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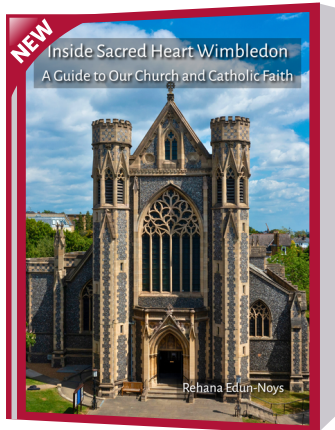
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Newsletter

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)
Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time



Have you read the latest bestseller in town? *Inside Sacred Heart Wimbledon: A Guide to Our Church and Catholic Faith* by Rehana Edun-Noys was launched at last weekend's Open House Festival to much acclaim.

The booklet offers a thought-provoking overview of how we use different architectural elements of our church in our prayers and liturgies. Printed copies are available for free at the back of our church, but please consider making a voluntary contribution to help cover printing costs. Happy reading!

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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Today's Mass

First Reading (Isaiah 55:6-9): God will forgive the person who abandons wicked ways and thoughts; God's ways and thoughts are not the same as ours.

Psalms 145(144) is a song of praise to God, who is kind, forgiving, and compassionate to 'all who call Him'.

The **Second Reading** is the first in a series from St Paul's Letter to the Philippians (1:20c-24,27a), in which he is seeking to strengthen the faith of the Christians in Philippi, a city in Macedonia, now in Greece.

The **Gospel** (Matthew 20:1-16) contains the Parable of the Labourers in the Vineyard. It reminds us that God's justice and generosity are not like our human concepts of justice and generosity. It is also a reminder of the Day of Judgment: do we presume that we are among those who will be saved?

Canon David

Continental Breakfast after the 8.00am and 10.00am Masses



Join us in the Lower Hall for bacon, pastries, sausage rolls, teas, and coffees - all to accompany good chats with fellow parishioners! There is no charge, but donations are gratefully received.

**be
well**

Our parish is a Be Well Hub! If you would like any mental health advice or to take up counselling, please approach any of the Be Well Champions at the Continental Breakfast; they will be wearing name badges.



For all ages and for all interests - there's something for everyone in our parish! Discover our wide range of liturgical, spiritual, pastoral, and cultural groups and activities at sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/groups.

This Sunday

Home Mission Sunday

For many years, 'Home Mission Sunday' was the title given to the day when the Bishops ask parishes to pray for the work of evangelization and to support this work through a second collection. A few years ago, it was renamed 'Evangelii Gaudium Sunday'. Now, in 2026, we revert to the original name. You can read a reflection by Abbot Hugh Allan O.Praem, Director of Mission at the Bishops' Conference, at tinyurl.com/4h5jt2ru.

Today's **Second Collection** is for the Bishops' Mission Directorate. Please also pray for the Home Mission and dedicate yourself to sharing the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ. You can learn more at cbcew.org.uk/home-mission-sunday.

Annual Mass Count

The first Mass Count is this weekend. Counters, please count everyone at Mass – including babies and clergy.

Continental Breakfast and Be Well Hub after the 8.00am and 10.00am Masses

Please see the front cover. Our card reader is temporarily unavailable, so cash donations are welcomed instead.

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 4 October. Please email Elizabeth at elizabethbotttriell@hotmail.com if you have any questions.

Young Adults Coffee after the 12 noon Mass

Whether you're coming to Mass for the first time, returning to the faith, a practising Catholic, or simply interested in meeting new people – regardless of faith – we would love you to join our young adults group (18- to 35-year-olds) for a coffee after Mass! Please meet at the noticeboard outside the church directly after the 12 noon Mass.

First timer? Don't worry – meeting new people is definitely a tad nerve-racking at first, but we promise you we're a very friendly bunch!

3.00pm: New Parishioners' Tea

New to the parish? The Parish Pastoral Team and Council request the pleasure of your company! We invite you and your family to afternoon tea and cakes in the Lounge. There's no need to book – we will be glad to see you there!

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 a residential or nursing 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. Please do contact the Parish Office to let us know.

This week

Fr Edwin is away on annual leave until Tuesday 29 September.

William 'Bill' Russell RIP

Funeral Mass at 12 noon on Monday, followed by burial at Putney Vale Cemetery.

4.30pm Tuesday, 7.00pm Thursday, and 7.00pm Friday Signing of School Forms

Please see the inset box.

7.15pm for 7.30pm Tuesday Be Well Hub talk: The mental health spectrum

Mental health and physical health are intricately linked, and they both relate to how we function day to day. Join us in the Lounge as consultant psychiatrist Dr Phil Hopley unpacks how understanding the factors that challenge and enhance our mental health can empower us to manage proactively the range of modern-day stressors. All welcome! Come from 7.15pm for refreshments; the talk begins at 7.30pm.

10.30am – 11.30am Saturday Bereavement Support Group

Are you coping with the loss of a loved one? Having difficulties adjusting to life without that person? Join us in the Lounge for our monthly, confidential drop-in session for all who have been bereaved, whether recently or a while ago. For more information, please call 07865 204995 or email bereavementsacredheart@gmail.com.



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

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@safeguardraos.org.uk)
Maria Christopher (wimbledonsg5@safeguardraos.org.uk)

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 times this week (see 'This week') for Canon David's countersignature. Please ensure you have completed your section of the form, and bring the child applicant and the form.

- If you require a Baptism certificate for a child baptized at our church, please contact the Parish Office.
- Please ensure that you are registered as a parishioner. Canon David will check this, as well as your attendance at Sunday Mass.

Parish notices

Seminarian placement

We welcome **Francis Hubbard**, a seminarian of the Neocatechumenal Way who is studying at Allen Hall. Francis is coming to our parish for a Sunday placement this academic year. Do introduce yourself if you see him, and ask him if you wish to know more about the Neocatechumenal Way.

Open House Festival

Many thanks to David Hurst and his team of guides and volunteers. Over 80 visitors popped in on Saturday afternoon, and all seemed to very much enjoy their visit to our church.

Finances

The parish collected £32,634.03 in the August Offertory. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Vacancy: Part-Time Student Services Administrator

The Ursuline High School is seeking a Part-Time Student Services Administrator. For more details, including a job description, please visit ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk/work/current-job-opportunities. Please apply to evelyn.davern@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk by 4.00pm on Wednesday 30 September.

Diocesan notices

11.00am Saturday 3 October Mission Mass

Mission Masses celebrate all things 'mission', pray for missionaries, and offer a chance to come together in prayer. So join Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries for this special World Mission month Mass with Fr Anthony Chantry (Missio National Director) and Fr Joseph Donkor (Missio Diocesan Director for Southwark), previously of this parish. The Mass will be celebrated at St Elizabeth of Portugal, Richmond (The Vineyard, TW10 6AQ). For more details, please visit missio.org.uk/mission-masses-and-events.

Assisted Suicide Bill

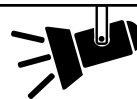
“ I am grateful to everyone who made their voices heard in defence of life, especially by writing to their MPs and sharing their messages of hope. By the grace of God, MPs have listened and voted against assisted suicide. Together, we have shown that we will not stand by while the sacredness of life is under threat. As the many thousands at the March for Life demonstrated, we are a people of life and a people of joy. We must continue to be witnesses for Christ by courageously and joyfully making the case for life – from conception until natural death.

— Archbishop John Wilson

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.

Spotlight on...



2.30pm Friday 2 October *The Lavender Hill Mob* (1951) Film Screening at the Friendship Group

Come along to the Lounge and watch with us this classic Ealing comedy starring Alec Guinness, Sid James, and Stanley Holloway. Ice creams, tea and biscuits will be served. All are welcome!

Other notices

Merton Faith Guiding Course

Would you like to be trained to lead high-quality educational visits around our beautiful church? This twelve-week course will equip yourself to share your faith with others, guide tours, and understand other faiths. The course includes five visits to places of worship in Merton. It may be particularly interesting to those who led tours at the Open House Festival. An introduction to the course will take place from 7.00pm to 9.00pm on Tuesday 29 September at Wimbledon Library (entrance via Compton Road). Speakers include Rev'd Dr Nadim Nassar of the Awareness Foundation, which has designed the course, and course leaders Richard Smart and Rosemary Barnes. For further details, please email richard@rjsmart.com.



ADOREMUS
NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC
PILGRIMAGE & CONGRESS
I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

Taking place in London on Saturday 10 October, **Adoremus 2026, the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress**, is the Bishops' invitation to renew our devotion to the Eucharistic Lord. The programme starts at 10.30am at St George's Cathedral, Southwark (Lambeth Road, SE1 7HY), with Presentations on Eucharistic Art and Life. The Adoremus Mass is at 12 noon, celebrated by the Archbishop. At 3.00pm, there will be a Eucharistic Procession from St George's to Westminster Cathedral, where there will be Solemn Benediction, Holy Mass, Holy Hours, and an all-night Vigil. For more details, please visit cbcew.org.uk/adoremus-2026.

In our church, there will be a Holy Hour from 10.30am to 11.30am. If you can't make the events in Central London, come and join us for an hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart Wimbledon.

Celebrants this Sunday

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

We remember in our prayers

Those who have died recently

Neville Taylor • Alejandro de Leon Nieves • Bill Russell
Patricia Holmes • Mumtaz Tokatly • Sr Teresa Leung

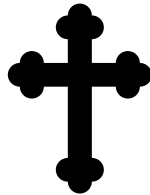
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

James Tait • Kenneth Eager • David O'Keefe
Fr Michael O'Halloran SJ • Vladimir Pavlinic

Those who are sick

Andrew Kennedy • Samar Staussi • Maria Tinker
Emily Grey • Electa Almeida • Karolina Masica
Mark Capra • Peter Gent • Margaret Brauer
Karoline Wilhelm-Brown • Valeria Kucharsky
Debbie Gargan • Patricia Codd • Hilary Brazier
Ethan Costa Peruzzo • Ryan Lewis • Joseph Lewis
Peter Boyle • Susan McGuinn • Patricia Byrne
Francis O'Farrell • Anthony Murphy • Aimee Jones
Marina Francescotti • Jacqueline Dagnall • William Brown
Anne Shannon • Stephanie Ritchie

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.

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sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/donate.
Thank you.



Weekday Mass Intentions

Saturday 19 September • of Our Lady

10.00am Peter McGrath (RIP)
6.30pm Thanksgiving for Medjugorje

Monday 21 September • S Matthew, Ap Ev

10.00am Max Gomez (RIP)
12 noon Funeral Mass of William 'Bill' Russell (RIP)
6.30pm William Holder (RIP)

Tuesday 22 September

10.00am Michael Monaghan (RIP)
6.30pm Pauline & Andrew Ninnis (Wedding Anniv.)

Wednesday 23 September • S Pius of Pietrelcina

10.00am Anne Bijou (RIP)
6.30pm Wendy D'Costa (Birthday)

Thursday 24 September • Our Lady of Walsingham

10.00am Fr Michael O'Halloran SJ (RIP)
6.30pm Arthur Staussi

Friday 25 September

10.00am Mavis Meyer & Maisie Griffiths (RIP)
6.30pm Leven Viajar (Birthday Thanksgiving)

Saturday 26 September • of Our Lady

10.00am Roxana Genis (RIP)
6.30pm Emily Kelly-Eades

Music at the 12 noon Mass

Missa de Angelis (467)

Entry hymn: (301) Immortal, invisible

Offertory motet: *Exultate justi* (L.G. da Viadana)

Communion motet: *Agnus Dei* (T. Morley)

Communion hymn: (399) Love is His word [omit 5 & 6]

Music at the 5.00pm Mass

Scan the QR code or visit
sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/5pm



Parish services and contacts

Parish Office

020 8946 0305
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 by Tuesday evening.

Please remember always to register your car when using the church car park (except Sundays). Registration tablets are available at the church entrance, the presbytery reception, and the 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.