



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)**



## 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2025 – CHRIST THE KING (C)

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** 2 Samuel 5: 1-3 **Responsorial Psalm** 122(121): 1-2, 4-5 **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** Colossians 1: 12-20 Luke 23: 35-43

**SECOND COLLECTION:**

**Catholic Youth Services**

**NEXT:**

DAY	TIME	MASS INTENTIONS
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup>	5:00pm	HOLY SOULS by Kathleen Hall
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10:00am 5.30pm	<b>CHRIST THE KING</b> People of the Parish HOLY SOULS by Blewett Family
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>	-	
Tue 25 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	HOLY SOULS by Lynda Nunn
Thu 27 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	Requiem Mass for Roderick Webb RIP
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	<b>St Andrew's Mass in School</b>
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm	Christopher Law & Catherine Conway RIP Frank Hall RIP
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am 5.30pm	<b>Saint Andrew</b> People of the Parish HOLY SOULS – Deceased Members of the Horan and Couchman Families

### 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.

### 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 Flora Moys; Mary & Harry Fewtrell (wellbeing); Daniel Kent; Kate; Colin Wilson; Collette Hall; Fr. Adam Szczesniul; 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.

### RECENTLY DEAD

Please see over for details of John Mills' funeral that Alice has asked me to share with you all. Please also note that the flowers on the altar are especially in memory of John Mills as his Thanksgiving Service takes place on Monday. He wasn't a Parish member himself but always helped Alice with the plant pots at the front of the Church and was a well-known and treasured familiar face here at St Thomas More.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** – The next meeting is **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December in the Stable Block for a Christmas Workshop.**

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Taking part in Advent.

**MOTHERS PRAYER GROUP** Next meeting is **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 11am but in our own homes as there is a funeral taking place in the Church.** If you would like to attend, please contact Steph Blackburn on 07977 458970 or email [steph@bbits.co.uk](mailto:steph@bbits.co.uk).

**YOUTH GROUP** - Next meeting is on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November from 8pm in School for their Sleepover to raise money for Porchlight (a homeless charity in Kent). ***There is a sponsorship form available in the porch if you would like to support them and donate to this extremely worthy cause. Thank you!***

**PARISH CENTRAL COMMITTEE** - Next meeting is on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2026** - 7pm.

### ANNIVERSARIES

Mary Franklin; Nick Maytum; Theresa Calloway; Lena Ford; Thomas Davis; Elizabeth Flanagan; Steven Olver; Arthur Skelton; Francis Binnie; Kathleen Cooney; David Lingham; Fr. John Burke; Frank Hall; Christopher Stubbins; Joyce Nowell; Christopher Law.

### ALL SOULS

We are always encouraged to request a Mass for the deceased members of our family. Take the envelopes at the back of the Church. It's encouraged that you put some stipends as mass offering, but it is not compulsory. The whole of November is seen as the month to pray for the dead.

### 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 – 16<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Thank you for your offerings which amounted to: -

**First Collection** - £155.17

**Second Collection** - £ 20.00

**(Archbishop's Appeal)**

**Contactless Payments Oct - £423**

## 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

## CHURCH VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED

- Welcomers & Refreshments
- Female Youth Group Leaders
- Cleaners

If you would like to help, please add your name to the sheet in the porch or contact the Parish Office. Thank you!

## 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.

**Carol Singing Outside Asda on Kings Hill – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December (10am – 11.30am).** Everybody is welcome to join in. As in previous years we will be collecting for Porchlight.



**ST THOMAS MORE CHOIR**  
PRACTICE FRIDAY EVENINGS  
ALL WELCOME

PLEASE CONTACT FIONA 0778401728  
OR CHANTAL 07956 577612

**EVERY FRIDAY – 6.30PM**

## 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 with us.

Contact the Parish Office for more information and one of our current Readers will contact you.

Training and Support will be provided and you will be welcomed into the team!

## World Youth Sunday 2025

Sunday 23 November is World Youth Sunday. There will be a second collection to support the work of the Southwark Catholic Youth Service, which provides a wide range of opportunities and activities for youth and young adults across the Archdiocese. For more information, visit [www.tinyurl.com/scys1](http://www.tinyurl.com/scys1) or join the Southwark Catholic Youth Network for regular updates at [www.tinyurl.com/scysnetwork](http://www.tinyurl.com/scysnetwork)



**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2025**  
**St Thomas More Parish Christmas Party,**  
**Dinner and Fundraising**  
**6pm - 10pm at More Park Primary School Hall**  
\*\*\*Entry to the party is free to all parishioners\*\*\*

**Remember to request your free ticket**  
Please add your name to the list in the porch if you would like to attend as we need to know how many people to cater for.

**Raffle tickets are on sale at £1 each**  
**The draw will take place during the Party.**  
**Please donate items for the raffle's prizes.**  
**Put these in the basket at the back of the church. Christmas gift items for children will be welcomed.**

St Thomas More  
Roman Catholic Church  
Exciting News  
Our Parish has a new website

[www.westmallingrcc.org](http://www.westmallingrcc.org)

Why don't you check this out?

You can also use your phone to scan the below QR CODE to access the website



Please give us your feedback using this

link: [www.westmallingrcc.org/contact-us](http://www.westmallingrcc.org/contact-us)



**ADVENT WREATHS**

Please come along to church on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November** between 10.30 and 12 noon to make an advent wreath for your home. All the materials will be provided for £6, please just bring some greenery if you can. Tea, coffee + mince pies will be available. Fr Donatus will bless the wreaths at the masses on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Wreath making kits will be available to buy on the Sunday if you can't make the workshop on Saturday.

Good evening family and friends,

John's family warmly invite you to attend a Thanksgiving service for John's life at 11.30 hrs on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at St Luke's Church (30 Eardley Road, Sevenoaks, TN13 1XT) followed by a reception at the Kippington Centre (Church of St. Mary Kippington, Kippington Road, Sevenoaks, TN13 2LL). Please be aware that there is limited 2-hour parking on the roads in the vicinity of St Luke's Church but there are Carparks within 5 to 10 minutes walk. Please do not park in the Emily Jackson Hospital as the emergency services require 24/7 access to the complex. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to Hi-Kent (local charity which supports the deaf), Evelina London Children's Hospital or a charity of your choice. Please would you advise me if you wish to attend so that arrangements can be made for catering.

Love and best wishes - Alice and family.

07970 727219 / [alicemahermills@icloud.com](mailto:alicemahermills@icloud.com)

**CHRISTMAS CARDS WILL BE ON SALE FROM THIS WEEKEND**  
**All proceeds go towards Church funds – Many thanks.**



## ADVENT HOUSE MASSES

If anyone would like to organise an Advent House Mass this year, please speak with Fr. Donatus to arrange a date and we can advertise in the newsletter shortly. Many thanks.