



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)



4th January 2026 – 2nd Sunday after the Nativity (A)

1st Reading Ecclesiasticus 24: 1-2, 8-12 Responsorial Psalm 147: 12-13, 14-15, 19-20 2nd Reading Ephesians 1: 3-6, 15-18 John 1: 1-18

SECOND COLLECTION:

NEXT: 25/1 Maintenance of St George's Cathedral

| DAY | TIME | MASS INTENTIONS |
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| Sat 3 rd | 5:00pm | Alan Lonagan RIP |
| Sun 4 th | 10:00am 5.30pm | People of the Parish |
| Mon 5 th | - | |
| Tue 6 th | 9:15am | THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD Epiphany Mass in School |
| Wed 7 th | 10:00am | |
| Thu 8 th | 10:00am | |
| Fri 9 th | 12:15pm | Adoration after Mass |
| Sat 10 th | 5:00pm | |
| Sun 11 th | 10:00am 5.30pm | THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD People of the Parish |

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

Rev. Patrick Lonergan; Patrick Faulkin; Patrick Woods; Clementina Leonard; Daniel McMahon; Lonza Micallef; Sidney McCarthy; Lauren Cressey; Peter Smart; Sharon Barbieri; Rosemarie Cornish; Ellen Love; Gladys Gallop; Gordon Hulme.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – The next meeting is **Sunday 4th January in the Stable Block.**

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
 The next children's class is on **Monday 5th January (5-6.30pm)** in the School Hall for Recap for

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

COLLECTIONS – 21st December 2025

Thank you for your offerings which amounted to: -

First Collection - £ 80.04
Second Collection - £192.40
 (Christmas Flowers)

COLLECTIONS – Christmas 2025

First Collection - £571.56

COLLECTIONS – 28th December 2025

First Collection - £149.79

Contactless Payments Dec - £482.50

MOTHERS PRAYER GROUP Next meeting is on **Monday 12th 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

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.

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. Contact the Parish Office for more info and one of our current Readers will contact you. Training and Support will be provided and you will be welcomed into the team!

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.

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.