



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)**



**7<sup>th</sup> December 2025 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent (A)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** Isaiah 11: 1-10 **Responsorial Psalm** 72(71): 1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** Romans 15: 4-9 Matthew 3: 1-12

**SECOND COLLECTION:**

**NEXT:**

DAY	TIME	MASS INTENTIONS
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm	Souls of Elizabeth Oliveiro, Roland Oliveiro, Anita de Silva & Lee Wing Kong
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am 5.30pm	People of the Parish
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>	-	<b>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
Tue 9 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	Daphne Gobel RIP
Thu 11 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>12:15pm</b>	<b>Adoration After Mass</b>
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm	
Sun 14 <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:** 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 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.

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

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

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**  
 Taking part in Advent.

**YOUTH GROUP** - Next meeting is on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December from 7.30pm to 9pm** in School for their **Christmas Party.**

**MOTHERS PRAYER GROUP** Next meeting is **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 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](mailto:steph@bbits.co.uk).

**CHURCH BIG CLEAN**  
 Please could all Groups note that the Big Clean will take place on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am**

**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 – 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

Thank you for your offerings which amounted to: -

**First Collection** - £  
**Second Collection** - £

**Contactless Payments Nov - £589.50**

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Patricia Moran; William Secluna; Leonard (Lennie) Bates; Patricia Coomber; Rhona Ring; Kathleen Rose; Gregory Ennis; Kathleen Gower; Florence Richens; Michael Hegarty; Anthony Sherry; Maria Little; Victoria Whelan; Mark Thomas; Lewis Thomas; Frank Battock.

**ADULT ADVENT**  
**PENITENTIAL SERVICE**  
**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December - 7.00pm**

**CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR**  
**SERVICES & MASSES**  
**Christmas Eve - Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December**  
 4.30pm – Crib Service  
 8.00pm – Carols Service  
 8.30pm – Mass  
**Christmas Day – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December**  
 Mass: 10am Christmas Day Mass  
**CHRISTMAS OCTAVE**  
**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> December – NO MASS**  
**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> December – 5pm**  
**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December – 10am**  
**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December – 5.30pm**  
**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> December – NO MASS**  
**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> December – 10am**  
**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> December – 10am**  
**New Year's Day – 1<sup>st</sup> January - 10am**

## 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: -

**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.

**Christmas Tree Festival – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December** at Larkfield & East Malling Methodist Church. Come and enjoy the trees and follow the nativity story trail. Carols amidst the Christmas Trees on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. Refreshments and light lunches available (small charge) and gift stall.

## ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Would you like to become an altar service 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.

## 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 information and one of our current Readers will contact you. Training and Support will be provided and you will be welcomed into the team!

**CHRISTMAS CARDS ON  
SALE IN CHURCH PORCH**  
All proceeds go towards  
Church funds – Many  
thanks



**A huge thank you to everyone who attended the Advent Wreathmaking Workshop last Saturday. Also, our enormous thanks to those who came along to help fill in the potholes last Saturday and make the car park area a lot safer!**

## 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](mailto:preschool@live.co.uk) for more info.

## ADVENT HOUSE MASSES

What: **Kings Hill Area Advent Mass**

When: **Friday 19 December 2025**

Time: **7:30 pm**

Where: **26 Dawn Lane, Kings Hill, ME19 4DH**

All are welcome. Please let Chantal know that you will come on 07966577612

*If anyone else would like to organise an Advent House Mass, please speak with Fr. Donatus to arrange a date so we can advertise in the newsletter shortly.*

## Christmas Party:

St Thomas More Parish Christmas Party. Venue: More Park Primary School Hall. **Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Dec.** The final day to put your name on the Christmas Party list (in the porch) is Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec. This a Dinner and Fundraising party, so please support your Parish with your generous donations.

The party is fully funded by the members of the Fundraising and Social Committee. All your donations as well as the raffle tickets sales will go towards the Parish funds. **Thank you all for your support and generosity so far, it truly makes a difference.**

Tickets to the party are given out after mass. If you don't get yours before Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec, do not worry, you can still turn up to the party.

## Dietary Requirement:

If you have any specific dietary requirement please speak to a member of Fundraising as Social team. Or email the Parish: [westmallingsg1@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:westmallingsg1@rcaos.org.uk)

## Parking arrangement:

For those driving to the party, please use the church car park as the school car park has very limited space.

## Christmas Raffle:

Raffle tickets are on sale at **£1 each**. These will also be available to buy during the party. The draw will take place during the dinner. The basket for the raffle gifts will be available in the porch till Monday 08<sup>th</sup> Dec. Please continue to donate.

## What to wear:

Casual attire. Do not forget your **Christmas Jumper** if you have one. There will be a prize on the night for the best Christmas Jumper.

**We can't wait to see everyone at the party. Let's make this celebration a memorable one for our Parish community.**

**St Thomas More  
Roman Catholic  
Church**

**Exciting News  
Our Parish has a  
new website**

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