



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)



14th December 2025 – 3rd Sunday of Advent (A)

1st Reading Isaiah 35: 1-6, 10 **Responsorial Psalm** 146(145): 6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10 **2nd Reading** James 5: 7-10 Matthew 11: 2-11

SECOND COLLECTION:

NEXT:

DAY	TIME	MASS INTENTIONS
Sat 13 th	5:00pm	
Sun 14 th	10:00am 5.30pm	People of the Parish
Mon 15 th	-	
Tue 16 th	10:00am	
Wed 17 th	-	NO MASS TODAY
Thu 18 th	10:00am	
Fri 19 th	9:15am	End of Term Mass in School
Sat 20 th	5:00pm	
Sun 21 st	10:00am 5.30pm	People of the Parish

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

BAPTISMS
 Baptism class
 on Saturday
 03/01/2026
 @ 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 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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – The next meeting is Sunday 4th January in the Stable Block.

CHURCH BIG CLEAN
 Please could all Groups note that the Big Clean will take place on Friday 19th December at 10.30am

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
 Taking part in Advent. The next children's class is on Monday 5th January from 5-6.30pm in the School Hall for Recap for Reconciliation.

YOUTH GROUP - Next meeting is on Friday 12th December (7.30pm-9pm) in School for their **Christmas Party**.

MOTHERS PRAYER GROUP Next meeting is **Monday 15th December** 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.

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 – 7th December 2025

Thank you for your offerings which amounted to: -

First Collection - £156.87
Second Collection - £

Contactless Payments Nov - £589.50

ANNIVERSARIES

Mark Thomas; Lewis Thomas; Frank Battock; Thomas More Fulford; Anna Black; George Wellard; Christine Griffin; Vanda Poil; Francis O'Reilly; Jack Tuite; Barbara Corbett; Maria Murphy; Robert O'Shea; Victor Cox; James Styles; William Turner; Alfred Mifsud; Joan Leader; Dennis Parker; Lewis Thomas.

ADULT ADVENT
PENITENTIAL SERVICE
 Thursday 18th December - 7.00pm

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR
SERVICES & MASSES
Christmas Eve - Wednesday 24th December
 4.30pm – Crib Service
 8.00pm – Carols Service
 8.30pm – Mass
Christmas Day – Thursday 25th December
Mass: 10am Christmas Day Mass
CHRISTMAS OCTAVE
Friday 26th December – NO MASS
Saturday 27th December – 5pm
Sunday 28th December – 10am
Sunday 28th December – 5.30pm
Monday 29th December – NO MASS
Tuesday 30th December – 10am
Wednesday 31st December – 10am
New Year's Day – 1st January - 10am

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@safeguardraos.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.

Carol Singing Outside Asda on Kings Hill – Saturday 13th December (10am – 11.30am).

Everybody is welcome to join in. As in previous years we will be collecting for Porchlight.

Christmas Tree Festival – Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th December at Larkfield & East Malling Methodist Church. Come and enjoy the trees and follow the nativity story trail. Carols amidst the Christmas Trees on Sunday 14th at 3pm. Refreshments and light lunches available (small charge) and gift stall.

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.

Call for New Readers - Ministry of The Word

Are you thinking of reading at Mass or may consider it? Several of our Readers are retiring or moving away and the Church needs You now! If you are secondary school age or older - then please get in touch. Contact the Parish Office for more information and one of our current Readers will contact you. Training and Support will be provided and you will be welcomed into the team!

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.

ADVENT HOUSE MASS

What: **Kings Hill Area Advent Mass**

When: **Friday 19 December 2025**

Time: **7:30 pm**

Where: **26 Dawn Lane, Kings Hill, ME19 4DH**

All are welcome. Please let Chantal know that you will come on 07966 577612.

CHRISTMAS CARDS ON SALE IN CHURCH PORCH

All proceeds go towards Church funds – Many thanks



Christmas Party:

St Thomas More Parish Christmas Party. Venue: More Park Primary School Hall. **Sat 13th Dec.** This a Dinner and Fundraising party, so please support your Parish with your generous donations.

The party is fully funded by the members of the Fundraising and Social Committee. All your donations as well as the raffle tickets sales will go towards the Parish funds. **Thank you all for your support and generosity so far, it truly makes a difference.**

Tickets to the party are given out after mass. If you don't get yours before Saturday 13th Dec, do not worry, you can still turn up to the party.

Dietary Requirement: If you have any specific dietary requirement please speak to a member of Fundraising as Social team. Or email the Parish: westmalling@rcaos.org.uk

Parking arrangement: For those driving to the party, please use the church car park as the school car park has very limited space.

Christmas Raffle: Raffle tickets are on sale at **£1 each**. These will also be available to buy during the party. The draw will take place during the dinner.

What to wear: Casual attire. Do not forget your **Christmas Jumper** if you have one. There will be a prize on the night for the best Christmas Jumper.

We can't wait to see everyone at the party. Let's make this celebration a memorable one for our Parish community.

St Thomas More
Roman Catholic
Church

Exciting News
Our Parish has a
new website

www.westmallingrcc.org

Why don't you check this out?

You can also use your phone to

scan the below QR CODE to

access the website



Please give us your

feedback using this link:

www.westmallingrcc.org/contact-us