



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



24th May 2026 – PENTECOST SUNDAY (A)

1st Reading Acts 2: 1-11 Responsorial Psalm 104(103): 1ab, 24ac, 29b-30, 31, 34 2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13 John 20: 19-23

SECOND COLLECTION:

NEXT: 21/06 Day for Life

DAY	TIME	MASS INTENTIONS
Sat 23 rd	5:00pm	
Sun 24 th	10:00am 5:30pm	PENTECOST SUNDAY People of the Parish For Fr. Adam's health, and for his parents and siblings
Mon 25 th	-	Mary, Mother of the Church
Tue 26 th	10:00am	
Wed 27 th	10:00am	
Thu 28 th	10:00am	Our Lord Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest
Fri 29 th	12:15pm	Adoration after Mass
Sat 30 th	5:00pm	
Sun 31 st	10:00am 5:30pm	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY 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 06/06/2026 @ 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 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.

ANNIVERSARIES

William Ward; Nora Gaule; Eileen Kearney; Jean Lyons; Josephine Hemphill; Kathleen Sutherland; Anna Cunningham; May Doran.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – The next meeting is on Sunday 7th June in the Stable Block.

MOTHERS PRAYER GROUP Next meeting is on **Monday 1st 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.

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Last children's class in on **Monday 8th June** from 5pm to 6.30pm in the School Hall to discuss the theme "To Love and To Serve".

PARISH CENTRAL COMMITTEE -

Next meeting is on 24th September - 7pm.

YOUTH GROUP - Next meeting is

COLLECTIONS – 17th May 2026

Thank you for your offerings which amounted to: -

First Collection - £244.56

Second Collection - £156.75 (World Communications Sunday)

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

MISSIO

We have received a "Thank You" from Missio for our Parish raising £423 in 2025 – poster in porch. There is also a Diocesan Mass on Saturday 6th June at 11am at St Simon Stock Church in Walderslade with Fr Joseph Donker (Missio Diocesan Director) to which everyone is invited.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN MALLING *(Posters for all events in porch.)*

Please see below details of forthcoming events across the Malling district: -

Pentecost Picnic and Praise Sunday 24th May Manor Park West Malling

A reminder of this Churches Together event to celebrate Pentecost. Meet at 3pm near to the car park for a picnic and games, followed by a service of Praise at 4pm.

Flower Festival - Friday 29th - Sunday 31st May Holy Trinity Larkfield

We have the church open 4pm - 6pm on Friday 29th, then at 10am - 6pm on Saturday 30th with an organ recital in the afternoon followed by a free concert at 7pm by local singing groups. On Sunday 31st we have 10 am communion then the church is opened until 4 pm when we close with Evening prayer.

Prayer Festival - Saturday 30th May at the St Benedict's centre in West Malling with keynote speaker Canon Dr Neville Emslie, Director of Mission and Ministry, Canterbury Diocese. See poster in porch or visit <https://stbenedictscentre.org/>

Bexley Phoenix Choir in Concert - Saturday 6th June 7.30 pm St James the Great Church, East Malling

A varied programme of sacred and secular music. Tickets are £10.00 (Students £5.00, under 16 free). Available from Richard Dove 07768590007 richarddove2003@yahoo.co.uk. or on the door. The Friends of St James the Great would be grateful if this could be advertised and look forward to your support.

Parish Summer Party - Saturday 11th July 2026

Mark your calendars for an afternoon of food, sun (hopefully), and friendship! Our annual Garden Party and BBQ will be held on **Saturday, 11th July, from 1pm to 5pm** in the church back garden. This event is a wonderful way for us to gather as a community, and your presence is what makes it truly special. Stay tuned for more details coming soon!

How you can help:

- **Raffle Donations:** We are seeking gifts and items for our raffle prizes. If you have something to contribute, please place it in the basket located in the porch.
- **Raffle Tickets:** Tickets are now on sale in the porch for **£1 each**. You can pay via cash or the Dona machine.
- **Volunteering:** If you would like to help during the event, please let Germain or any member of the Fundraising and Social Committee know.

The raffle draw will take place during the party, with all proceeds going directly toward our Church Fund. **We can't wait to see you there!**

Maidstone Deanery Confirmation Programme 2026

Applications are invited from School age young people in **Year 9 or above**, to join our 2026 Deanery Confirmation programme, who live in the parishes of Maidstone Deanery (St Francis Maidstone/ St Peter's Bearsted/Holy Family Parkwood/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 July, a break throughout the summer holiday, continuing through September - October, with the **Confirmation Mass scheduled for Sunday 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 and times of sessions, please email:

confirmation@stfrancisparish.org.uk