



# THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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## Newsletter

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Fourth Week of Eastertide



*Buen Pastor Niño* (19<sup>th</sup> century),  
after Bartolomé Esteban Murillo (1617–1682)

### Today's Mass

Traditionally, although not officially, today is known as **Good Shepherd Sunday** because of the theme of the readings. As a result, it is also **World Day of Prayer for Vocations** to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

The **First Reading** (Acts 2:14a,36–41) continues St Peter's Pentecost homily, in which he stresses the need for repentance and Baptism. And some 3,000 did as he urged. Imagine if we had 3,000 people to be Baptized at the Easter Vigil!

The famous and very popular **Psalm 23(22)** is recited, with its theme of Christ as our shepherd: He leads us to the waters (Baptism), anoints our heads with oil (Confirmation), guards us in life, and brings us to eternal life 'in the Lord's own house' (in Heaven).

**Second Reading** (1 Peter 2:20b–25): In today's passage from his First Letter, Peter, referring to Isaiah 53, speaks of Christ as the shepherd who laid down His life for His sheep.

**Gospel** (John 10:1–10): In a slightly confusing image, Christ is both the shepherd – the gatekeeper – and the gate. It is only by following Christ – the Redeemer, the Mediator between man and God – that we can be saved.

*Canon David*

### 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

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Headteacher: Sarah Norville

### Second Collection: Priest Training Fund

The priesthood has always been essential to the life of the Church. On Good Shepherd Sunday, please give generously to our Second Collection for the Priest Training Fund. This Fund helps our Archdiocese to meet the cost of forming students to become priests and permanent deacons, and supports the ongoing formation of the clergy. Please see inside for a special message from Fr Paul Kyne with more details about how the Fund is used.

It costs £30,000 per year to sponsor each seminarian, so the Archdiocese relies on your generous support and prayers. You can also donate online at [rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF](http://rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF).



## Appeal for photographs

Canon David has commissioned an Annual Report of our parish to be published online and in print. As well as cataloguing the very many events and activities that took place in our parish in 2025, this Annual Report promises to be a useful tool for evangelisation – showcasing our community to visitors and inviting new parishioners to play a full role in parish life. We thank every group that has contributed to the Annual Report already.

But they say pictures speak a thousand words, and I need yours. If you have any photos of the parish or events in 2025, please email them to me at [wimbledonnewsletter@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:wimbledonnewsletter@rcaos.org.uk), indicating any attribution requested. Please also confirm that you have the consent of anyone that is personally identifiable in the photo, especially parental consent for children. Thank you.

Matteo Baccaglioni

## This Sunday

### Second Collection: Priest Training Fund

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.!

### 2.00pm St George's Day Celebration for the Wimbledon & Wandle District Scouts

The annual St George's Parade Celebration takes place in the church, presided by Canon David.

### 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** will be away on a post-Easter break from this Tuesday 28 April. He will return to the parish next Wednesday 6 May.

### Alan Toohill RIP

Funeral Mass at the 10.00am Mass on Tuesday, followed by cremation at the North East Surrey Crematorium.

### Holy Matrimony

The Wedding of Sebastean Sebamalinathan and Jethika Jeyapalan is at 11.30am on Wednesday.

### 3.00pm Wednesday Jesuit Missions Farewell Mass

We welcome Fr David Smolira SJ to celebrate this Farewell Mass for Paul Chitnis, the retiring Director of Jesuit Missions.

### 7.30pm Wednesday Wimbledon Newman Circle AGM

Rock Tansey is stepping down as Chair of the Wimbledon Newman Circle, and so an Annual General Meeting will take place in the Lounge. Nominations are invited for a new Chair and a Secretary. Future talks and speakers will also be considered.

### Br Joseph Therese (Camillo Cuddeford) RIP

Br Joseph's body will be received into the church at 4.30pm on Thursday, when the Marian Franciscans will celebrate Vespers. The Funeral Mass will be at 11.45am on Friday, again celebrated by the Marian Franciscans, followed by Committal at Putney Vale Cemetery.

### No Adoration on Friday morning

There will be no Adoration on Friday morning due to the Funeral Mass. Adoration continues as normal from 5.25pm to 6.25pm on Friday.

### 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

Please see the back cover for all our times of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions.

### Holy Matrimony

The Wedding of Aaron Rigley and Rebecca Dunn is at 12.30pm on Saturday 2 May.

## Spotlight on...



### Could God be calling you to be a Priest or Permanent Deacon?

A vocation is not just a calling to serve, but also a personal beckoning from God to evolve into the person that he has always intended you to be, with all your unique skills, gifts, interests and characteristics. God does not ask you to become what you are not, but longs to see his own design – you – fulfil its true potential, through and in Him. Read more about vocations at [tinyurl.com/4susfcf3](http://tinyurl.com/4susfcf3).

The Archdiocese of Southwark's Vocation Team offers guidance, helpful resources, and group meetings suitable for men considering an ordained vocation, offering an opportunity to meet together in prayer and reflection. You can get in touch by emailing [vocations@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:vocations@rcaos.org.uk). Canon David and the Parish Pastoral Team are also available to chat.

**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))  
Maria Christopher ([wimbledonsg5@safeguardrcaos.org.uk](mailto:wimbledonsg5@safeguardrcaos.org.uk))



Thank you so much for your prayers and generous support of the **Priest Training Fund** [our Second Collection] for the Archdiocese of Southwark. I am delighted to share that this year we currently have nine men in formation for the Sacred Priesthood – the highest number since 2014.

Looking ahead, we anticipate two new men will begin their formation this autumn with a propaedeutic year at the English College in Valladolid, Spain. In addition, we have a further six candidates currently being considered to begin formation in autumn 2027 – which means later this year, we will have a total of eleven seminarians in formation, with the prospect of a further six joining them in 2027.

I have no doubt that your prayers, alongside your financial support, have enabled the work of our vocations team to bear real fruit. As we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday, I would like to thank you for your previous gifts. I hope you might consider supporting this vital work again this year.

– Fr Paul Kyne

Vocations Director in the Archdiocese of Southwark

## Forthcoming parish liturgies and events

### 7.30pm Saturday 9 May Quiz Night

Join us in the Lower Hall for a Quiz Night in aid of the Sacred Heart Chorus and Orchestra Summer Concert, supporting Nerve Tumours UK and War Child.

There are prizes up for grabs! Tickets are £15 per person, including snacks and supper, with a cash bar available. You can enter as a team of up to six people – or we'll find you one if you have none! The quiz night is for over-18s only. Book your tickets at [sacredheartmusic.co.uk/quiz-night](http://sacredheartmusic.co.uk/quiz-night).

### 10.45am – 4.30pm Wednesday 13 May Friendship Group Outing to Denbies Wine Estate

Come along and make new friends on our daytrip to Denbies Wine Estate, near Dorking. All welcome, but booking is essential. For more details and to book, please email Judy at [judyruston@gmail.com](mailto:judyruston@gmail.com) or call 07977 049239.

#### SAVE THE DATES:

- **Sunday 14 June:** Summer Fair for the Feast of the Sacred Heart
- **8.00pm Saturday 20 June:** Mozart's *Requiem* by the Sacred Heart Chorus and Orchestra

## Parish notices

### Winter Night Shelter

We are pleased to report that Chiaralisa Giaco has agreed to take over our parish's coordination of the Winter Night Shelter. The initiative sees our parish open its doors to rough sleepers for eight weeks each winter.

We are sure that everyone will give Chiaralisa their full support in this most important service to those in need of our help. You can get in touch by emailing [sacredheartwns@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:sacredheartwns@rcaos.org.uk).

### Wanted: *Portrait of a Parish*

I have a copy of *Portrait of a Church* by Richard Milward, written to mark the centenary of the church, but I do not have a copy of his earlier book, *Portrait of a Parish*, written to mark the centenary of the Jesuit Mission in Wimbledon.

Does anyone have a spare copy they could let me have? Please approach me after Mass or get in touch by emailing [wimbledon@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:wimbledon@rcaos.org.uk).

*Canon David*

**Pope's Intention for May 2026:** That everyone might have food. Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

## 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

### 9.30am – 4.00pm Saturday 6 June Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Building a Better World

Come along to Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Blackfen near Sidcup (Burnt Oak Lane, DA15 8LW) for a day exploring AI's role in the Church's mission, featuring speakers from academia and charity sectors. For more information and to book, please visit [rci.magnicharity.org](http://rci.magnicharity.org).

### 7.00pm – 9.00pm Friday 26 June Caeli Lumen Catholic Supper Club

Caeli Lumen invites Catholics in their 30s and 40s to a welcoming experience to meet, build genuine friendships, and form meaningful connections outside of Mass in small, curated groups. The social evening will take place in Wimbledon, with a £5 booking fee and food and drinks purchased separately on the night. For more information or to request a place, please email [caelilumen@outlook.com](mailto:caelilumen@outlook.com).

### Tuesdays 12 – 19 May Preached Retreat on the Eucharist as a Sacrament of Healing and a Way of Life

This preached retreat at the Kairos Centre, Roehampton (Mount Angelus Road, SW15 4JA), will be led by Bro (Fr) Martin Mikuskiewicz OFM Cap. For more details and to book, please visit [thekairoscentre.co.uk](http://thekairoscentre.co.uk).

### 10.00am – 3.00pm Saturday 30 May Walk the Well and Meet God

This day is an opportunity for Ignatian guided prayer and to offer a gentle, creative response to the famous Icon of the Samaritan Woman at the Well, loaned by the Retreat Association, using art materials in peaceful and serene surroundings. No experience is required. The day takes place at the Kairos Centre, Roehampton. Lunch is included. For more details and to book, please visit [thekairoscentre.co.uk](http://thekairoscentre.co.uk).

## 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	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

Br Joseph Therese • Paul Thirlwall • Alan Toohill  
Peter Thompson • Kathleen Mary Massara

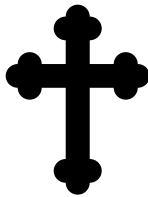
### Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Kazimierz Koscia • Mary Williams • Patrick Phibbs  
Eddie Power • Patricia O'Donnell

### 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  
Marie Fitzgerald • Dennis Konopka

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  
*no morning Adoration  
on Friday 1 May*

## 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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Thank you.



## Weekday Mass Intentions

### Saturday 25 April • S Mark, Ev

10.00am Joan McKeown (RIP)  
6.30pm Michael Hamilton (RIP)

### Monday 27 April

10.00am Katherine Winter (RIP)  
6.30pm Malachy Cavanagh (RIP)

### Tuesday 28 April

10.00am Funeral Mass of Alan Toohill (RIP)  
6.30pm James Westbrook (RIP)

### Wednesday 29 April • S Catherine of Siena, VD

10.00am Jessica Thomas  
11.30am Wedding of Sebasteen Sebamalainathan  
& Jethika Jeyapalan  
6.30pm George Lally (RIP)

### Thursday 30 April

10.00am George Lally (RIP)  
6.30pm Wimbledon Catenians

### Friday 1 May • S Joseph the Worker

10.00am Marie Drake (RIP)  
11.45am Funeral Mass of Fra Joseph Therese (RIP)  
6.30pm Pat McManus (RIP)

### Saturday 2 May • S Athanasius, BD

10.00am Victor Barrie Partington (RIP)  
12.30pm Wedding of Aaron Rigley & Rebecca Dunn  
6.30pm Ahmed Bayat (RIP)

## Music at the 12 noon Mass

### (467) *Missa de Angelis*

Entry hymn: (239) Hail, Redeemer, King divine

Offertory motet: *Surrexit pastor bonus* (O. di Lasso)

Communion motet: The God of love my Shepherd is  
(T. Tallis)

Post-communion hymn: (475) Loving shepherd of thy sheep

Organ: *Praeludium in G minor* (D. Buxtehude)

## 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

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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.