



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)



25th January 2026 – THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

1st Reading Isaiah 8:23 – 9:3 **Responsorial Psalm** 27(26): 1, 4, 13-14 **2nd Reading** 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17 Matthew 4:12-23

SECOND COLLECTION: Maintenance of St George’s Cathedral

NEXT: 1st February - Racial Justice Sunday

DAY	TIME	MASS INTENTIONS
Sat 24 th	5:00pm	Charles Ivell RIP
Sun 25 th	10:00am 5.30pm	People of the Parish
Mon 26 th	-	
Tue 27 th	10:00am	
Wed 28 th	10:00am	
Thu 29 th	10:00am	
Fri 30 th	9:15am	Candlemas Mass in School
Sat 31 st	5:00pm	
Sun 1 st	10:00am 5.30pm	People of the Parish

PASTORAL TEAM
PARISH PRIEST: Fr Donatus Anosike MSP
SECRETARY: Claire Skinner
PARISH COUNCIL: Teresa Ostridge
FINANCIAL:
MAINTENANCE: Ruth Trant
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Tricia Durrant
LECTORS: Charles Unter
SACRISTAN: Paula Thornton

BAPTISMS
 Baptism class on Saturday 07/02/2026 @ 12 noon.
 BAPTISM – Saturday 1PM 24/01/2026

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 Witalis Szczesiul; Tony Battock (wishing him well with his ongoing treatment); 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.

ANNIVERSARIES

Nellie Hooker; Bernard Roff; Martin Moorhead; Pauline (Polly) O’Toole; Nick Edwards; Fred & Betty Callaghan; Bertie Roddy; Pietro Bottiglieri; May Piddock; Eileen Lobeck; Rosanna Connelly; Margaret Corcoran; Annie Donohoe; Daniel Lynch; Henry Gaiger; Margaret Kelleher; Eileen Connelly; Bridget Styles; Mary Russell; Karen Fox; Barbara Ann Collins; Jim Puxley; William (Bill) Lobeck; Cyril Chapman; Stanley Jones; Alexander Gordon.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The next meeting is on Sunday 1st February at 10am in the Church for the Candlemas Family Mass. All children to attend with parents.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY – The next meeting is on Sunday 1st February in the Stable Block.

PARISH CENTRAL COMMITTEE -

Next meeting is on **Thursday 26th March 2026 - 7pm.**

YOUTH GROUP - Next meeting is on Friday 23rd January (7.30pm-9pm) in the School Hall.

MOTHERS PRAYER GROUP Next meeting is on **Monday 26th January 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

COLLECTIONS – 18th January 2026

Thank you for your offerings which amounted to: -
First Collection - £139.82
Second Collection - £ 75.00
(Pax Christi)

Contactless Payments Dec - £482.50

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@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.

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.

The World Council of Churches **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** takes place later this month. Officially it runs from 18th to 25th January (St Peter's Day to St Paul's Day) culminating in a United Service on the final Sunday. This year, **Christ Church, Snodland** has kindly offered to host the service which will be at **4 pm on Sunday 25th January**. It is a great opportunity for us to come together in worship across our different churches.

St George's Cathedral Second Collection 25th January

For over half a century, St George's Cathedral has been the Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Southwark, home to 175 parishes and over 50,000 Roman Catholics. For many Catholics living and working across London and the South East of England, St George's has been a beacon of light.

Today, St George's Cathedral continues to attract thousands of worshippers and visitors each year, as well as serving a lively local parish community which proudly reflects the rich cultural and ethnic diversity of South London. The Cathedral frequently hosts important Diocesan and national celebrations, as well as concerts and events for various Catholic charities. There is a rich musical tradition, maintaining a choir of boys and men, as well as a girls' choir, both of which sing at Sunday Masses and on major feasts. In many respects, St George's Cathedral serves as a spiritual home and 'beehive' for Catholic evangelisation and mission across the Archdiocese of Southwark.

St George's Cathedral is entirely reliant upon the generosity of its parishioners, volunteers and the Archdiocese of Southwark to keep its doors open. It does not receive Vatican or government funding, nor has an endowment to rely on. Your support can enable the Cathedral to remain open daily to those seeking a place of peace, prayer and worship. Thank you!



- Donate Online: www.rcaos.org.uk/Cathedral
- Or Scan QR Code using telephone camera (right)
- Telephone weekdays 9 am – 5 pm: **020 7960 2504**
- Cash / Cheque – please use the St George's Cathedral envelopes at the back of church.

CELEBRATION

THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ST PAUL INVITES OUR PARISH TO THE ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF THEIR PATRON SAINT'S DAY: MSP DAY @

HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

364 BRIXTON ROAD, BRIXTON, LONDON, SW9 0TH

DATE: FRIDAY 23RD JANUARY 2026 TIME: 6:30pm

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 at 9.30am on Sunday mornings before the 10am Mass. Please add your name to the list in the porch.

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 2026

Archbishop John Wilson will celebrate Mass for Racial Justice Sunday at St George's Cathedral on Sunday 1 February 2026, at 10am.

Racial Justice Sunday is a time for the Church to pray, reflect and take action against racism, while celebrating the diversity of our Archdiocese. Everyone is invited to take part, and those who wish may wear national or cultural dress as a sign of unity and pride.

If you would like, please gather outside the cathedral at 9.45am to join the procession of national flags.

After Mass, all are welcome to gather in Amigo Hall for refreshments — a chance to meet one another, share experiences and continue the conversation about faith and inclusion.

You are warmly encouraged to attend in person, but if you cannot make it you can watch the livestream through the following link:
<https://www.youtube.com/live/fdmGwmESSqI>