



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



11th January 2026 – The Baptism of the Lord (A)

1st Reading Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7 Responsorial Psalm 29(28): 1-2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9b-10 2nd Reading Acts 10: 34-38 Matthew 3: 13-17

SECOND COLLECTION:

NEXT: 25/1 Maintenance of St George's Cathedral

DAY	TIME	MASS INTENTIONS
Sat 10 th	5:00pm	Christine Judd RIP
Sun 11 th	10:00am 5.30pm	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD People of the Parish
Mon 12 th	-	
Tue 13 th	10:00am	
Wed 14 th	10:00am	
Thu 15 th	10:00am	
Fri 16 th	12:15pm	Adoration after Mass
Sat 17 th	5:00pm	
Sun 18 th	10:00am 5.30pm	People of the Parish

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

BAPTISMS
 Baptism class on Saturday 07/02/2026 @ 12 noon.
 BAPTISM – Saturday 17/01/2026

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 Witalis Szczesiul; Tony Battock (wishing him well with his ongoing treatment); Flora Moys; Mary & Harry Fewtrell (wellbeing); Daniel Kent; Kate; Colin Wilson; Collette Hall; Fr. Adam Szczesiul; Fiona Evans (wellbeing); Dee Avery; Andy Allies; Darren Evans; 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

Ellen Love; Gladys Gollop; Gordon Hulme; Avenna Fry; Elsbeth Douse; Antonio Falcone; Carol Copland; Sarah Love; Aurora Falcone; Michael Stephens; Dorothy Savage; Cornelius Hegarty; Brian Murphy; Eileen Jordan; Mary Spaul; Frank Dunster; Bridget Payne; Ellen Smith.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The next meeting is on Monday 19th January (5-6.30pm) in the Church for Reconciliation. All children to attend with parents.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – The next meeting is on Sunday 1st February in the Stable Block.

MOTHERS PRAYER GROUP Next meeting is on **Monday 12th January 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.

PARISH CENTRAL COMMITTEE - Next meeting is on **Thursday 22nd January 2026 - 7pm.**

YOUTH GROUP - Next meeting is on **Friday 9th January (7.30pm-9pm)** in the School Hall.

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

COLLECTIONS – 4th January 2026

Thank you for your offerings which amounted to: -
First Collection - £208.36
Second Collection - £

Contactless Payments Dec - £482.50

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

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: -

POPIN! Open every Monday (except Bank Holidays). Abbey View House, 61 Swan St. (opposite The Abbey) from 11am – 1pm to offer a morning cuppa and a light lunch + a friendly space in which to spend time and meet others.

The Bereavement Journey – 7-week course at West Malling Baptist Church

Full details on the poster. in the porch or visit

www.thebereavementjourney.org. This will start on 12th January from 2-4pm.

The World Council of Churches **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** takes place later this month. Officially it runs from 18th to 25th January (St Peter's Day to St Paul's Day) culminating in a United Service on the final Sunday. This year, **Christ Church, Snodland** has kindly offered to host the service which will be at **4 pm on Sunday 25th January**. It is a great opportunity for us to come together in worship across our different churches.

Ambassadors for Christ: A Catholic apologetics resource. The Archdiocese of Southwark has launched an exciting apologetics project to provide evidence-based answers to questions such as "Is Jesus God?" or "does prayer work?".

Ambassadors for Christ is designed to equip you with a deeper understanding of your faith, so you can confidently answer questions and be a joyful witness for the Lord Jesus and his Church. Every Monday, a new video will be posted on YouTube, along with a worksheet to enable parishes, schools, youth groups and families to use them as part of their faith formation. To watch the videos and take part in this exciting project, please visit:

rcaos.org.uk/ambassadorsforchrist.

PRE-SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We are looking for members to join our committee. The committee meets 6 times a year and are a great support to our Pre-School. The committee works in tandem with Pre-school staff to ensure the smooth running of the Pre-School by

-Providing support and advice to the managers

-Ensuring policies are in place

-Acting in the best interest of the children

If you are interested, please contact Cathy Collins at

preschool@live.co.uk for more info.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Would you like to become an altar server in Church? If you have undertaken your First Holy Communion and feel this is something you would be interested in, please contact the Parish Office, or Chantal (07966 577612). Full training will be provided from one of our current altar servers at 9.30am on Sunday mornings before the 10am Mass. Please add your name to the list in the porch.

Peace Sunday 2026

Peace Sunday will be held on Sunday 18th January. The Bishops' Conference encourage us all the use the day to reflect on the Pope's message for the World Day of Peace on the 1st January.

Pope Leo has said that the theme for his message which will be 'Peace be with you all: towards an 'unarmed and disarming' peace'. Pax Christi promote Peace Sunday with the support of the Bishop's Conference and have produced a number of resources to help us reflect including a liturgy and activities for children. You can download these from the Peace Sunday 2026 page on their website www.paxchristi.org.uk

On Peace Sunday, we will be taking a collection to support Pax Christi's work which includes promoting nonviolence as a way of resolving conflict, advocacy and campaigning for peace and peace education in schools. If you are unable to give on the day then you can also donate via their website www.paxchristi.org.uk/product-category/peace-sunday-appeal/. Envelopes available in the porch.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2026 – SOUTHWARK DIOCESE

Join our pilgrimage to Lourdes travelling overnight by luxury coach from 9 to 14 February 2026. It is always a beautiful and deeply spiritual experience soaking in the Spirit of Jesus as we travel to honour Our Blessed Mother.

Leaving Slough and Ealing Broadway on 9 Feb 2026 and departing Lourdes on 13 February for a visit to the Shrine of the Miraculous Medal in Rue de Bac, Paris on 14 February morning and arriving in London later on 14 February 2026

Full board, exciting festival devotional program, experience the Blessed Sacrament Procession of the Sick, the Candlelight Marian Rosary Procession and the International Mass on the Feast Day followed by Stations, Confessions and Adoration with Hour of Mercy. Travel, full board and program cost £590. Call Millie on 07957594646 for more info.