

Sunday 30th November 2025

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Saturday 29 November Sts. Cuthbert Mayne and Companions	Daniel 7: 15-25; Luke 21: 34-36 10am Lydia Stewart-Clark RIP 6pm Rose Ann Coyle RIP and Ellen Goldrick RIP
Sunday 30 November First Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 2: 1-5; Romans 13: 11-14a; Matthew 24: 37-44 10am People of the Parish 5:30pm Edeltrud Schafer RIP
Monday 1 December Sts. Edmund Campion, Ralph Sherwin and Alexander Briant	Isaiah 2: 1-5; Matthew 8: 5-11 NO MASS
Tuesday 2 December Advent Feria	Isaiah 11: 1-10; Luke 10: 21-24 10am Mildred Murphy
Wednesday 3 December St. Francis Xavier	Isaiah 25: 6-10a; Matthew 15: 29-37 10am Peter Attridge RIP
Thursday 4 December St. John Damascene, priest and doctor of the Church	Isaiah 26: 1-6; Matthew 7: 21, 24-27 10am Olalia Bronstrup wellbeing 10:30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament —12.00
Friday 5 December St. John Almond, priest and martyr	Isaiah 29: 17-24; Matthew 9: 27-31 10am Ousman Alfred Jallow wellbeing 10:30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament —12.00
Saturday 6 December St. Nicholas, bishop	Isaiah 30: 19-21; Matthew 9: 35—10: 1, 5a, 6-8 10am Raymond Lucas RIP 6pm People of the Parish
Sunday 7 December Second Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 11: 1-10; Romans 15: 4-9; Matthew 3: 1-12 10am Mary Doyle RIP and Rose Fox RIP 5:30pm Oliver Mc Cormack RIP

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK INCLUDING:

Jaime Molina, Jennifer Kirwin, Fr. David, Natalie Pell, Michael Hoskins, Colin Smitherman, Bernadette Marchetti, Nigel Pell, Victoria Monaco, Callum Jamieson, Tom Bailey, Jenny Schlegel , Bibiana Young, Gerard Briffa and Jason Moreno.

Please pray for all those who have died recently.

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord and let light perpetual shine upon them

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Teas/Coffees after 10am Mass

There will be refreshments in the hall after the 10am Mass on Sunday

This is a School Voucher Sunday

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)



Noah's Ark depicted in a twelfth century mosaic in Monreale Cathedral, Palermo, Sicily

Today in the Church a new liturgical year begins...and as always, we begin with Advent. The Gospel (Mt 24:37–44) introduces us to one of the most evocative themes of Advent: the visit of the Lord to humanity. The first visit occurred with the Incarnation, Jesus' birth in the cave of Bethlehem; the second takes place in the present: the Lord visits us constantly, each day, walking alongside us and being a consoling presence; in the end, there will be the third, the last visit, which we proclaim each time that we recite the Creed: "He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead." Today, the Lord speaks to us about this final visit, which will take place at the end of time...

The Word of God emphasizes the contrast between the normal unfolding of events, the everyday routine, and the unexpected coming of the Lord. Jesus says: "In [those] days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day that Noah entered the ark... The Gospel does not want to scare us, but to open our horizons to another, greater dimension, one which on the one hand puts into perspective everyday things, while at the same time making them precious, crucial. The relationship with the God-who-comes-to-visit-us gives every gesture, everything a different light, a substance, a symbolic value.

Pope Francis, *Reflections on the Sunday Gospel*

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PARISH NEWS

CAROL SERVICE—NEXT FRIDAY

The annual Parish Carol Service will be held in church at 7 pm on Friday 5 December 2025. Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy the traditional scripture readings, singing carols, hearing the children’s choir, and listening to beautiful music. There will be seasonal refreshments in the Parish Hall afterwards.

The 200 Club Christmas Draw

The 200 Club Christmas Draw will take place at the 10.00. a.m. Mass on Sunday, 14th December. Can all contributors please make sure that your subscriptions are up to date for this Draw. We would like you all to start paying up again at the weekend of the 3rd/4th January 2026. We hope many more people will join up in 2026. Please see Helene in the Parish Sacristy after any of the Masses and especially on the 3rd/4th January to do this. Thank you all very much.



CONFIRMATION SUNDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2026

Canon Gerard Bradley, the Episcopal Vicar for the South West Area, will be conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation here at Our Lady and Saint Peter at 12.000 noon on Sunday 8 February. **Confirmation Classes will begin THIS THURSDAY 4 DECEMBER in the Parish Hall at 5.30pm until 6.30pm.** There will be a class on Thursday 11 December. After that, there will be a break for Christmas, with classes resuming on Thursday 8 January. Application Forms are no longer available for the Confirmation Programme.



2026 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION—APPLICATION FORMS

Application Forms to join the 2026 First Holy Communion programme are now available from Fr. Philip in the sacristy. **The forms need to be returned by Sunday 14 December 2025.**



SUNDAY 7 DECEMBER 2025—CHRISTMAS FAYRE

After the 10.00am Mass on Sunday 7 December there will be a Christmas Fayre in our parish hall. To make this event a success we need to people to donate items for sale as well as prizes for the raffle that we be held during the Fayre e.g. bottles, boxed gifts, chocolates and toiletries. If you can donate these, your contributions will be greatly appreciated. We also require people to help with setting up and organising the event on the day.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS	
To meet our budget we need £1,600 each week	
Last Sunday’s offering was	£632.04
Contactless	£364
Standing Orders	£400
Total	£1394.04
Second Collection	
CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE	£339.84
Thank you for your generosity	

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NEW LITURGICAL YEAR:THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Matthew was a “publican”, a tax collector on behalf of the Roman Empire, and for this reason was considered a public sinner (Matthew 9: 9-13) . Jesus calls Matthew to follow him and to become his disciple. Matthew accepts, inviting Jesus along with the disciples to have dinner at his house. Thus an argument arises between the Pharisees and the disciples of Jesus over the fact that the latter sit at the table with tax collectors and sinners. “You cannot go to these people’s homes!”, they said. Jesus does not stay away from them, but instead goes to their houses and sits beside them; this means that they too can become his disciples. It is likewise true that being Christian does not render us flawless. Like Matthew, each of us trusts in the grace of the Lord regardless of our sins. We are all sinners, we have all sinned. By calling Matthew, Jesus shows sinners that he does not look at their past, at their social status, at external conventions; rather, he opens a new future to them. I once heard a beautiful saying: “There is no saint without a past nor a sinner without a future”. This is what Jesus does. There is no saint without a past nor a sinner without a future. It is enough to respond to the call with a humble and sincere heart. The Church is not a community of perfect people, but of disciples on a journey, who follow the Lord because they know they are sinners in need of his pardon. Thus, Christian life is a school of humility which opens us to grace.

Pope Francis General Audience 13 April 2016

THE WINNERS OF 30th November 200 CLUB		
1	6	Sonia Oberding
2	88	Jenny Schlegel

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.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MARRY

Please be aware that the Southwark diocesan policy on marriage states that at least six months’ notice of marriage is normally required at the parish closest to the Catholic party. This is to ensure paperwork and preparation can both be completed.

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

NOTICE BOARD

Vacancy at Sacred Heart, Edge Hill—Parish Caretaker

A full time Parish Caretaker is required for Sacred Heart Parish, Wimbledon from 1st January 2026, to manage the extensive site which includes the Church, halls, and Presbytery. Salary £29,427.00 for a 35 hour week. For a Job Description, Person Specification, and Application Form please contact Thelma D’Costa at wimbledon@rcaos.org.uk. Closing date: 10th December 2025.

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