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Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time

Be well by being positive



Lounge, Sacred Heart Wimbledon
(Edge Hill, SW19 4LU)

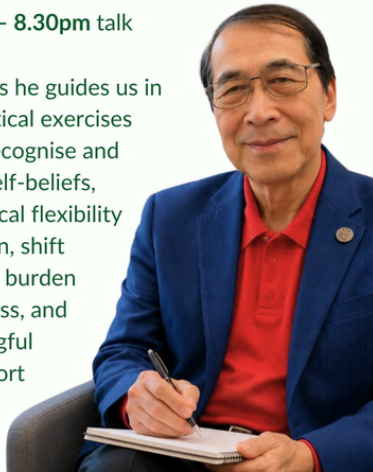


Tuesday 27 October 2026



7.15pm refreshments
7.30pm – 8.30pm talk

Join **Anthony Lee** as he guides us in reflection and practical exercises exploring how to recognise and reframe negative self-beliefs, develop psychological flexibility and self-compassion, shift attention from past burden to present awareness, and build small, meaningful practices that support wellbeing.



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 45:1, 4–6): Cyrus was the king of Persia. By conquering Babylon in 539 BC, he – unwittingly – became the anointed one of God, who enabled the people of God to return to Israel. God can work even through non-believers.

Psalm 96(95) is a song of praise that stresses God's universal sovereignty over all the nations.

Second Reading (1 Thessalonians 1:1–5b): In the rather long middle sentence, St Paul gives thanks for the Thessalonians' faith in action, work for love, and perseverance in hope. Later on, in his First Letter to the Corinthians (13:13), St Paul will stress the three virtues: faith, hope, and love.

Gospel (Matthew 22:15–21): Jesus evades the trap set for Him. When He says 'render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's', He is not making the two realms equal. Give to the state what is due in taxes, yes, but the most important thing is to be totally committed to following God and his commandments.

Perhaps there is also a reference to humans as God's coins, since we bear His image. We belong to God, as the coins belong to Caesar, and ultimately we must be given back to God.

Canon David

Annual Mission Appeal

On World Mission Day, a Day of Prayer for the Evangelization of the World, we welcome **Fr Damien Diouf SM** to make the Mission Appeal for the Marist Fathers. The Second Collection will be for them (not Missio). Learn more about the Order at maristfathers.net.



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

We welcome **Fr Andrew Coy** to celebrate our 8.00am Mass and **Fr Damien Diouf SM** for our **Mission Appeal** (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 8 November. Please email Elizabeth at elizabethbottriell@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!

St George's Chronicle: The Living Heritage is a quarterly journal showcasing the history and living heritage of St George's Cathedral, the Mother Church of our Archdiocese. The subscription is £3 per issue (£12 a year, plus £1.50 for postage and packing). For an order form, please email cathedralenquiries@rcaos.org.uk.

This week

Fr Peter is on annual leave; he returns on Tuesday 17 November.

Finance Committee

... meets at 7.00pm on Monday in the Youth Room.

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

Members are reminded of the meeting in the Lower Hall.

7.00pm – 8.00pm Tuesday POD Youth Group

POD is our post-Confirmation parish youth group. We meet every other week in the Youth Room for fellowship, open discussion, and ongoing faith formation. Whether you want to dive deeper into your faith, ask big questions, or simply connect with friends, POD is your space. Come and join us! For more deets, please email Rob at wimbledonpfm@rcaos.org.uk.

12 noon Wednesday Jesuit Missions Memorial Mass

Fr Paul Nicholson SJ will celebrate this Mass for all deceased Jesuit Missions supporters.

Andrew Kennedy RIP

Requiem Mass at 12 noon on Thursday, preceded by committal at Putney Vale Crematorium.

Holy Matrimony

The Wedding of Jonathan Lesley-Valentine and Tarunee Sreenivas is at 3.00pm on Saturday 24 October.

Next Sunday 25 October Merton Faith in Action Cake Sale for the Ukrainian Homeless

Please support Faith In Action Merton Homelessness Project's cake sale outside the church after Masses next Sunday. All proceeds will go to Без Дому ('Without Home'), a Kyiv-based charity supporting people experiencing homelessness and other vulnerable members of the community. Every Saturday, the charity provides free meals and practical support to hundreds of people in need near Kyiv's railway station. The fundraiser was inspired by Carlos Arbuthnott, a long-standing supporter of Faith in Action, who recently volunteered in Ukraine and saw first-hand the incredible work of Without Home. Please join us and stand with us in solidarity with people experiencing homelessness in Ukraine.

Can you volunteer for the Winter Night Shelter?

From Thursdays 7 January to 18 February 2027, our parish will once again welcome rough sleepers to our Lower Hall for Merton Faith in Action's Winter Night Shelter. We are looking for parishioners who can spare a little time to help support our guests. There are several ways you can volunteer:

- *Overnight supervision:* Just one Thursday night.
- *Friday morning breakfast:* Two or three shifts, from 6.30am to 8.00am/8.30am.
- *Luggage transport:* Help on a couple of Thursday or Friday mornings at 8.00am, driving luggage between our parish and another local church.

Whether you can give one night, a few mornings, or help with transport, your support will make a real difference. If you can help, please contact Chiaralisa Giaco at wimbledonWNS1@rcaos.org.uk. Thank you for supporting this important initiative and helping us to offer a warm welcome to those in need.

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



Reminder: the clocks go back next weekend!

Parish notices

Finances

The Offertory for September totalled £32,364.83. The Second Collections totalled £864.20 for the Catholic Education Service and £1,000.85 for the Home Mission Appeal. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

Vacancy: Kitchen Assistant at St Teresa's Home CIO

St Teresa's Home CIO is searching for a Kitchen Assistant, to work four evenings per week Monday to Thursday, 5.00pm to 8.00pm. A DBS check will be carried out. For further details and to apply, please email info@stteresashome.co.uk or call the Admin Office on 020 8879 7366 (option 3).

Forthcoming parish liturgies and events

7.15pm for 7.30pm

Tuesday 27 October

Be Well Hub talk:

Being well by being positive

Please see the front cover.

Sunday 1 November

All Saints' Day

Masses will be celebrated at the usual Sunday times.

Monday 2 November

All Souls' Day

Requiem Masses for the Faithful Departed will be celebrated at 8.00am, 10.00am, and 6.30pm.

2.30pm Friday 6 November

Beetle Drive at the Friendship Group

Do join us in the Lounge for our annual fun beetle drive, followed by tea and cakes. Everyone is welcome!

11.00am – 6.30pm

Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 November

Exhibition: The Healing Power of Nature through Art

Inspired by St Francis' *Canticle of the Creatures*, Mariella's art exhibition celebrates the beauty of nature. Come and pop into the Lounge to experience the healing power of nature through Art with Mariella's ART with my HeART. Throughout the day, there will be family activities, refreshments, and cards with the artwork for purchase. Everyone is warmly invited! Cash donations are also welcome, with proceeds supporting the parish's Living Stones appeal.

Evening of Saturday 21 November

Young Adults Black Tie Gala

Featuring fabulous salsa classes led by Salsa Got Soul and the London Salsa Nights team, get ready for an evening of true Latin vibes, delicious buffet food, drinks, and dancing!

Doors open at 6.30pm with a complimentary drink on arrival. Salsa classes take place from 7.00pm to 8.00pm, followed by social dancing until 11.00pm. The dress code is black tie; the bar is open throughout. For full details and to buy your tickets, please visit tinyurl.com/3psh7r28.

10.45am – 7.30pm

Saturday 28 November

Gregorian Chant Workshop Day

This special day is organised by the Schola Gregoriana of Cambridge in the Lower Hall. Everyone is welcome; the repertoire is uniquely adapted to beginners and experienced singers. We will rehearse and explore the ancient chants of the Church both historically and musically, considering aspects of modality and stylistic interpretation. The day will culminate in the celebration of First Vespers and the 6.30pm Vigil Mass of the First Sunday of Advent in our church, sung by participants. Please bring a packed lunch. For more details and to book, please visit tinyurl.com/67nw6ebv or contact Deacon Julian.

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.

Other notices

9.45am – 5.00pm

Saturday 7 November

A Day With Mary

Join a Day with Mary at Westminster Cathedral (Victoria Street, SW1P 1LT) for a day of devotion to Mary, including 10.30am Mass with the Cathedral Choir where Richard Moth, Archbishop of Westminster, will be Celebrant and Preacher. Please bring a packed lunch. For more details, please visit adaywithmary.org.

9.30am – 4.00pm

Saturday 21 November

National Conference on Migration, Integration and Human Dignity

This conference takes place at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Social Club, Blackfen (Burnt Oak Lane, DA15 8LW). It invites the Church, civic society, policymakers, and local communities to reflect on the movement of peoples across borders in search of safety, dignity, and hope in the context of Pope Leo XIV's first encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas*. Tickets are £12 per adult, £10 per student, including refreshments and a light lunch. For more details and to register, please visit local.magnicharity.org or email blackfen@rcaos.org.uk.

Thursday 17 – Sunday 20 December

The Nativity Journey at Wintershall

Come along to Wintershall, Bramley, Surrey (GU5 0LR) to discover the true meaning of Christmas with an unforgettable immersive event for all the family. It's a Nativity like no other, placing you in the middle of an immersive theatre experience. Stand with the shepherds, walk with Mary, Joseph and the donkey, journey with Roman soldiers and enter the stable to watch the miracle unfold. You can watch a short introductory video at youtu.be/xaAFCjrJC88. For more details and to book tickets, please visit wintershall.org.uk/event/the-nativity-journey.

Celebrants this Sunday

6.30pm (Sat)	Fr Edwin Raj
8.00am	Fr Andrew Coy
10.00am	Fr Edwin Raj & Dcn Julian Burling
12 noon	Canon David Gibbons & Dcn Julian Burling
5.00pm	Fr Damien Diouf SM
8.00pm	Fr Edwin Raj

We remember in our prayers

Those who have died recently

Andrew Kennedy • William North • Stephen Devaney
Kazimierz Nowak • Edward Cassidy

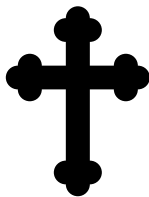
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Francie McHugh • Leonard Laundry • Donald Derx
Hildgarde Dom Paul • Margaret De-Larrazabal
Patrick Scanlon

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
Anne Nash • John Wilson

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 17 October • S Ignatius of Antioch, B M

10.00am Andrew McGettrick (RIP)

6.30pm Peter Cole (RIP)

Monday 19 October

10.00am Clara D'Sa (RIP)

6.30pm John Devlin (Birthday RIP)

Tuesday 20 October

10.00am Mary Geoghegan (RIP)

6.30pm Alice White (RIP)

Wednesday 21 October

10.00am Giuseppe Ielo (RIP)

12 noon Jesuit Missions supporters (RIP)

6.30pm Tony Boyce (Wellbeing)

Thursday 22 October • S John Paul II, P

10.00am Marie Barretto (RIP)

12 noon Requiem Mass of Andrew Kennedy (RIP)

6.30pm Mary Glynn

Friday 23 October

10.00am Anthony Docherty (RIP)

6.30pm Private Intention

Saturday 24 October • of Our Lady

10.00am John Shannon (RIP)

3.00pm Wedding of Jonathan Lesley-Valantine
& Tarunee Sreenivas

6.30pm Jean Barrot (RIP)

Music at the 12 noon Mass

Entry hymn: (257) Holy God, we praise Thy name

Kyrie/Gloria: (459)/(460)

Offertory motet: O come ye servants (C. Tye)

Communion motet: Be still for the presence of the Lord
(Evans, arr. Shephard)

Communion hymn: (111) Christ is the world's light

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 wimbledon@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.