

Sunday 23rd August 2026

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Saturday 22 August	Isaiah 9: 2-7; Luke 1: 26-38
The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10.00am David Lincoln RIP 6.00pm People of the Parish
Sunday 23 August	Isaiah 22: 15, 19-23; Romans 11: 33-36; Matthew 16: 13-20
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	10am Maria Bonfim RIP 5.30pm Fr. David Peck
Monday 24 August	Revelation 21: 9b-14; John 1: 45-51
St. Bartholomew, apostle	NO MASS
Tuesday 25 August	II Thessalonians 2: 1-3a, 14-17; Matthew 23: 23-26
Feria	NO MASS
Wednesday 26 August	II Thessalonians 3: 6-10, 16-18; Matthew 23: 27-32
Feria	10.00am Adrian Mullen RIP
Thursday 27 August	I Corinthians 1: 1-9; Matthew 24: 42-51
St. Monica	10.00am Matt Tobin RIP 10.30am-12.00 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday 28 August	I Corinthians 1: 17-25; Matthew 25: 1-13
St. Augustine of Hippo, bishop and doctor of the Church	10.00am Rita D’Cruze RIP 10.30am-12.00 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 29 August	Jeremiah 1: 4, 17-19; Mark 6: 17-29
The Passion of St. John the Baptist	10.00am Vicky 6.00pm Louis Francois Ghibaut RIP
Sunday 30 August	Jeremiah 20: 7-9; Romans 12: 1-2; Matthew 16: 21-27
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	10am The People of the Parish 5.30pm Magdalena and Gerard Oberding 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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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)



Roman Tuff Quarry at Tor Cervara in the Seventh Zone of Rome
The Apostle Peter (c.1610-1612) Peter Paul Rubens (1577-1640)

As you join the motorway to Rome’s Fiumicino airport you pass small outcrops of volcanic rock. Some have grass growing on the top; on the sides you can see the rich red and brown colours of the rock: you’re overcome by the sense of living history that is all around. You think of Peter trudging along the via Appia into Rome, seeing the brown and red outcrops of rock along the way, perhaps hearing again and again the words of his beloved master, “You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church.”

Peter, the rock of the Church—a man who had so often said and done things impetuously—and then failed to see them through. A man who had said, “Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!” (Luke 22: 33) and then only a few hours later said to a servant-girl, “Woman, I do not know him.” (Luke 22: 57) Such was the man who saw those rocky outcrops around the city where he was to be martyred.

At the core of Peter’s commission by the Lord is the grace of forgiveness, the forgiveness Peter himself received so poignantly by the Sea of Galilee after Jesus and he had eaten breakfast together (John 21: 9-19). The Church is founded upon forgiveness.

Peter himself is the personal embodiment of this truth. He is permitted to be the bearer of the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven only after having stumbled, confessed and received the grace of pardon (John 21: 15-19). The Church is held together by forgiveness: she is not a communion of the perfect but a communion of sinners who need and seek forgiveness. The Church comes into being only where we find our way to the truth about ourselves. And the truth about ourselves is that we need the grace of God’s mercy and forgiveness. The keys to the Kingdom of Heaven are the words of forgiveness that we cannot speak for ourselves but are granted by God’s power alone.

BRIDESHEAD REVISITED: AGAIN



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.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

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

Last Sunday’s offering was £506.72
Contactless £170.70
Standing Orders £400.00
Total £1,086.42

Thank you for your generosity

THE WINNERS OF 23rd August 2026 200 CLUB

1	161	ANDREW BIRD
2	100	MRS A M ^C ADAM

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

Baptisms/Marriages by appointment only. Please see Fr. Philip
Confessions: Saturday 9.30 am to 9.50 am & 5.30 pm to 5.50 pm, Sunday 5.00 pm to 5.20pm

Having been ill, I have to confess to watching a number of box sets from iPlayer and itvx. One series in particular I thoroughly enjoyed watching again was *Brideshead Revisited* on itvx. Watching it reminded me of a comment I made a number of years ago regarding the return of the Blessed Sacrament to the tabernacle after the celebration of the Easter Vigil:

After Mass I reposed the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle and relit the sanctuary lamp. I was reminded of some words spoken by Charles Ryder towards the end of Evelyn Waugh’s *Brideshead Revisited*. Charles, an officer in the British army during the Second World War, is billeted in the grounds of Brideshead, the ancestral home of Sebastian Flyte. Reminded of all that has happened in his life and his encounters with the Flyte family, Charles goes to the Brideshead chapel to pray.

In *Brideshead Revisited* Evelyn Waugh wrote:

“There was one part of the house I had not yet visited, and I went there now. The chapel showed no ill-effects of its long neglect: the art-nouveau paint was as fresh and bright as ever; the art-nouveau lamp burned once more before the altar. I said a prayer, an ancient, newly-learned form of words, and left, turning towards the camp; and as I walked back, and the cook-house bugle sounded ahead of me, I thought: ‘The builders did not know the uses to which their work would descend; they made a new house with the stones of the old castle; year by year, generation after generation, they enriched and extended it;...until, in sudden frost the place was desolate and the work of all brought to nothing...Vanity of vanities, all is vanity...And yet...Something quite remote from anything the builders intended, has come out of their work, and out of the fierce little human tragedy in which I played; something none of us thought about at the time; a small red flame—a beaten-copper lamp of deplorable design relit before the beaten-copper doors of a tabernacle; the flame which the old knights saw from their tombs, which they saw put out; that flame burns again for other soldiers, far from home, farther, in heart, than Acre or Jerusalem. It could not have been lit but for the builders and the tragedians, and there I found it this morning, burning anew among the old stones.’

“I quickened my pace and reached the hut which served us for our ante-room.

‘You’re looking unusually cheerful today,’ said the second-in-command.”

Brideshead Revisited is an assertion of hope in time of dreadful darkness, of the triumph of divine grace in a very human Church.

APOLOGIES FROM FATHER PHILIP

Once again, please accept my apologies for the disruption caused by the problems I am having with my teeth and my mouth ulcer. I have finished my course of antibiotics and have been referred by my dentist to one of the London hospitals. I am now waiting to hear from the hospital about treatment. I am very grateful to Fathers Anthony Plummer, Peter Andrews, and Michael Silesi for covering a number of Masses for me.

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