



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 June 2025 – Seventh Sunday of Easter (C)

1st Reading Acts 7: 55-60 **Responsorial Psalm** 97(96): 1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9 **2nd Reading** Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20 John 17: 20-26

SECOND COLLECTION: World Communications Sunday

NEXT: 15/6 Day for Life

DAY	TIME	MASS INTENTIONS
Sat 31 st	5:00pm	Repose of the Soul of Brenda Fissenden
Sun 1 st	10:00am 5:30pm	People of the Parish Stewart Chapman RIP
Mon 2 nd	8:00am	
Tue 3 rd	10:00am	
Wed 4 th	10:00am	
Thu 5 th	10:00am	
Fri 6 th	10:00am	Adoration after Mass
Sat 7 th		JUBILEE CELEBRATION DAY AT AYLESFORD PRIORY NO EVENING MASS
Sun 8 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: Ian Butler
MAINTENANCE: Ruth Trant
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Tricia Durrant
LECTORS: Charles Unter
SACRISTAN: Paula Thornton

BAPTISMS
 Baptism class
 on Saturday
 05/07/2025
 @ 12 noon.

BAPTISM –
 Saturday
 21/06/2025

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.

Please pray for Colin Wilson, the father of Dylan Wilson (15 years old) who has been killed in a road accident. Dylan was at school with Lilian & George Blewett's grandchildren. He was Colin's only son and such a loving and caring family. Lilian and George knew them well.

We also offer prayers for Collette Hall; Bob & Janet Clarke; Thomas; Fr. Adam Szczesiul; Tina Usher; Fiona Evans (wellbeing); Dee Avery; Rita O'Neill; 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 in our world.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - Next meeting is on Sunday 1st June in the Stable Block.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

All children are invited to the Pentecost Mass on Sunday 8th June at 10am.

MOTHERS PRAYER GROUP Next meeting is **Monday 2nd June 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

The next meeting is on **Thursday 11th September 2025** - 7pm.

YOUTH GROUP

The next meeting is on Friday 13th June from 7.30pm to 9pm in the School Hall.

COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your offerings which amounted to: -

First Collection - £159.45

18th May 2025

First Collection - £208.66

25th May 2025

Second Collection - £375.59

First Holy Communion Collection

Contactless Payments Apr.-£662.50

ANNIVERSARIES

Theresa Trow; Margaret Murphy; Margaret Kelly; Jane Goodwin; Olive Follin; Anthony Potrac; Eileen Whitehead; Fr. Sean Hearty; Rosa Lurgio; Maureen Thompson; Pope John XXIII; Brian Hill; Robert Styche; Elsie Thew; Anne Langshaw; Ralph Lovegrove; Mary Bennett; Gerard Whiteside; Marie Alix Terriere; Mary Legon.

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

SAVE THE DATE

**St Thomas More Parish
Summer Garden Party**

Saturday 12th July 1pm



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

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.

5th June (7.30pm – 9pm) Alma Autism – Embracing Differences at Larkfield & East Malling Methodist Church. A talk about how churches can better understand and welcome those with special educational needs, disabilities, or neurodiversity.

Saturday 7th June - St Benedict's Centre, West Malling - A Prayer Festival with keynote speaker Bishop Simon Burton Jones, Bishop of Tonbridge.

Sunday 8th June (3pm-5pm) – Pentecost Picnic and Praise in Manor Park, West Malling. The plan is to assemble near the car park at 3pm, share a picnic, play some games, then join together in a service of Praise and Thanksgiving at around 4pm. Please bring your own picnic, drinks etc and a chair or rug to sit on.

(Posters for events in porch.)

Jubilee Celebration Day – more details

Over two thousand people from around the Archdiocese of Southwark are expected at our **Jubilee Celebration Day at The Friars, Aylesford on Saturday 7 June** – we hope you will be one of them! Please pick up a leaflet in the porch giving you all the details you need about this wonderful celebration.

To sign up to be one of the **'Day Makers'** (stewards and volunteers helping to make the day a success), visit bit.ly/southwarkhelper to find out more and sign up. To register for the **90-minute ministry sessions for children (KS1+2) and young people (KS3+4)**, visit [aec.raos.org.uk/jubilee celebration](http://aec.raos.org.uk/jubilee%20celebration). (Places on these sessions are limited - first come, first served; but there are other activities for children if you don't book in time.)

WE ARE CONSIDERING HIRING A COACH/MINIBUS TO TAKE PARISHIONERS TO THIS EVENT. IF THIS IS SOMETHING YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN, PLEASE EMAIL THE OFFICE OR ADD YOUR NAME TO THE LIST IN THE PORCH.

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY SECOND COLLECTION

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 teaching. 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.

Maidstone Deanery Confirmation Programme 2025

Applications are invited from School age young people in **Year 9 or above**, to join our 2025 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 June, a break throughout the summer holiday, continuing through September - October, with the **Confirmation Mass scheduled for Saturday 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 + times of sessions, please email: confirmation@stfrancisparish.org.uk The closing date for applications is **Monday 9th JUNE 2025**. Any other questions can be raised either through this dedicated confirmation mailbox, or by contacting Deacon Ian.

CHURCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: -

- Cleaners
(weekdays only – once a month)
- Bidding Prayers
- Children's Liturgy (once a month)
- Safeguarding (experience preferable)

If you are able to help, please add your name to the sheet in the porch.

YOUTH GROUP LEADERS NEEDED – if you are interested, please email the Parish Office or let one of the Leaders know – thank you!

FLAME YOUTH GROUP AT ST. FRANCIS MAIDSTONE INVITE OUR PARISHIONERS TO A PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE TO COINCIDE WITH THE DIOCESAN JUBILEE DAY ON SATURDAY 7TH JUNE.

The Bethlehem Nativity Group (TBNG), a missionary from Bethlehem, The Holy Land, will visit us on the weekend **31st May- 1st June** to briefly talk about the Holy Land and sell religious articles made out of Olive Wood to help and support the poor Christian families, any help you could give to them it will be highly appreciated" (when you help the poor you help our Lord").

Following the retirement of the current post holder the Education Service are looking to recruit a person to support its schools and academies. Details for the Trust Relationship Officer available at <https://www.raoseducation.org.uk/tru-st-relationship-officer-education-service/>

** SAFEGUARDING TRAINING **

To All Parish Volunteers - Thank you so much for your time, dedication, and heart in serving our church community. We truly couldn't do this without you, and we are grateful for the difference you make every day. To ensure a safe and welcoming environment for everyone, we kindly ask that you complete a short safeguarding training module. This training is vital to protect both our volunteers and those we serve. This resource has been made available for you to learn through the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency and is mandatory for all volunteers who require a DBS certification for their role. Please follow this link: <https://training.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk/> Thank you once again for your commitment and cooperation. We look forward to continuing this journey together with your support.