



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)



19th April 2026 – 3rd Sunday of Easter (A)

1st Reading Acts 2: 14, 22-33 Responsorial Psalm 16(15): 1-2a, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 2nd Reading 1 Peter 1: 17-21 Luke 24: 13-35

SECOND COLLECTION:

NEXT: 26/04 – Priests Training Fund

DAY	TIME	MASS INTENTIONS
Sat 18 th	5:00pm	
Sun 19 th	10:00am 5:30pm	People of the Parish
Mon 20 th	-	
Tue 21 st	10:00am	
Wed 22 nd	10:00am	
Thu 23 rd	9:15am	ST. GEORGE St George's Day House Mass in School
Fri 24 th	12:15pm	Adoration after Mass Private Mass Intention – Chantal Ekeuh
Sat 25 th	5:00pm	
Sun 26 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: Brian Fissenden
MAINTENANCE: Ruth Trant
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Tricia Durrant
LECTORS: Charles Unter
SACRISTAN: Paula Thornton

BAPTISMS
 Baptism class on Saturday 02/05/2026 @ 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 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

John Kibble; Jan Jablonski; Nora Edward-Roy; Danuta Jordan; Hilary Crush; Vincent Muller; Mary Smith; Artur Guzy; Corrado Runggaldier; Matthew Lewis; Nancy (Annie) Menzies; Maurice Fissenden; Andre (Bob) Moleta; Margaret Paul; Constance Muxlow; Danielle Blackburn; Moira Martin; Roy Herrington; John (Jack) McCormack; Paula Sedley-Burke; Ursula Atkins; Irene Lovell; Lily Rudenko; David Rose.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – The next meeting is on Sunday 3rd May in the Stable Block.

MOTHERS PRAYER GROUP Next meeting is on **Monday 20th April 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

Next children's class is on Monday 27th April from 5 – 6.30pm in the **Church.**

First Holy Communion Mass

10am on Sunday 17th May

PARISH CENTRAL COMMITTEE -

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

YOUTH GROUP - Next meeting is

COLLECTIONS – 12th April 2026

Thank you for your offerings which amounted to: -

First Collection - £169.55

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

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




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

I AM MARK - a dramatized performance of the Gospel of St Mark by actor Stefan Smart will take place at 7pm on Saturday 25 April in Brookfield Junior School, Larkfield. Tickets are free - but please do book in advance so the organisers know how many people will be attending. Refreshments will be available on the night and although the tickets are free, donations to help cover the cost of the event would be appreciated. To secure your ticket please email iemarkctim@gmail.com to tell the organisers how many will be going linked to our Church. (See poster + flyers in porch.)

PRIEST TRAINING FUND SECOND COLLECTION – NEXT WEEKEND

Good Shepherd Sunday – Support Our Future Priests

The priesthood has always been at the heart of the Church. On Good Shepherd Sunday, we pray for vocations and support the Priest Training Fund, which forms men for service across our parishes, schools, hospitals, and communities. We currently have 9 seminarians, each costing around £30,000 per year over six years of formation. Your generosity helps make their calling possible.

-  Donate online: www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF
-  Call: 020 7960 2504 (weekdays, 9am–5pm)
-  Or use the envelopes at the back of church

Leave a lasting legacy to the Church

Please consider remembering our church or the Priesthood in your Will.

Find out more: www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/leave-a-legacy.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

GIFT-AIDERS

Your new envelopes are now available in the porch. If you use them for weekly donations they are in a box. If you donate by standing order there are a few special collection envelopes, unboxed, and secured only by a rubber band. There are no spare envelopes for Parish 2nd collections, e.g. flowers, so if you wish to donate on such occasions then please use one of the white envelopes in the porch. If you are not currently a Gift-Aider and would like to be, there are forms available in the porch, or if you would like to know more please contact the Parish Office.

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

If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th + 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 mflkent@rcaos.org.uk As the title of your email, please write your parish location e.g. West Malling.

****** Save The Date ******
Parish Summer Party
Saturday 11th July 2026

Train and Volunteer as a Relationship Counsellor with Marriage Care

Would you like train in relationship counselling and provide couples with professional, effective support, that makes a real difference?

- **Benefits:** Full training with certified trainers
- Ongoing supervision and CPD
- Be part of a community of like-minded relationship professionals within a historic and diverse organisation.

Marriage Care's next **Certificate in Relationship Counselling (CRC)** training course begins in March 2027 with a **deadline of 30th June** for applications. Marriage Care believe that supporting couple relationships is a matter of social justice. Their relationship counsellors enable those in need to access professional counselling – regardless of their ability to pay – by providing two counselling sessions per week on a voluntary basis.

Marriage Care are looking for those who are **empathetic, understanding** and have an **enthusiasm for supporting adult relationships**. Whilst you do not need experience as a counsellor, **self-awareness** and having the **time and space to commit** to all that the training and role entails is essential.

Please note that there are costs associated with training on the CRC, including a non-refundable registration fee of around £175. These costs, which are outlined on the website below, are subject to minor changes and are far lower than with alternative training providers. In line with Marriage Care's ethos as a charity, no one is excluded on the basis of their ability to pay.

For more information please visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

Free Marriage and Family Life events for Parents and Married or engaged couples

1) For parents with teenagers

Catholic CELEBRATE are offering free of charge 2 webinars. To book a place contact asap info@celebratetrust.org

Confident parenting in a world of screens 29th April 8pm / **Raising teenagers in a Catholic family** 2nd June 8pm

2) Building a Better Marriage (BABM)

In 2026 one day Building a Better Marriage events will be held to strengthen and enrich marriages. The day starts at 9.00 am and finishes at 4.30pm and is free to attend. The days will be held in the following **deaneries: May 23 Sutton: June 13 Dover: June 27 Wandsworth: October 3 Lambeth**

To join one of these days please contact Carole on 07983 524 727 or email: mflkent@rcaos.org.uk

3) For engaged and married couples:

Rooted in love – Online Group

Meets one hour a month on Zoom from 8.30pm to 9.30 pm. No travelling and no costs. It's free to attend **April 23, May 28, June 25, July 23, August 27, September 24, October 22, November 26, December 10**. FFI contact Carole on mflkent@rcaos.org.uk To obtain further information go to

Southwark MFL webpage <https://rcaos.org.uk/mission/marriage-and-family-life/>