



ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK
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PARISH OFFICE OPEN – WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS (9.30am to 3.30pm)



21st December 2025 – 4th Sunday of Advent (A)

28th December 2025 – Holy Family (A)

1st Reading Isaiah 7: 10-14 **Responsorial Psalm** 24(23): 1-2, 3-4b, 5-6 **2nd Reading** Romans 1: 1-7 Matthew 1: 18-24
1st Reading Ecclesiasticus 3: 2-6, 12-14 **Responsorial Psalm** 128(127): 1-2, 3, 4-5 **2nd Reading** Colossians 3: 12-21 Matthew 2: 13-15, 19-23

SECOND COLLECTION:

Christmas Flowers

NEXT:

DAY	TIME	MASS INTENTIONS
Sat 20 th	5:00pm	Mollie Maher RIP
Sun 21 st	10:00am 5.30pm	People of the Parish Milan Stas RIP (2 nd Anniversary)
Mon 22 nd	-	
Tue 23 rd	10:00am	
Wed 24 th	4:30pm 8:00pm 8:30pm	Crib Service Carols Service Mass
Thu 25 th	10:00am	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
Fri 26 th	-	No Mass Today
Sat 27 th	5:00pm	
Sun 28 th	10:00am 5.30pm	THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS People of the Parish
Mon 29 th	-	No Mass Today
Tue 30 th	10:00am	
Wed 31 st	10:00am	Roderick Webb RIP
Thu 1 st	10:00am	MARY MOTHER OF GOD
Fri 2 nd	12:15pm	
Sat 3 rd	5:00pm	
Sun 4 th	10:00am 5.30pm	

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.

ANNIVERSARIES

Alfred Mifsud; Joan Leader; Dennis Parker;
Lewis Thomas; Francis Flanagan; Charles
Beacham; Emmanuel Murto; Annie Griffin;
Laurence O'Connor; Margaret Hopgood;
Molly Maher; Mark Nicholls; John Whelan;
Hedwick Steffan; Terence Finn; Yvonne
D'Agostini; Daniel O'Shea; Cecilia
Sampeyo; John Kilgallen; Ronald
Mannerings; James Boyle; Tony Kibble;
Viva Redman; Joan Hamilton; John
Keegan; Theresa Hedderman; Maisie
Lingham; Caroline Walker; Mary
McEnteggart; John Murphy; Mary
Forsythe; Catherine Sheppard; Michael
Kavanagh; Agustina Levett; Mary Hegarty;
Trevor Jones; Lily Feehan; Theresa
Metcalfe; Wilfred McCauley; Grace Moss;
Kathleen Mortlock; Annie Thomson; Rev.
Patrick Lonergan; Patrick Faulkin.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The next children's class is on
Monday 5th January (5-6.30pm) in the
School Hall for Recap for

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

PARISH CENTRAL COMMITTEE -

Next meeting is on **Thursday 22nd
January 2026 - 7pm.**

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

MOTHERS PRAYER GROUP

Next meeting is **Monday 29th December
but in our own homes.** 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 – 14th December 2025

Thank you for your offerings which
amounted to: -

First Collection - £198.70

Second Collection - £

Contactless Payments Nov - £589.50

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.

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.

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 info and one of our current Readers will contact you. Training and Support will be provided and you will be welcomed into the team!

ARCHBISHOP JOHN WILSON'S 2025 CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

In his annual Christmas message, Archbishop John Wilson said: "The beautiful truth of Christmas is that because of God in Christ we are never lost. God chose to be near us, to stay close to us always, to draw us to himself, always. In his endless mercy, the Lord Jesus chose to love us, so we could know and believe that "God is love" (1 John 4:16). In turn, all the Lord Jesus asks of us is to not be afraid and to say yes to him, to draw close to him, to love him". You can watch and read the full message at rcaos.org.uk/christmasmessage2025.

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.

MARRIAGE SUPPORT OVER CHRISTMAS

Retrouvaille helps marriages. It can bring hope and healing to relationships.

Next date: 12th February 2026.

www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 07887 296983

Parish Christmas Party

The Fundraising and Social Committee would like to warmly thank everyone who attended the Parish Christmas Party on Saturday 13th December. Your enthusiastic participation made the evening truly special, and it was wonderful to see so many parishioners, families come together to celebrate as a community.

We in the Committee are **deeply grateful** to all who contributed so **generously**—whether by making the donations, purchasing raffle tickets, or donating items for the raffle prizes. Your collective efforts made it possible to raise the outstanding amount of **£2,161**.

All proceeds from this event will go towards our Church funds and will help to address some of the Parish urgent needs.

A heartfelt thank you also goes to everyone involved in the preparation and organisation of the party. The dedication shown by the Fundraising and Social Committee members, who kindly provided the huge variety of food, drinks shared during the party, decorations as well as other needed items, was truly appreciated. These have helped create a joyful and memorable celebration for all.

Finally, we greatly value your ongoing support and would love to hear any feedback or ideas you may have for future events. Please feel free to reach out with suggestions directly to a member of the Committee or via our website (<https://westmallingsrcc.org/upcoming-events>), as your involvement is key to our shared success.

Wishing you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas and a joyful New Year. **Thank you once again for your generosity and community spirit.**

With warmest regards from all of us on the Fundraising and Social Committee.

MESSAGE FROM FR. DONATUS

Many, many thanks to all the co-ordinators who helped make the Christmas Party a joyous occasion – Germain & Chantal, Emmanuel & Nene, Joseph & Gloria, Michael & Gladys, Bogdan & Cristina, Greg & Fiona, Martin & Sheba, Leslie & Renita, Ben & Nana, Alice and Emma. Also, thank you to everyone who attended and made the party a huge success.