel** on the Second Sunday of Lent is always the story of Jesus' transfiguration, in which Jesus is revealed as the Messiah – and so in this Year A, we hear the Matthean version (Matthew 17:1–9). In the context of the Gospel, this event serves to fortify the disciples as they are about to go up to Jerusalem, where Jesus will suffer and die. In the context of Lent, it serves to fortify us in our Lenten self-denial, by reminding us that Jesus Christ is our Saviour, and that our proper destiny is to be like Him.

The **First Reading** (Genesis 12:1–4a) tells of God's call to Abraham (at this stage called Abram) to leave his country, and his double promise to him. This reminds us of the precariousness of our own position in this life, but also reminds us that if we obey God's call to us, the promise of the next life awaits us. To do this, we must trust in God and place all our hope in him (**Psalm 33 (32)**).

**Second Reading** (2 Timothy 1:8b–10): We can bear any hardships our discipleship of Jesus Christ may entail, partly through God's grace and partly through Christ's death, which has brought us 'life and immortality'.

*Canon David*

### CAFOD Second Collection

This Sunday, we are thinking about hunger – the kind that comes from having nothing to eat at all. Shorai in Zimbabwe put it simply: 'As a father, it will be difficult for you to sleep.' It's not just the hunger that kept him awake at night, but the guilt and pain of seeing his children go to bed with empty stomachs.

Around the world – despite farmers' best efforts – crops are failing. Seeds fail to grow, harvests disappear, and families go hungry. But there is hope and there is a solution. It needs all of us: in God's eyes, we are one global family, called to be neighbours – to stand with one another in love and solidarity.

Please give generously. To learn more about CAFOD's work or donate online, please visit [cafod.org.uk/fundraise/family-fast-day](https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/family-fast-day).

#### Parish Pastoral Team

<b>Parish Priest</b>	Canon David Gibbons KCHS
<b>Parish Clergy</b>	Fr Edwin Raj Fr Peter Mudu Frank Deacon Julian Burling
<b>Team Member</b>	Sr Dorothy Perrott OSU
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Headteacher: Sarah Norville

## This Sunday

### Second Collection: CAFOD

Please 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.!

### 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 next Sunday 8 March. Please email Elizabeth at [elizabethbottriell@hotmail.com](mailto:elizabethbottriell@hotmail.com) if you have any questions.

### Social Club after the 8.00pm Mass

All are welcome to join us in the Lounge for a drink and social gathering!



## 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.

## This week

### Schools

Pupils from Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School will attend the 10.00am Mass on Tuesday. Pupils in LP2 at Donhead Preparatory School will attend the 10.00am Mass on Wednesday.

### 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)

### 7.00pm for 7.30pm Tuesday Lenten talks: The English Doctors of the Church - St Bede the Venerable

Please see the front cover.



## Collection next Sunday for the Manna Society

Next Sunday 8 March, we will be collecting food and items for the Manna Society. Manna's day centre supports homeless people near London Bridge; please visit [mannasociety.org.uk](http://mannasociety.org.uk) to learn more.

They are in particular need of food (tinned tomatoes and vegetables, pasta sauces, rice and tinned meat, sugar, plus coffee and dilutable drinks), and toiletries (disposable razors and deodorants). Please bring your donated items with you next weekend and place the items in the collection box at the back of the church.

### 7.15pm Wednesday Lenten discussion evening: *Ambassadors for Christ*

Join us in the Lounge as Nina Beltran, our Parish Lead for Faith Formation, will share videos from *Ambassadors for Christ*, followed by a discussion. Refreshments will be provided.

Produced by the Archdiocese of Southwark, the *Ambassadors for Christ* video series is a landmark apologetics project designed to equip you with a deeper understanding of your faith, so that you can confidently answer questions and be a joyful witness to the Lord Jesus and His Church.

### 2.30pm Friday: Friendship Group Mad Hatters Tea Party

Come and join the Friendship Group in the Lounge for a crazy Mad Hatters tea party! Prize for the best hat. Everyone is welcome!

### 7.00pm Friday: Stations of the Cross

Instead of First Friday Adoration, this week, join us in the church to pray the traditional Lenten devotion of the Via Crucis. This devotion will be led by the young adults group that organises the First Monday Adoration.

If you cannot attend in person, please join us via the livestream at [sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/livestream](http://sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/livestream).

**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))  
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If you haven't been attending **Eucharistic Adoration**, Lent is the time to start this time of prayer. Come and adore Jesus on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10.30am to 12 noon and from 5.25pm to 6.25pm.

## Forthcoming parish liturgies and events

**7.00pm Thursday 12 March**  
**Prayer and a Pint Young Adults Group**

A place to build community, pray, have a pint (cash bar), play piano, sing, and play pool and darts. Young adults, come to the Lounge! (Bring drinks and games!)

**6.30pm Saturday 14 March**  
**Poetry & Paint**

As winter softens and the first signs of spring emerge, join Poets & Prophets for a nourishing evening of creativity and connection in the Lounge. We gather to welcome spring through a gentle poetry, writing, and painting workshop designed to awaken imagination and intuition.

This creative environment invites participants of all levels to explore words, colour, and emotion in a supportive, collaborative space. Art supplies are provided with the ticket price and there will be a bar for drinks and snacks. Book your place at [tinyurl.com/yrj58cta](http://tinyurl.com/yrj58cta).

**Pope's Intention for March 2026:**  
For disarmament and peace. Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

## When are you making your Confession this Lent?



The Catechism of the Catholic Church (§1467) states that each of the faithful is bound by obligation faithfully to confess serious sins at least once a year. Lent is the best time to do this.

Confessions are heard in our church from 6.00pm to 6.20pm Mondays to Saturdays, and from 10.30am to 11.30am on Saturdays. If you haven't been to Confession for a while, now is the time to start.

## Diocesan notices

**6.30pm for 7.00pm – 8.30pm**  
**this Thursday 5 March**  
**Unity & Hope: Where can**  
**Pope Leo lead the Church?**

Come along to a public conversation at Sacred Heart Church, Battersea (Trott Street, SW11 3DS), with Christopher Lamb (CNN's Vatican Correspondent) and Rev'd Erin Clark (writer and poet). The event is free, but please register at [tinyurl.com/yc7pzj2r](http://tinyurl.com/yc7pzj2r).

**Vacancy: St John Fisher**  
**Parish Secretary**

St John Fisher Parish, Merton (Cannon Hill Lane, SW20 9DB), is looking for a new parish secretary (20 hours per week paid job). Experience in Microsoft Office, book-keeping, and administration is essential, along with excellent communication and organisational skills. If you are interested, please email your CV and a covering letter to [merton@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:merton@rcaos.org.uk) by Saturday 14 March.

## New to the parish?

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

## Other notices

**10.30am this Friday 6 March**  
**World Day of Prayer Service**  
**by Christian Women of Nigeria**

The women-led International Ecumenical Prayer Group invites you to this service at St John Fisher, Merton (Canon Hill Lane, SW20 9DB), entitled 'I will give you rest, come'. Everyone is welcome; refreshments will be provided after the service. If you are unable to join in person, you can follow the service online at [churchservices.tv/merton](http://churchservices.tv/merton). For further information, please email [alisonwilliams36@btinternet.com](mailto:alisonwilliams36@btinternet.com).

**9.45am – 5.00pm Saturday 14 March**  
**A Day with Mary**

Westminster Cathedral will host a day of instruction, devotion, and intercession to Mary including Mass, sermons, and Adoration. Please bring a packed lunch. For the programme and other 'A Day with Mary' dates and venues, please visit [adaywithmary.org](http://adaywithmary.org).

**8.00pm Friday 27 March**  
**Morden Park Choral Society**  
**80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

Several members of our parish's music community will be participating in this special concert of Gioachino Rossini's *Petite messe solennelle*. The concert will take place at St John the Divine, South Wimbledon (High Path, SW19 2JY). It will feature guest soloists Katy Lees (soprano), Helena Cooke (contralto), James Botcher (tenor), and James Bartlett (bass), as well as David Gammie (piano), Robert Rathbone (organ), and David Coram (conductor). Admission is £12 at the door; there will be interval refreshments and an Easter raffle. Everyone is welcome!

**Record number of converts to Catholicism in the Archdiocese of Southwark:** At the Rite of Election ceremony on the Saturday after Ash Wednesday, the Archbishop welcomed over 590 adults, including catechumens (those not yet baptized) and candidates (those baptized in other Christian traditions). This is the highest number of converts since 2011. 57% are women, and half are aged 35 and under; 20% are aged 18 to 25.

## Celebrants this Sunday

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

## We remember in our prayers

### Those who have died recently

Francis Saldanha • Teresa Escalona • Josef Soffer  
Patricia Jenkins • Jean Sherry • Margaret Tolmie

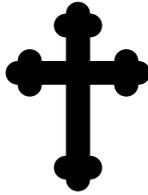
### Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

John Redwood • Layla Banham • Patricia Reynolds  
Christopher Webb • Luca Buttaci • Michael Wiggins  
Hanna Koscia • Frank Mondelli

### Those who are sick

Finley Kennedy • Samar Staussi • Maria Tinker • Emily Grey  
Electa Almeida • Karolina Masica • Mark Capra  
Angela White • Peter Gent • Margaret Brauer  
Karoline Wilhelm-Brown • Valeria Kucharsky  
Debbie Gargan • Patricia Codd • Hilary Brazier  
Ethan Costa Peruzzo • Peter Hayes • Mary Fripp  
Sadie Smith • Warlita Villejo • Ryan Lewis • Joseph Lewis  
Peter Boyle • Susan McGuinn • Teresa Williams  
Patricia Byrne • Francis O'Farrell • Anthony Murphy  
Aimee Jones • Marina Francescotti • Jacqueline Dagnall

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

7.00pm Fridays in Lent:  
Stations of the Cross

## 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)

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To donate, scan the QR code or visit [sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/donate](https://sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/donate).  
Thank you.



## Weekday Mass Intentions

### Saturday 28 February

10.00am John Redwood (RIP)  
6.30pm Miriam O'Callaghan (RIP)

### Monday 2 March

10.00am Nicholas Hogarth (RIP)  
6.30pm Neville De Souza (RIP)

### Tuesday 3 March

10.00am Mohini Revell  
6.30pm Jo Ann D'Costa (Birthday)

### Wednesday 4 March

10.00am Angela de Leon Nieves (RIP)  
6.30pm Cecelia Rossi (RIP)

### Thursday 5 March

10.00am Maureen & Douglas Cusack (RIP)  
6.30pm David Desmond (RIP)

### Friday 6 March

10.00am Brian Freeman  
6.30pm Alice Slattery (RIP)

### Saturday 7 March

10.00am Natalie Garrigues (RIP)  
6.30pm Eileen & Geoffrey Norris (RIP)

## Music at the 12 noon Solemn Latin Mass

### Plainsong Mass XVII

**Offertory motet:** *O nata lux* (T. Tallis)

**Communion motet:** *Hic est filius meus dilectus*  
(D. de las Muelas)

## 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  
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9.00am – 4.00pm  
Monday – Friday

### Executive Assistant

Thelma D'Costa

### Caretaker

Leo Nicolaou

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.

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](mailto:presidentA190704@svp.org.uk).