



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)**



**22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent (A)**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7 Responsorial Psalm 51(50): 3-4, 5-6b, 12-13, 14, 17 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11

**SECOND COLLECTION:**

**NEXT: 01/03 – CAFOD Lent Fast Day**

DAY	TIME	MASS INTENTIONS
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup>	5:00pm	People of the Parish
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10:00am 5.30pm	Giovanni (John) D’Avanzo RIP (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv.) Health & Strength of Fr. Adam Szczesiul
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10:00am	Madeleine Carter RIP
Tue 24 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	
Thu 26 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>12:15pm</b> <b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Adoration after Mass</b> <b>Stations of the Cross</b>
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm	
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup>	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  
 07/03/2026  
 @ 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.

**RECENTLY DEAD**

It is with deep sadness that we share the news of the passing of our beloved parishioner Ray Cassidy who sadly died whilst on holiday. We extend our heartfelt prayers and sympathy to his wife Wendy and their family during this difficult time.

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY – The next meeting is on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March in the Stable Block.**

**PARISH CENTRAL COMMITTEE -**  
 Next meeting is on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026 - 7pm.**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

The next parents meeting is on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 7pm** in the Church to discuss the Eucharist. **All parents to attend.**

**YOUTH GROUP -** Next meeting is on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March (7.30pm-9pm)** in the School Hall.

**ANNIVERSARIES**  
 Catherine Fisher; Carmen Mifsud; Thomas Gilligan; Jan Conway-Ryle; Dennis O’Connor; Charles O’Malia; Mary Coughlan; Teofila Fricker; Giovanni D’Avanzo; Maisie Farrow; Margaret Banfield; Anthony Brewer; Margaret Wilkinson; Marco Valencia; Eileen Bolton; Bridget Vernon; James Devlin; Meta McKeay; Cyril (Bill) Smith; Anne Cotter; Lucienne Crawford; Martin Lyons; Alice Slater; Dorothy Beatty; Patrick Joseph Feeney.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
**Every Friday beginning 20<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm in the Church**

**MOTHERS PRAYER GROUP** Next meeting is on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 11am in the Church Porch.** If you would like to attend, please contact

**STANDING ORDER/DIRECT DEBIT**  
 Offerings can be made by envelope, direct debit or standing order:  
**NAME: RCAS WEST MALLING**

**COLLECTIONS – 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

Thank you for your offerings which amounted to: -  
**First Collection - £116.96**  
**Second Collection - £242.61**  
 (Clergy Support Fund)

## 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](mailto: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.

**St Benedict's Centre, 52 Swan Street, West Malling** will be offering a Lent

Spirituality series **The Desert Father and Mothers** on Tuesdays from

24<sup>th</sup> February to 24<sup>th</sup> March. For full details please follow the link:

<https://stbenedictscentre.org/?events=the-desert-fathers-and-mothers>

**Ladies Elevenses** organised by Larkfield Community Church

Thought for the Day with Jenny Thompson - **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February 10.30-12**

**noon** at the Dorcas Centre on the Brookfield School Site. For more info

please contact Claire Dobson at [admin@larkfieldcommunitychurch.co.uk](mailto:admin@larkfieldcommunitychurch.co.uk)

## ONLINE LENT COURSE

Larkfield & East Malling Methodist Church and the Church in Eccles (together with various other Methodist churches!) will be following a Lent course based on LICC's 'Fruitfulness on the Frontline' resources. Anyone is welcome to join us at 7.45pm on Wednesdays during Lent (except 4 March), starting on Wednesday 18 February. Here are the Zoom details:

<https://zoom.us/j/92097680710?pwd=6j4llmobHdCOSN4a52LlwjfmX7AksW.1>

Meeting ID: 920 9768 0710 Passcode: 479237

**World Day of Prayer Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 Women's Morning**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 9am-12.30pm**

**She Is Called:** celebrating courage, purpose and faith in every woman.

Cooked breakfast and refreshments, market stalls, worship and crafts, and a

reflection on the day. To purchase tickets (£10 each) please contact

[snodlandchurch@gmail.com](mailto:snodlandchurch@gmail.com) or available to purchase at the 'Here for You'

**Community Hub** at Christ Church, Snodland ME6 5QR. Parking on the day

will be available at Holmesdale School.

## CAFOD Family Fast Day Collection

This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions – such as on flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought. Collect a CAFOD envelope to bless others with your support, donate online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope) or call 0303 303 3030. Text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

**Pray the Romero Rosary at St George's Cathedral.** Join Archbishop John

Wilson and the Cathedral clergy in praying the rosary **every Friday at**

**5pm** throughout Lent. This is a beautiful opportunity to draw closer to the

Lord Jesus in prayer. Archbishop John will personally lead the devotion at the

National Shrine of St Oscar Romero at St George's Cathedral (SE1 6HR) on

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March**. On all other Fridays during Lent, the

Cathedral clergy will lead the rosary, followed by the Stations of the Cross at

## LENT & EASTER 2025

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

6pm – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February

6pm – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February

6pm – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March

6pm – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March

6pm – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March

6pm – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

**Passion Sunday – 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> March**

Saturday 5pm / Sunday 10am & 5.30pm

**MORE DATES TO FOLLOW...**

### MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE KENT

Thursday **26 February 2026 'Rooted in Love' - Growing in Faith Together (GIFT)**. It's an online monthly meet up

to hear a scripture reading and discuss ideas relevant to married Catholic couples / couples where one is RC / or an individual RC spouse meeting once a month for 1 hour at 8.30pm - 9.30pm.

**Contact Carole:** [mfilkent@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mfilkent@rcaos.org.uk)

Building a Better Marriage dates 2026:

**March 7 Tonbridge Parish**

(Tunbridge Wells Deanery)

**May 23 Wallington**

(Sutton Deanery)

**June 13 Hythe**

(Dover Deanery)

**June 27<sup>th</sup> Tooting**

(Wandsworth Deanery)

**October 3 West Norwood**

(Lambeth Deanery)

Couples have expressed their thanks for the inclusion of all the dates in the year so they can book childcare in advance.

A poster of all the events in February and March is in the porch.

### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

All volunteers and group leaders are invited to a **Fire Safety Training Session** on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March at**

**10.30am** here in the Church. A member of staff from the Health & Safety Department at the Diocese will be coming along. We will cover

evacuation procedures, fire prevention, and extinguisher safety. It will last approximately 1.5 hours and will include a fire drill. Your participation ensures our church remains a safe place for everyone.

Please contact the Parish Office if

you have any questions or need further information.

Thank you for your support and commitment.

Yours faithfully,

Parish Office

St George's Cathedral

SE1 6HR