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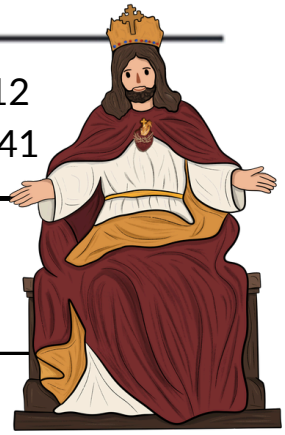
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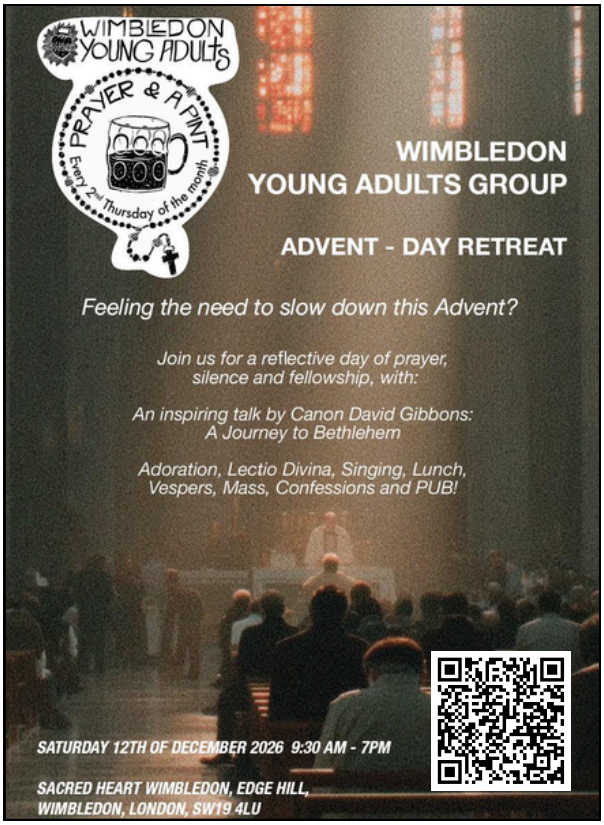
Newsletter

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Year A)

Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time



Today's Mass

First Reading (Ezekiel 34:11–12,15–17): God may be a good shepherd, but a good shepherd is also a just judge: He gathers the scattered and cares for the injured and weak, while judging between one sheep and another, 'feed[ing] them in justice'. As you pray **Psalm 23(22)**, pray to be among those who enter heaven at the Day of Judgment.

Listen carefully to today's Preface at the beginning of the Eucharistic Prayer *(It is truly right and just...)*. It recalls the thesis of our **Second Reading** (1 Corinthians 15:20–26,28). By His death on the Cross, Christ conquered death; His Resurrection precedes the resurrection of the faithful; and this will be a cosmic transformation of the universe, in which all things will be subject to Him.

In this Year of Matthew (Year A), today's **Gospel** (Matthew 25:31-46) focuses on Christ as the Judge on the last day. And we shall be judged not so much on the sins we have committed – adultery, dishonesty, and so on – but on the good deeds for the poor and needy we have failed to do – welcoming the stranger, visiting the sick, etc.

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

Burlington Road, KT3 4ND
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Headteacher: Sarah Norville

10.30am Saturday 12 December
Advent Penitential Service with Individual Confessions

Following the 10.00am Mass, there will be a short communal Service of Penitence. Visiting priests as well as our own will then be available to hear individual Confessions. During the Confessions, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration. Come and confess early for Christmas!

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

World Youth Sunday

This year, World Youth Sunday celebrates the Year of St Francis of Assisi, and invites our young people to discover the life and witness of one of the Church's most beloved saints. You can find out more at cymfed.org.uk/wys.

The **Second Collection** is for Catholic Youth Services. Your generosity will support youth work in the Archdiocese (especially through the Southwark Catholic Youth Service, scys.org.uk) and beyond.

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 6 December. 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!

Confirmation 2027: Are you in Years 8 to 13? Would you like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next year? Please ask your parent or guardian to complete the online form by Monday 4 January 2027 at tinyurl.com/shwconf27. If you have any questions, please contact Rob, our Faith Minister, at wimbledonpfm@rcaos.org.uk.

This week

Monique Heather RIP

Funeral Mass on Monday at 11.30am, followed by burial at Gap Road Cemetery.

Donhead Preparatory School

We welcome Prep Class pupils and staff to our 10.00am Mass on Tuesday.

7.00pm – 8.00pm Tuesday
POD Youth Group

POD is our post-Confirmation parish youth group. We meet 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 details, please email Rob at wimbledonpfm@rcaos.org.uk. After this Tuesday, the next meeting will be on Tuesday 8 December.

7.15pm for 7.30pm Tuesday
Be Well Hub talk: Maintaining mental wellbeing balance

Join Tim Tweedy, Operations Manager at CDARS, a charity which champions health and wellbeing in South West London, for a stimulating talk on how to maintain a mental wellbeing balance. Come to the Lounge for refreshments from 7.15pm; the talk will start at 7.30pm.

Michael Taliadoros RIP

Funeral Service at 11.30am on Wednesday, followed by burial at Wandsworth Cemetery.

No Adoration on Wednesday morning

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

10.00am Saturday 28 November
Bereavement Mass and Drop-In

After a special Mass for deceased parishioners, please join us in the Lounge for our monthly, confidential drop-in session for all who have been bereaved, whether recently or a while ago, with refreshments included.

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 at 5.30pm 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.



Christmas cards, including cards by Moya Hogarth and Aid to the Church in Need, are now on sale in the Presbytery.

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)

Christmas hamper appeal: Will you help support individuals and families in need within our community this Christmas? We would be very grateful for donations of festive food and long-life essentials. Suggested donations include tinned vegetables, stuffing mix, mince pies, custard, Christmas treats, and other long-life food items. Please drop off your donations at the Parish Office by Monday 14 December. Monetary donations, especially supermarket vouchers, are also appreciated. Every donation, no matter how big or small, will make a difference and help bring a little extra joy to someone's Christmas. Thank you for your kindness, generosity, and support.

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

2.30pm Friday 4 December
Friendship Group Christmas Singalong

Join the Friendship Group in the Lounge for a Christmas Singalong with Songs on Wheels. There will be sherry, tea, Christmas cake, and mince pies. Come and join in the fun – everyone is welcome!

1.00pm – 4.00pm
Saturday 5 December
Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School Christmas Fair

Join our school community for an afternoon of festive fun, treats, and cheer with games, tombolas, food stalls ... and a little Christmas magic! Entry is free; all parishioners are welcome!

Parish notices

Finances

Recent Second Collections totalled:

£2,140.21 CAFOD Family Fast Day
£3,022.53 Marist Missions

The Offertory for October totalled £36,789.62. Thank you for your generosity and support of these good causes.



Would you like to take time out of the busyness of Christmas preparations and make space for your relationship with God? The London Jesuit Centre invites you to an Ignatian retreat in daily life over the course of one week, beginning with an introductory session via Zoom at 7.00pm next Sunday 29 November. For more details and to book, please visit tinyurl.com/mr3zkt7c.

Advent at Sacred Heart Wimbledon



6.30am Tuesdays 1, 8, and 15 December
Advent Rorate Masses

These traditional dawn Masses of Our Lady by candlelight will be celebrated on the first three Tuesdays of Advent in the Lady Chapel. If you have never experienced one of these special Advent Masses, do make an effort to come along and help prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas. By popular request, these Masses will be sung Masses and in Latin.

9.30am – 6.30pm Saturday 12 December
Young Adults Retreat

Please see the front cover. To book, please visit shorturl.at/KisIh.

10.30am Saturday 12 December
Advent Penitential Service with individual Confessions

Please see the front cover.

6.30pm for 7.45pm Tuesday 15 December
Katy's Songbirds Christmas Celebration

Join Katy Lees, Katy's Songbirds, Giles Kennedy, the Putney & Wimbledon Brass Band, Lantern Arts Youth Choir, and Edge Hill Players for an evening of traditional carols and festive songs with amazing guests, supporting the 22nd Wimbledon Scout Group. Mulled wine, mince pies, a raffle and a bar will be in the Upper Hall from 6.30pm, with the concert starting at 7.45pm in the church. Book your tickets (£12; under-14s go free) at tinyurl.com/kscc1226.

7.30pm Tuesday 22 December
Traditional Service of Christmas Carols and Readings

A professional vocal ensemble will lead this special service, raising money for our parish's Living Stones appeal. Tickets are £10 for adults and £5 for children – available at Reception and on the door. For more details, please email Rachel Marshall at rachel@marshallemail.net.

3.30pm Thursday 24 December
Children's Christmas Crib Service

There will be a rehearsal for the Crib Service from 10.45am to 12 noon on Wednesday 23 December for children aged 4+ who would like to be involved as actors and children aged 8+ wishing to read. Please contact Rachel Marshall at rachel@marshallemail.net. Offers of help from parents are also most welcome.

Unwrap Advent with Radio Maria! This Monday 23 to Friday 27 November, call Radio Maria UK on +44 (0)333 444 1211 to have your personal Gift drawn live on air, or register at radiomaria.uk for a Bible quote to pray with.

Celebrants this Sunday

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

We remember in our prayers

Those who have died recently

Michael Taliadoros • Monique Heather • Bruce Burke
Ann Nash • Maria Tinker • Peter Hannigan
Sergio Esposito • Michael Orbell • Annabelle Roberts
Alois Hammel • Adam Kane

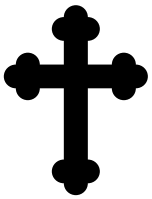
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Amiee Lydon • Michael Swanson • Althea Colenan
Christopher Earley • John Granahan
James Westbrook • Terry Coyle

Those who are sick

Samar Staussi • 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
Dorothy Cullen • Zac Zacharia • Emily Kelly-Eades
Dorothy Buckley • Angela Martin

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 consent to their names being included 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 this Wednesday 25 November

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, pastoral, and cultural activities. To donate, please visit sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/donate. Thank you.

Weekday Mass Intentions

Saturday 21 November • The Presentation of the B.V. Mary
10.00am Ramon & Pacita Osano (RIP)
6.30pm Maureen Casey (RIP)

Monday 23 November
10.00am Superior-General of the Daughters of the Heart of Mary
11.30am Funeral Mass of Monique Heather (RIP)
6.30pm Michael McDaid (RIP)

Tuesday 24 November • SS Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Pr & Companions, MM
10.00am Mr & Mrs A. Benedict (RIP)
6.30pm Dr & Mrs A. Packianathar (RIP)

Wednesday 25 November
10.00am Ruby Boyce (RIP)
6.30pm Pierre-Philippe Murat (RIP)

Thursday 26 November
10.00am Ruby Boyce (RIP)
6.30pm James Westbrook (RIP)

Friday 27 November
10.00am Ignatius & Anton (RIP)
6.30pm Veronica Mirandah (RIP)

Saturday 28 November • of Our Lady
10.00am Rosanne Gomez & John Pinto (RIP)
[Bereavement Mass – please see 'This week']
6.30pm Edward Hogan (RIP)

Music at the 12 noon Mass

Entry hymn: (113) Christ triumphant
Offertory motet: Let all the world (R. Vaughan Williams)
Communion motet: Jesu, the very thought of Thee (E. Bairstow)
Communion hymn: (106) Christ be beside me
Organ: Acclamations (*Christus vincit*, J. Langlais)

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.