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Rosary Sunday

Today is Rosary Sunday, and on Wednesday, we will celebrate Our Lady of the Rosary. During October, the month of the Rosary, those who recite five decades in church or as a family, religious community, or group of the faithful may gain a Plenary Indulgence daily. In our church, the Holy Rosary is prayed at:

- **9.30am** (before the 10.00am Mass, Monday to Saturday);
- **4.50pm** (before Adoration, Wednesdays and Fridays); and
- **5.50pm** (before the 6.30pm Mass, Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays).

'The Rosary is the most excellent form of prayer and the most efficacious means of attaining eternal life. It is the remedy for all our evils, the root of all our blessings. There is no more excellent way of praying.' (Pope Leo XIII)

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

Burlington Road, KT3 4ND
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Headteacher: Sarah Norville

Today's Mass

The **First Reading** (Isaiah 5:1-7) reads almost like a charge sheet in a law court: God finds the people of Israel guilty of failing to produce fruit from the vineyard, and they will suffer the consequences. Having suffered the consequences, in **Psalm 80(79)**, the people of Israel implore God to forgive them.

Second Reading (Philippians 4:6-9): St Paul is telling the Philippians – and us – not to worry. This does not simply mean being cheerful, but having a serene and joyful trust in God.

Gospel (Matthew 21:33-43): The Parable of the Wicked Tenants has many echoes of the vineyard in the First Reading. The vineyard symbolises Israel, while the tenant farmers are the religious leaders, who have always persecuted the prophets sent by God. Having rebelled against God, they will be replaced. We too have been charged with producing the fruits of the kingdom; is this parable a warning to us as well?

Canon David

Second Collection: CAFOD

Tayla from Zimbabwe is 12 years old. She loves studying maths at school. But some days, she arrived exhausted after walking to collect water, and with little food to eat, she couldn't focus in class. Some days, she didn't make it to school at all. Then, CAFOD's partners worked with Tayla's community to build a solar-powered water system. Tayla's school now waters and grows its own vegetables.

Hunger and thirst stop children from learning. Put your faith into action and share the Lord's love. Your generosity will help children like Tayla stay in school by supporting communities and schools to provide nourishing meals, improve access to water, and grow food in school gardens. To learn more, please visit cafod.org.uk.



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.

Calling all singers!



Katy's Songbirds, Katy Lees, and Giles Kennedy invite you to lend your voice for a Christmas Celebration Concert at 7.45pm on Tuesday 15 December in our church.

Rehearsals will take place on Mondays 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 November and Mondays 7 and 14 December – please come to as many as you like! – from 8.30pm to 9.30pm at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School (Burlington Road, KT3 4ND). To register, please email Katy at katylees3009@gmail.com.

Whatever your experience, please join us to raise the roof together, proving that music has the power to change lives.

This Sunday

Please see the front cover for **Rosary Sunday** and the **Second Collection for CAFOD**.

Annual Mass Count

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

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 18 October. 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.!

Young Adults Coffee after the 12 noon Mass

Our Young Adults Group (for those aged 18 to 35) invites you for a coffee after Mass! Please meet at the noticeboard outside the church.

Social Club after the 8.00pm Mass

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

Want to make a real difference in the world? Become a CAFOD Parish Volunteer! Help to raise awareness about international development in a fully supported and flexible role. Please email southwark@cafod.org.uk.

Parish notices

Sacred Heart Chorus & Orchestra Mozart Requiem Concert

This year's June concert was highly successful, and the Concert Fund was able to donate £3,500 each to the two chosen charities, Nerve Tumours UK and War Child UK, in addition to £1,069.61 received at the Second Collection. The Fund has also transferred £1,500 to the Living Stones appeal, for which we are very grateful.

Ahead of our parish's 150th anniversary next year, Living Stones is a fundraising campaign and collective effort to preserve our church and heritage – strengthening the life and faith of our community and ensuring that Sacred Heart remains what it has always been: a place of living worship, welcome, service, and mission for generations to come.

Other notices

8.00am – 9.00am or 6.00pm – 7.00pm Tuesday 13 October The Good Steward: Catholic Philanthropy

How can our faith shape the way we use our money and support others? The Good Steward is a new, three-part online series exploring giving, investment, and estate planning as connected expressions of Christian stewardship, grounded in Catholic Social Teaching. The first event will focus on Catholic philanthropy and how our giving can reflect our faith, values, and responsibility to our neighbour. Led by Matt Parkes and John Green, the session will explore practical approaches to generosity, impact, trust, and leadership in Catholic giving. For more details and to book, please visit ticketsource.com/catholics-in-fundraising/t-dkggdmmy.

Vacancies at Jesuit Missions

Headquartered at Edge Hill, Jesuit Missions is the international mission and development organisation of the Jesuits in Britain. It is searching for a Global Justice Engagement Officer and a Fundraising Engagement Officer. For more details, including job descriptions, and to apply by Monday 19 October, please visit jesuitmissions.org.uk.

Magnificat

... has become a trusted companion for Catholics seeking to deepen their participation in Holy Mass and their daily prayer life. It contains the daily readings, reflections, Morning and Evening Prayer, and spiritual writings. To learn more or subscribe, please visit thecatholicherald.com/magnificat.

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)

This week

Canon David and **Deacon Julian** are both away from Monday to Friday at the Diocesan Clergy Conference in Merville, France. **Thelma** is away on annual leave on Monday and Tuesday, returning this Wednesday 7 October.

8.00am Monday: DHM Convent Mass

All parishioners are welcome to the monthly Mass at the Daughters of the Heart of Mary Convent (41 Murray Road, SW19 4PD).



6.00pm – 7.00pm Monday How to apply for Reception

Parents and carers of children who will be applying for a Reception place at any school for September 2027 are warmly invited to attend this information evening at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School (Burlington Road, KT3 4ND) to talk through the process. The session is for any parents or carers – they don't have to have a child at Sacred Heart – and anyone is welcome to attend, regardless of whether or not they are applying to Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School.

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)

Your generosity helps to fund our parish's wide range of liturgical, spiritual, pastoral, and cultural activities, and to maintain our beautiful Grade II*-listed church. Can you help? Please donate at:

[sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/
donate](https://sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/donate)

7.15pm – 8.15pm Monday Called to Bear Fruit Implementation Group

Called to Bear Fruit is the Archdiocese of Southwark's synodal process of renewal, which seeks to ensure that every parish is equipped with the vision, leadership, resources, and infrastructure needed to become growing communities that evangelise, form disciples, and inspire witness.

We need a small group of six to eight parishioners to attend five meetings to support the implementation of this process in our parish. The meetings will take place in the Lower Hall from 7.15pm to 8.15pm on consecutive Mondays 5, 12, 19 and 26 October and 2 November. Could YOU volunteer your time to support this important process? Please email Rachel at rachel@marshallemail.net.

Mumtaz Tokatly RIP

Funeral Mass at the 10.00am Mass on Tuesday, followed by burial at Putney Vale Cemetery.

7.00pm – 8.00pm Tuesday POD Youth Group

Pocket of Disciples (POD) is a youth group open to everyone who has been confirmed. We'll meet in the Youth Room and cover the three Fs – *Friend* (meet new people), *Faith* (grow deeper in faith), and *Fellowship* (spend time together). For more deets, please email Rob at wimbledonpfm@rcaos.org.uk.

10.30am – 11.30am Saturday 10 October Holy Hour for Adoremus 2026

The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress is the Bishops' invitation to renew our devotion to the Eucharistic Lord. If you cannot make the events in Central London (please visit cbcew.org.uk/adoremus-2026), please come and join us for an hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart Wimbledon.

Jesus said to his disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane: *'So, could you not watch with me one hour?'* (Matthew 26:40). A Holy Hour is a time of worship where we spend one hour completely devoted to Christ in prayer, most commonly in front of the Blessed Sacrament in Adoration. Can YOU come this Saturday?

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.

Forthcoming parish liturgies and events

7.15pm – 8.15pm Mondays 5 October to 2 November Called to Bear Fruit Implementation Group

Please see 'This Week'.

7.00pm for 7.30pm Wednesday 14 October Newman Association Talk: Dr Paul O'Reilly SJ

Join us in the Lounge as Dr Paul O'Reilly SJ, a medical doctor and a Jesuit priest, shares his experiences of medical care for the homeless and the value of having Jesuits and other religious working in this field. Refreshments (tea, coffee, and wine) will be available from 7.00pm, with the talk starting at 7.30pm.

11.15am – 3.00pm Saturday 17 October Deanery Day of Recollection for Mass Readers and Extraordinary Ministers

All Mass Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are asked to make every effort to attend the day at St Winefride's Church (Latimer Road, SW19 1EP). Please bring a packed lunch.

7.15pm for 7.30pm Tuesday 27 October Be Well Hub talk: Being well by being positive

Many people silently struggle with persistent self-criticism and negative self-beliefs not rooted in reality. Join Anthony Lee, our parish counsellor, in the Lounge for guided reflection and practical exercises to learn how we can recognise and reframe these negative self-beliefs and build small, meaningful daily practices that support our wellbeing. Refreshments will be available from 7.15pm, with the talk starting at 7.30pm.

Celebrants this Sunday

6.30pm (Sat)	Fr Peter Mudu Frank
8.00am	Fr Peter Mudu Frank & Dcn Julian Burling
10.00am	Fr Edwin Raj
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

Neville Taylor • Mumtaz Tokatly • Sr Teresa Leung
Andrew Kennedy • Damian Doig

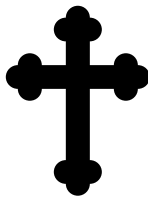
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Fernand Laloux • Laszlo Hajdu • Celia Cviic
Angela Mondelli • Diogu Peters

Those who are sick

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)

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sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/donate.
Thank you.



Weekday Mass Intentions

Saturday 3 October • of Our Lady

10.00am	Josephine Scullion (RIP)
3.00pm	Wedding of Annoji Inpanathan & Annabelle Yip
6.30pm	Justyna Moranska (RIP)

Monday 5 October • S Faustina Kowalska, V

8.00am	Sisters [41 Murray Road, SW19 4PD]
10.00am	Mary Geoghegan (RIP)
6.30pm	Ivone Rocha Fonseca (RIP)

Tuesday 6 October

10.00am	Funeral Mass of Mumtaz Tokatly (RIP)
6.30pm	Joan Best (RIP)

Wednesday 7 October • Our Lady of the Rosary

10.00am	Joan Lennon (RIP)
6.30pm	Romeo Tineo Abello (RIP)

Thursday 8 October

10.00am	Melba Hall (Birthday)
6.30pm	Holy Souls (RIP)

Friday 9 October • S John Henry Newman, Pr D

10.00am	Doreen Spink (RIP)
6.30pm	Leo Viajar (Birthday)

Saturday 10 October • of Our Lady

10.00am	Gino Garzolini
6.30pm	Rosanne Gomez (RIP)

Music at the 12 noon Solemn Latin Mass

Missa Trahe me post te (T.L. de Victoria)

Offertory motet: *O Jesu Christ, meus Lebens Licht* (J.S. Bach)

Communion motet: *Agnus Dei*, from Mass

Organ: Chaconne, from The Fairy Queen (H. Purcell)

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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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 wimbledon@raeos.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.