

Saturday 25 July	II Corinthians 4: 7-15; Matthew 20: 20-28
St. James, apostle	10.00am Luna's Intention 6.00pm People of the Parish
Sunday 26 July	I kings 3: 5-6a, 7-12; Ro- mans 8: 28-30; Matthew 13: 44-52
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	10am Mary Doyle RIP 5.30pm Jack and Lydia RIP
Monday 27 July	Jeremiah 13: 1-11; Matthew 13: 31-35
Feria	NO MASS
Tuesday 28 July	Jeremiah 14: 17-22; Matthew 13: 36-43
Feria	NO MASS
Wednesday 29 July	I john 4: 7-16; John 11: 19-27
Saints Mary, Marth and Lazarus	10.00am Ann Widdecombe RIP
Thursday 30 July	Jeremiah 18: 1-6; Matthew 13: 47-53
Feria	10.00am Fr. George Marsden RIP 10.30am-12.00 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday 31 July	Jeremiah 26: 1-9; Matthew 13: 54-58
St. Ignatius of Loyola, priest	10.00am Sean Collins RIP 10.30am-12.00 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 1 August	Jeremiah 26: 11-16, 24; Matthew 14: 1-12
St. Alphonsus Liguori, bishop and doctor of the Church	10.00am Holy Souls 6.00pm Damiana Pereira RIP
Sunday 2 August	Isaiah 55: 1-3; Romans 8: 35, 37-39; Matthew 14: 13-21
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	10am People of the Parish 5.30pm Bridget (Beatrice) McCormack RIP

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK INCLUDING:

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

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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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)



Man Hiding Treasure (c.1630)

Possibly by Rembrandt (1606-1669) or by Gerrit Dou (1613-1675)

We all love a good adventure story, both when we are children and when we have grown past the cynical years of adolescence and early adulthood. I love *Treasure Island*, remembering how as a boy I made many maps showing hidden bars of gold on fantasy islands. Admittedly these days in the way I walk I am less like Jim Hawkins and more like Long John Silver. And perhaps even people buying Lottery tickets and Premium Bonds tap into an unnamed longing to find hidden treasure, transforming lives beyond all recognition.

Today's readings are about treasure; really deep, hidden treasure, but not the gold, the silver and the precious jewels the world thinks of as being important. Today's first reading speaks of the God-given wisdom of Solomon, who asked for this ahead of material power and wealth. In the Gospel, through parables which tell us of things hidden since the foundation of the world, we come to know and to understand the real meaning of life. As baptised Christians we are always called to pursue the full meaning of the Gospel, which can escape us for many, many a year. Often it seems we are like the disciples stuck between Good Friday night and the morning of Easter Sunday: we have come to know about Christ but have yet to experience the full power and grace of the resurrection in our lives. And so we go on; not knowing what is around the corner, still feeling our way forward. But one day, one day we will discover the true meaning of the Gospel; one day we will enter into the mystery of God's life, the pearl of great value.

Baptisms/Marriages by appointment only. Please see Fr. Philip

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PARISH NEWS

SUPPORT GROUP FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS

Are you the parent or carer of a child or young adult with ADHD, autism, sensory processing difficulties, learning disabilities, or other additional needs? Parenting a child with additional needs can sometimes feel isolating, overwhelming, and exhausting. Often, the people who truly understand the joys and challenges are other parents walking a similar path.

We are exploring the possibility of starting a monthly coffee morning and support group within our parish, providing a welcoming space to meet, share experiences, exchange practical advice, and offer one another encouragement. Whether you need a listening ear, a friendly chat, a shoulder to cry on, or simply the reassurance that you are not alone, you would be very welcome.

At this stage, we are gauging interest before arranging our first gathering.

If you would be interested in joining us, please contact:
Natascha Crundwell-Uberbacher on 07472 872018

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

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

Last Sunday’s offering was £618.99
Contactless £246.31
Standing Orders £400.00
Total **£1,265.29**

Thank you for your generosity

THE WINNERS OF 26th July 2026 200 CLUB

1	139	JAMES O’REILLY
2	34	MR M. DOYLE

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.

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

Please note the Hall is not available for booking during the summer school holiday (end of July to the first week of September) or in December.

Payments by cheque

Please note that any payments to the Parish by cheque should be made payable to:-

RCAS Wimbledon Common

Teas/Coffees after 10am Mass

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

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“SUPPOSING HIM TO BE THE GARDENER” (John 20: 15)



Noli me tangere (c.1525) Antonio da Correggio (1489-1534) and Batemans, where Rudyard Kipling lived from 1902 until his death in 1936.

Celebrating the Feast Day Mass of Saint Mary Magdalene on Wednesday 22 July I was reminded of a short story by Rudyard Kipling (1865-1936). The story is called *The Gardener*; dealing with loss and grief, it is also the reverse side of the coin where Saint Mary Magdalene seeing a man near the tomb of Jesus mistakes him for the gardener. Kipling wrote the story in 1925 following visits to large war cemeteries in France. The narrative reflects his own profound, personal grief over his only son, John, who was reported missing in the 1915 Battle of Loos. The story serves as an emotionally charged tribute to the thousands of grieving families who lost loved ones on the Western Front. The story concludes with Helen, the main character, looking back as a man bends over his young plants, supposing him to be the gardener—an allusion to the biblical scene in John 20:15 where Mary Magdalene mistakes the resurrected Christ for a gardener.

OUR LADY QUEEN OF HEAVEN NEEDS YOUR HELP

Our primary school needs the help of parishioners to support their application to have a zebra crossing outside the school. This will make a safe crossing point for our children, their families and the wider community. It will also greatly aid parishioners of our church to have a zebra crossing on Victoria Drive. Please look at copies of the petition in our porch or on our website in the June 2026 section of our Newsletters.

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