



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)**



**3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (A)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** Acts 6: 1-7 **Responsorial Psalm** 33(32): 1-2, 4-5, 18-19 **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** 1 Peter 2: 4-9 John 14: 1-12

**SECOND COLLECTION:**

**NEXT: 17/05 – World Communications Sunday**

DAY	TIME	MASS INTENTIONS
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup>	5:00pm	Rienze Fernando
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10:00am 5:30pm	People of the Parish
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	-	
Tue 5 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	
Thu 7 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>12:15pm</b>	<b><u>Adoration after Mass</u></b>
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm	Simon Maher RIP Rienze Fernando
Sun 10 <sup>th</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 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 Kathy Ball (intentions); 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.

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Anne Caffrey; Catherine Perrin; Annie Murphy; Michael Regan; Leonard Sales; Carmen McCartan; George Patrick; Catherine Fry; Peter Avery; Christopher Faulkin; Ann Hillan; George Gerald Smith; Eddie Paul.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** – The next meeting is on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May in the Stable Block.

**MOTHERS PRAYER GROUP** Next meeting is on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May but in our own homes.** If you would like to attend, please contact Steph Blackburn on 07977 458970 or email [steph@bbits.co.uk](mailto: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**

Next parents meeting is on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May** at 7pm in the **Church.**

**First Holy Communion Mass**

10am on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May

**PARISH CENTRAL COMMITTEE** -

Next meeting is on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026** - 7pm.

**YOUTH GROUP** - Next meeting is

**COLLECTIONS – 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

Thank you for your offerings which amounted to: -

**First Collection** - £211.90

**Second Collection** - £249.15  
 (Priests Training 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: -*

### Ascension Day 14th May

Details of the services across the Malling District to which everyone is welcome:

St Mary's Church, Burham (down by the river) 7pm

St Dunstan's, West Peckham 7.30pm Holy Communion

St Martin's Church, Ryarsh 7pm Holy Communion

### Pentecost Picnic and Praise Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May

CTiM will be gathering in Manor Park at 3pm for a Picnic and Praise Event. At 4pm there will be a short service led by Dave Baxter from WM Baptist Church. We will gather close to the car park. Everyone is invited to join us to celebrate the wonderful gift of God's Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Bring your picnic and any games that folk can join in with. A poster is attached (in two formats) for display and to share round your communities and congregations.

**PRAYER FESTIVAL** Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May at the St Benedict's centre in West Malling with keynote speaker Canon Dr Neville Emslie, Director of Mission and Ministry, Canterbury Diocese. More details are on the poster in the porch or on their website <https://stbenedictscentre.org/>

### **Are you free on Monday evenings? Do you enjoy spending time with young people? Could you be part of the team at 1<sup>st</sup> Larkfield Girls' Brigade?**

1<sup>st</sup> Larkfield Girls' Brigade meets on Monday evenings at Larkfield and East Malling Methodist Church. This summer, a couple of our volunteers are stepping down after many years of faithful service. We are looking for someone new to join our brilliant team of nine remaining volunteers, and particularly to take the lead on planning and supporting sessions for our older girls aged 11-18 who meet between 6.45pm and 8.30pm. Sadly, without someone to take on this exciting role, we may not be able to accommodate our older girls from September (although we will still be able to cater for our younger sections, which meet earlier in the evening). Full training and support will be provided. You can read more about the work of the Girls' Brigade [here](#). If you'd like to find out more, or if you might be interested in getting involved, please contact Val on [larkfieldgb@gmail.com](mailto:larkfieldgb@gmail.com) or Rev Naomi on [naomi.oates@methodist.org.uk](mailto:naomi.oates@methodist.org.uk). We'd be delighted to hear from you.

**Safeguarding Sunday 2026.** Sunday 3 May is Safeguarding Sunday. In line with today's Gospel, we are called to protect, called to care, called to act. Safeguarding is not the work of a few; it is a shared responsibility. You can find out more about Safeguarding Sunday at [rcaos.org.uk/safeguardingsunday](http://rcaos.org.uk/safeguardingsunday) or via the QR code.



## GIFT-AIDERS

Boxes and envelopes still awaiting collection in the porch.

### Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage July 11th at St George's Cathedral

If you are celebrating your 1<sup>st</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>/40<sup>th</sup>/50<sup>th</sup>/60<sup>th</sup> + wedding anniversary this year, please let us know as soon as possible, **and no later than the middle of May**, providing the following details: your names in the format John and Mary Smith, your home address, your parish, and the anniversary you are celebrating, so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during Mass. Spaces are limited. Contact [mflkent@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflkent@rcaos.org.uk) As the title of your email, please write your parish location e.g. West Malling.

\*\*\*\* Save The Date \*\*\*\*  
**Parish Summer Party**  
**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

**Rosary For Life.** Archbishop John Wilson is calling on all of us to join him in praying the Rosary for Life this May (Month of Mary). Together, we will pray through the Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous Mysteries, each one offered for the most vulnerable facing growing threats to life: unborn children at risk of abortion, victims of war and persecution, people with disabilities, and the elderly and vulnerable. For video, audio and written versions of the Rosary for Life, visit [rcaos.org.uk/rosaryforlife](http://rcaos.org.uk/rosaryforlife). **Pray the Rosary. Encounter Christ. Defend life.**

The **Growing in Faith Together for married and engaged couples** is an ONLINE course, which has been developed in collaboration with the Southwark Marriage and Family Life team, the Agency for Evangelisation and Sycamore, a programme about the Catholic faith by Fr Stephen Wang, Growing in Faith Together consists of four one hour-long sessions via Zoom and is a wonderful opportunity for:

- married couples to enrich their friendship and love.
- engaged couples who want to continue exploring their faith together