



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)



17th May 2026 – 7th Sunday of Easter (A)

1st Reading Acts 1: 12-14 **Responsorial Psalm** 27(26): 1, 4, 7-8a **2nd Reading** 1 Peter 4: 13-16 John 17: 1-11

SECOND COLLECTION: World Communications Sunday

NEXT: 21/06 Day for Life

DAY	TIME	MASS INTENTIONS
Sat 16 th	11:00am 5:00pm	Memorial Mass for James Anthony Mullen RIP Catherine Conway (Nee Law) RIP
Sun 17 th	10:00am 5:30pm	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS People of the Parish
Mon 18 th	-	
Tue 19 th	10:00am	
Wed 20 th	10:00am	
Thu 21 st	10:00am	
Fri 22 nd	12:15pm	Adoration after Mass
Sat 23 rd	5:00pm	
Sun 24 th	10:00am 5:30pm	PENTECOST 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 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

Witek Ottembrajt; Paul Delaney; Graham Durling; May Noschese; Cosmo de Bosdari; Kenneth Franklin; Anne Avery; Mary Rumsey; Jonathan Boyle; James Corcoran; Mary Heaney; Peggy Hey; Allan Beard; Daniel Byrne; Margaret Mayatt; Joseph Eagle; Deirdre Pennal.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – The next meeting is on Sunday 7th June in the Stable Block.

MOTHERS PRAYER GROUP Next meeting is on **Monday 18th 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.

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

First Holy Communion Mass
 10am on Sunday 17th May

Celebration Mass
 10am on Sunday 14th June

PARISH CENTRAL COMMITTEE -
 Next meeting is on **Thursday 21st May 2026 - 7pm.**

YOUTH GROUP - Next meeting is

COLLECTIONS – 10th May 2026
 Thank you for your offerings which amounted to: -

First Collection - £234.12

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

Alternatively, the Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator - 0207 261 1606

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

World Communications Sunday

This collection supports the work of the Catholic Communications Network (CCN), the media office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The CCN seeks to be of service both to the Church and the world in offering professional channels of communication, and provides support for the Bishops of England and Wales and the wider Church in promoting the Gospel through the media on current issues. Its office is the focus for media enquiries on national matters, and seeks to develop the public profile of the Church and its teachings. The CCN provides up-to-date news releases, features and podcasts, information from the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, and trains spokesmen and women.

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 24th 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 30th 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 porch or visit <https://stbenedictscentre.org/>

Parish Summer Party - Saturday 11th 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.

The raffle draw will take place during the party, with all proceeds going directly toward our Church Fund. **We can't wait to see you there!**

Maidstone Deanery Confirmation Programme 2026

Applications are invited from School age young people in **Year 9 or above**, to join our 2026 Deanery Confirmation programme, who live in the parishes of Maidstone Deanery (St Francis', Maidstone/ St Peter's, Bearsted/ Holy Family, Park Wood, /St Thomas More, West Malling/ St Theodore's Cranbrook/ St Andrew's, Tenterden / Sacred Heart, Goudhurst).

The programme will run on mainly Sunday evenings at St Francis' Church, Maidstone, beginning in July, a break throughout the summer holiday, continuing through September - October, with the **Confirmation Mass scheduled for Sunday 25th October, 2pm**. (Venue TBC)

Applicants must be Catholics, who have made their First Holy Communion.

Applications must come from the candidate themselves.

Applicants will commit to attending all of the sessions.

Applicants must also be willing to participate fully in all aspects of the programme.

To request an application form, which also gives details of dates and times of sessions, please email: confirmation@stfrancisparish.org.uk

The closing date for applications is **FRIDAY 12th JUNE 2026**