



ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK  
**ST THOMAS MORE RC CHURCH**  
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 Archdiocese of Southwark Registered Charity No 235468  
**PARISH OFFICE OPEN – WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS (9.30am to 3.30pm)**



**10<sup>th</sup> May 2026 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (A)**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17 Responsorial Psalm 66(65): 1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a, 16, 20 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading 1 Peter 3: 15-18 John 14: 15-21

**SECOND COLLECTION:**

**NEXT: 17/05 – World Communications Sunday**

DAY	TIME	MASS INTENTIONS
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm	Simon Maher RIP Rienzie Fernando
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am 5:30pm	People of the Parish
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	-	
Tue 12 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	
Thu 14 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am 7:00pm	<b>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD</b>
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>12:00pm</b>	<b>NO MASS TODAY</b> <b>FUNERAL – James Anthony Mullen RIP</b> (Vinters Park Crematorium)
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am 5:00pm	Memorial Mass for James Anthony Mullen RIP Catherine Conway (Nee Law) RIP
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am 5:30pm	<b>FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS</b> People of the Parish

**PASTORAL TEAM**  
**PARISH PRIEST:** Fr Donatus Anosike MSP  
**SECRETARY:** Claire Skinner  
**PARISH COUNCIL:** Teresa Ostridge  
**FINANCIAL:** Brian Fissenden  
**MAINTENANCE:** Ruth Trant  
**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Tricia Durrant  
**LECTORS:** Charles Unter  
**SACRISTAN:** Paula Thornton

**BAPTISMS**  
 Baptism class on Saturday 06/06/2026 @ 12 noon.  
 BAPTISM – 23/05/2026

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**  
 Confession - Saturday 4:15 – 4:45pm

NOTE: Baptism classes are held on the first Saturday of the month.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

*We will be renewing this list every week. If you wish to be kept on it or would like to add someone, please contact the Office, Fr. Donatus or add the name to the Sick List in the porch.*

We offer prayers for Kathy Ball (intentions); Claire Rhoovie; Witalis Szczesiul; Tony Battock (wishing him well with his ongoing treatment); Mary & Harry Fewtrell (wellbeing); Collette Hall; Fr. Adam Szczesiul; Darren & Fiona Evans and family (wellbeing); Dee Avery; Andy Allies; for all those in need together with their families and friends; all our housebound parishioners; all in our local hospitals, hospices and care homes; all caring for others in our Parish and community; all suffering in our country and world, especially in Ukraine, the Middle East and other troubled spots.

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Eddie Paul; Sheila Gower; Rock Rozario; Selina Cox; Jozef Vasek; Dorothy Bolton; Mr Stevens; Peter Littlefeare; Frank Dolan; Peter Shields; Thomas Gaule; Martin Fryday; Witek Ottembrajt; Paul Delaney.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY – The next meeting is on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June in the Stable Block.**

**MOTHERS PRAYER GROUP** Next meeting is on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 11am in the Church Porch.** If you would like to attend, please contact Steph Blackburn on 07977 458970 or email [steph@bbits.co.uk](mailto:steph@bbits.co.uk).

**STANDING ORDER/DIRECT DEBIT**

Offerings can be made by envelope, direct debit or standing order:  
**NAME: RCAS WEST MALLING**  
**NATWEST A/C NO: 00711675**  
**SORT CODE: 55-81-07**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Next parents meeting is on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May** at 7pm in the **Church.**

**First Holy Communion Mass**

10am on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May

**PARISH CENTRAL COMMITTEE -**

Next meeting is on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026 - 7pm.**

**YOUTH GROUP - Next meeting is**

**COLLECTIONS – 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026**

Thank you for your offerings which amounted to: -

**First Collection - £127.32**

**Second Collection - £**

## SAFEGUARDING

If you wish to report any safeguarding concerns, please contact one of our representatives: -

Carol Brooker – 07762 128935

Ian Whitehead – 07866 556096

Or email [westmallingsg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk](mailto:westmallingsg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk)

Alternatively, the Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator - 0207 261 1606

## CHURCHES TOGETHER IN MALLING *(Posters for all events in porch.)*

*Please see below details of forthcoming events across the Malling district: -*

### **Pentecost Picnic and Praise Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May**

CTiM will be gathering in Manor Park at 3pm for a Picnic & Praise Event. At 4pm there will be a short service led by Dave Baxter (WM Baptist Church). We will gather close to the car park. Everyone is invited to join us to celebrate the wonderful gift of God's Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Bring a picnic and any games that folk can join in with.

**PRAYER FESTIVAL** Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May at the St Benedict's centre in West Malling with keynote speaker Canon Dr Neville Emslie, Director of Mission and Ministry, Canterbury Diocese. See poster in the porch or visit <https://stbenedictscentre.org/>

### ***Are you free on Monday evenings? Do you enjoy spending time with young people? Could you be part of the team at 1<sup>st</sup> Larkfield Girls' Brigade?***

1<sup>st</sup> Larkfield Girls' Brigade meets on Monday evenings at Larkfield and East Malling Methodist Church. They are looking for someone new to join our brilliant team of nine remaining volunteers, and particularly to take the lead on planning and supporting sessions for our older girls aged 11-18 who meet between 6.45pm and 8.30pm. Full training and support will be provided. You can read more about the work of the Girls' Brigade [here](#). If you'd like to find out more, or if you might be interested in getting involved, please contact Val on [larkfieldgb@gmail.com](mailto:larkfieldgb@gmail.com) or Rev Naomi on [naomi.oates@methodist.org.uk](mailto:naomi.oates@methodist.org.uk). We'd be delighted to hear from you.

### **LOCAL HEROES NEEDED**

Mark Hayton from Larkfield Community Church has a little part time job with KCC training and supporting the School Crossing Patrols (Lollipop men and women). They are people of all ages with special hearts to serve their communities, much like many of those in our churches! It is a paid role, about £13.56 an hour to start with and on average 7.5 hours a week (about £4K per annum) split between school start and finish times AM and PM. Term time only so 38 weeks of the year. Full training and uniform given. Full details of where the vacancies are and how to apply are here: <https://recruitmenthub.solutions/members/modules/job/detail.php?record=14244> Most local are: St James the Great, East Malling / Ditton CofE Juniors / Aylesford Valley Invicta (Teapot Lane) / Kings Hill. For further info please text Mark on 07891 238338 and he will happily call them back.

## **Parish Summer Party - Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

Mark your calendars for an afternoon of food, sun (hopefully), and friendship! Our annual Garden Party and BBQ will be held on **Saturday, 11th July, from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM** in the church back garden. This event is a wonderful way for us to gather as a community, and your presence is what makes it truly special. Stay tuned for more details coming soon!

### **How you can help:**

- **Raffle Donations:** We are seeking gifts and items for our raffle prizes. If you have something to contribute, please place it in the basket located in the porch.
- **Raffle Tickets:** Tickets are now on sale in the porch for **£1 each**. You can pay via cash or the Dona machine.
- **Volunteering:** If you would like to help during the event, please let Germain or any member of the Fundraising and Social Committee know.

## GIFT-AIDERS

Boxes and envelopes still awaiting collection in the porch.

### **Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage July 11th at St George's Cathedral**

If you are celebrating your 1<sup>st</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>/40<sup>th</sup>/50<sup>th</sup>/60<sup>th</sup> + wedding anniversary this year, please let us know as soon as possible, **and no later than the middle of May**, providing the following details: your names in the format John and Mary Smith, your home address, your parish, and the anniversary you are celebrating, so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during Mass. Spaces are limited. Contact [mfkent@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mfkent@rcaos.org.uk) As the title of your email, please write your parish location e.g. West Malling.

**WE HAVE RECEIVED A LOVELY NOTE AND THANK YOU POSTER FROM PORCHLIGHT FOLLOWING THE YOUTH GROUP SLEEPOVER DONATIONS. THEY ARE ON THE DOOR GOING INTO CHURCH. THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN!**

**Rosary For Life.** Archbishop John Wilson is calling on us to join him in praying the Rosary for Life this May (Month of Mary). Together, we will pray through the Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous Mysteries, each one offered for the most vulnerable facing growing threats to life: unborn children at risk of abortion, victims of war and persecution, people with disabilities, and the elderly. For video, audio and written versions of the Rosary for Life, visit [rcaos.org.uk/rosaryforlife](http://rcaos.org.uk/rosaryforlife).  
**Pray the Rosary. Encounter Christ. Defend life.**

**The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a First Saturday Divine Mercy Recollection Day at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, on Saturday 6th June 2026 from 10:30am to 4:30pm. The Recollection Day will include Holy Mass, Talk, Hour of Mercy with Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Pls call Millie**