



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)



1st February 2026 – FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

1st Reading Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13 Responsorial Psalm 146(145): 6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10 2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 Matthew 5:1-12

SECOND COLLECTION: Racial Justice Sunday

NEXT: 15/2 – Sick & Retired Priests (Clergy Support Fund)

DAY	TIME	MASS INTENTIONS
Sat 31 st	5:00pm	Robert Shaw RIP
Sun 1 st	10:00am 5.30pm	People of the Parish
Mon 2 nd	-	The Presentation of The Lord
Tue 3 rd	10:00am	
Wed 4 th	10:00am	
Thu 5 th	10:00am	
Fri 6 th	12:15pm	Adoration after Mass
Sat 7 th	5:00pm	
Sun 8 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 – Thursday 12/02 @12pm

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); 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

Stanley Jones; Alexander Gordon; John Hadwin; Freddie MacQueen; Charles Harkin; Joy Corrigan; Pamela Richardson; Patrick Willoughby; Jean Brooker; Francis Gillan; Christopher Hayes; Barbara Barnes; Charles Hennessey; Emily Seymour; Jadwiga Makuch; Brendan Kilcoyne; James Reeves; Mary Palmer; Joan Barry; William Fennell; Trong Tan Huynh.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The next meeting is on Sunday 1st February at 10am in the Church for the Candlemas Family Mass. All children to attend with parents.

PARISH CENTRAL COMMITTEE -

Next meeting is on **Thursday 26th March 2026** - 7pm.

MOTHERS PRAYER GROUP

Next meeting is on **Monday 9th February 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

COLLECTIONS – 25th January 2026

Thank you for your offerings which amounted to: -

First Collection - £161.91

Second Collection - £101.72

(Maintenance of St George's Cathedral)

Contactless Payments Dec - £482.50

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

YOUTH GROUP - Next meeting is on Friday 6th February (7.30pm-9pm) in the School Hall.

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.

World Day of Prayer Friday 6th March 10.30am This year the service has been prepared by Christian Women from Nigeria and will be held at **St James the Great Church in East Malling**. Everyone is welcome to this service which is always a very special time of worship and fellowship. Poster and flyers available in the porch.

All Saints with Christ Church Ladies Event Saturday 7th March 9am-12.30pm

She Is Called: a relaxed and welcoming time to gather, reflect and encourage one another. The morning will begin at **9.00am** with a delicious **cooked or continental breakfast**, offering a chance to chat and connect. This will be followed by a thoughtful and enriching time of **worship, talks and reflections**, with **craft woven into the morning** as a gentle and creative way to engage with what we hear and reflect on God's call in our lives. During our break time there will be the opportunity to **browse a small selection of 'homemade' stalls**, as well as time to relax, talk and enjoy fellowship together. The morning will finish at **12.30pm**. This promises to be a **wonderful morning of fellowship, love and encouragement**. Please do invite friends and family — all women are very welcome. Tickets are **£10 each** and must be **purchased in advance** to help with catering. They are available: By emailing snodlandchurch@gmail.com or Directly from the **'Here for You' Community Hub** at Christ Church, Malling Road in Snodland which is open on Mondays 9am - 12pm and Wednesday 10am -12pm for anyone wanting to pop in for a drink and a chat at the same time. When booking please inform us if there are any dietary needs. Book early to avoid disappointment. **All bookings must be made by Tuesday 3rd March for catering purposes**. Parking on the day will be available at Holmesdale School just across from the church. The church car park will be reserved for those with access requirements.

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.

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 2026

Archbishop John Wilson will celebrate Mass for Racial Justice Sunday at St George's Cathedral on Sunday 1 February 2026, at 10am.

Racial Justice Sunday is a time for the Church to pray, reflect and take action against racism, while celebrating the diversity of our Archdiocese. Everyone is invited to take part, and those who wish may wear national or cultural dress as a sign of unity and pride.

If you would like, please gather outside the cathedral at 9.45am to join the procession of national flags.

After Mass, all are welcome to gather in Amigo Hall for refreshments — a chance to meet one another, share experiences and continue the conversation about faith and inclusion.

You are warmly encouraged to attend in person, but if you cannot make it you can watch the livestream through the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/live/fdmGwmESSgl>