

Saturday 16th September St Cornelius and St Cyprian	10am Fr James B Hurley RIP 6pm People of the Parish
Sunday 17th September 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10am Mary Doyle RIP 5.30pm Lucy Blades Birthday Ints
Monday 18th September	No Mass
Tuesday 19th September	10am John Pearson RIP
Wednesday 20th September Sts Andrew Kim Taegon and Companions	10am Elsie Cornally RIP
Thursday 21st September St Matthew	10am John Mc Corkell RIP
Friday 22nd September	10am Fr David Peck Ints 6:30pm (Latin Mass) Roy Barnett RIP
Saturday 23rd September St Pio of Pietrelcina	10am Agnes Ewings RIP 6pm Epifania Bello De Rodriguez RIP
Sunday 24th September 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10am People of the Parish 5:30pm Philip Mc Cormack RIP

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK INCLUDING:
Jaime Molina, Jennifer Kirwin, Fr. David, Natalie Pell, Michael Hoskins, Colin Smitherman, James Gledhill, Bernadette Marchetti, Nigel Pell, Paul Gismondi, Victoria Monaco, Callum Jamieson, Tom Bailey, Jason Moreno, Anna Roache and Shirley Monaco.

Please pray for all those who have died recently.

Together the Catholic parishes of Barnes, East Sheen, Ham, Kew, Mortlake, Putney, Richmond, Roehampton and Wimbledon Common form Mortlake Deanery.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

To meet our budget we need £1,600 each week

Sunday's offering was	£545.58
Standing Orders	£400
Contactless	£283
Total	£1228.58

Second Collection for Catholic Education Service
£191.84

OUR LADY QUEEN OF HEAVEN PRIMARY SCHOOL
Victoria Drive, London SW19 6AD
Tel: 020 8788 7420
Head Teacher: Jeremy Tuke BA Hons PGCE
www.ourladyqueenofheaven.wandsworth.sch.uk

This is a School Voucher Sunday

PARISH VOUCHER SYSTEM

Those people who will require a school reference when applying to a Catholic School need to participate in this. By signing the vouchers the parish keeps a record of your mass attendance which is referred to when signing school reference forms.

Contacts

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Retired Priest: Fr. David Peck

Parish Secretary: Anne Bzowska
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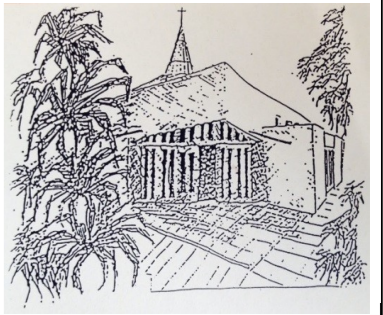
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Our Lady and Saint Peter
WIMBLEDON COMMON
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24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Gospel Reflection

Forgiveness sounds so easy. "I forgive you." "Forgive me. I forgive you." But all of us know that saying it is one thing and deep down in our hearts it's quite another.

It's just common. Every day, families break up over misunderstandings. Angers go deep, angers are cruel, and once they are started, they just go on and on.

Everyone justifies themselves. Everyone wants to feel that they are fair, but they're not fair; that they forgive, but they don't forgive; that they are in the right and the other, of course, is always in the wrong.

I can't resist this, but there's an old saying that men don't forgive, they forget; but women, women forgive, but they never forget.

I think it's probably both sides are guilty of that. We forgive and we forget, but very often we remember even after we have forgiven.

And that's as it should be, because we are here to learn to love and the only way you learn to love is through mistakes. And when you make a mistake, you should remember the mistake. If you don't remember the mistake, you'll have to go out and do the same thing all over again.

This is the trouble with saying that "I'm in the right." Because "I'm in the right" does something that's very, very dangerous. "I'm in the right" destroys the power to love.

It's an act of arrogant pride, because nobody can say, nobody can say, "I have never done wrong. I have never undermined the character of other people. I have never been so obstinate that people have suffered humiliation and pain."

Everybody's a sinner. If you're not a sinner, you just shouldn't be sitting here.

A sinner, remember, is one who refuses to love, or doesn't care to love, or undermines others and walks away and feels no guilt, because in order to feel guilt you have to have, as a minimum, a heart that knows it's wrong.

This last few days, with the reading of the Gospels, confessions have taken on a little bit more seriousness. And the confessions that one hears during this period, or outside this period, have always to do with people who recognise, they will say, "Father, no matter what I do, I can't forgive. No matter how hard I pray, I can't forgive, because the wound runs very, very deep."

And what are we supposed to say?

Jesus says, "If you don't forgive, how can you ask your Father to forgive you when you are in the wrong?"

And, of course, the answer is if you want to be forgiven, you must forgive, not just confess before God that you've done wrong.

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PARISH NEWS

Day on the Family

Saturday 14th October 2023 Family Life International conference on the Family **“War on the Catholic family”**
 We have the privilege to host this conference in our Parish, with some International renowned speakers on the Family. Please put the date in your diary. Starts at 9.15am with Mass and ends at 5pm. Bring a packed lunch.
 Please pick up a flyer from the back of the church

Evangelii Gaudium Sunday - 17th September (Second Collection)

The second collection of Evangelii Gaudium Sunday supports the work carried out by the Mission Directorate on behalf of the Bishops’ Conference. In the last year this has included:

- Enabling the recording of the videos on the four constitutions.
- Bringing together a working group from across England and Wales to prepare materials for the Jubilee Year 2025 and Year of Prayer 2024.
- Supporting Patrimony experts to deliver funding to 39 projects at outstanding Grade I and II* Catholic churches with the £6.6million awarded to the Catholic Bishops’ Conference via Historic England through the governments’ Culture Recovery Fund in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Supporting co-ordinators and their teams in dioceses through formation and sharing of best practice.

Hail Holy Queen Prayer

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope.

To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve.
 To you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy toward us, and after this exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

RCIA Classes every Tuesday 7pm in the Parish Hall

Classes every Tuesday for anyone wishing to become a Catholic or make their first communion and confirmation.

Please speak to Fr Philip if you would like to join the

Parish Hall—Bookings

If you are planning an event and would like to use the Parish Hall, bookings can be made by emailing bookingsolsp@gmail.com or phoning **07708632289**

GIFT AID SCHEME

If you are a taxpayer, for every £1 you give to the parish, we can get another 25p.
 Please speak to:
 John O’ Reilly 07977 538671.

The late Bishop Howard Tripp

Bishop Howard Tripp’s first anniversary of death is on 3 October. There will be a Year’s Mind Mass for him - celebrated at St George’s Cathedral - the day after, on **Wednesday 4 October** at **12.30pm**. Bishop Paul Hendricks will be the main celebrant.

This Mass will be simply the usual lunchtime Cathedral Mass, but it was felt important to mark Bishop Howard’s first anniversary in some small way, in the place where he lies at rest in the Cathedral crypt.

Bishop Howard gave 24 years of devoted episcopal service as Auxiliary Bishop in the South West Area of the Diocese, and continued his episcopal service indirectly during his 18 years of retirement.

Teas/Coffees after 10am Mass

There will be tea and coffee in the hall after the Sunday 10am Mass

THE WINNERS OF SUNDAY 17th September 200 CLUB

1	61	Natascha Crundwell-Uberbacher
2	129	Mrs Rossanna Salveti

NOTICE BOARD

Wimbledon College - OPEN EVENING

Prospective parents and pupils for admission into Year 7 in September 2024 are welcome to an OPEN EVENING on Thursday 28th September 2023 from 5.30pm to 8.30pm. The headteacher will give a number of talks during the evening. The talks are ticketed. Details of the times of the talks and how to obtain tickets can be found at www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk/openevents Tours will take place throughout the evening. Last tours at 7.30pm
 Open mornings: For current year 6 pupils only – by appointment only. Monday 2nd to Wednesday 4th October 2023 at 9am. The deadline for applications for entry in September 2024 is 31st October 2023

SITUATION VACANT - PARISH FAITH MINISTER FOR YOUTH

The Sacred Heart Parish, Wimbledon seeks a Parish Faith Minister for Children, Young Persons and Families. The person appointed will assist the Parish Priest to promote the mission of the Church to the children and young people of the parish, based on the principle of parents as first educators, and be responsible for co-ordinating First Holy Communion and Confirmation programmes. The post is open to committed and practising Catholics, and an Enhanced DBS check will be required. Salary: £29,736 a year, for a 35 hour week.

Please contact wimbledon@rcaos.org.uk for a Job Description and a Person Specification. Further information may be obtained from Fr David Gibbons at davidgibbons@rcaos.org.uk or 020 8946 0305. Closing date for applications: Monday 16th October 2023.

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