



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)



8th February 2026 – FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

1st Reading Isaiah 58:7-10 **Responsorial Psalm** 112(111): 4-5, 6-7, 8a, 9 **2nd Reading** 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Matthew 5:13-16

SECOND COLLECTION:

NEXT: 15/2 – Sick & Retired Priests (Clergy Support Fund)

| DAY | TIME | MASS INTENTIONS |
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| Sat 7 th | 5:00pm | |
| Sun 8 th | 10:00am 5.30pm | People of the Parish |
| Mon 9 th | - | |
| Tue 10 th | 10:00am | Tony Webb RIP |
| Wed 11 th | 10:00am | |
| Thu 12 th | 10:00am | |
| Fri 13 th | 12:15pm | Adoration after Mass |
| Sat 14 th | 5:00pm | |
| Sun 15 th | 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 – Thursday 12/02 @12pm

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 Claire Rhoovie; Witalis Szczesiul; Tony Battock (wishing him well with his ongoing treatment); Mary & Harry Fewtrell (wellbeing); Daniel Kent; 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

Martha Rooney; Hugh Goldrick; Florence Berry; Thomas Jackson; Bernard Cunningham; Tony Wilmot; Duncan McIntosh; Ann O’Gorman; Lucio Roli-Lamatsch; Joy Blye; Rene Skelton; Josie Hopson; Niall McNeice; Margaret Taylor; Anthony Plumbly; Renee Havas; Domenico Barnaba; Christopher Taylor; David Durrant; Michael Daly; Peggy McBrien; Enzo Argento; Mary Rawlings; Dr. Filewitz; Anne Hoey; Emily Florence Gobel; Frank Stone; Nicola Corben; Rev. John O’Donovan.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The next meeting is on Sunday 8th February at 10am in the Church for the Thanksgiving Mass for Reconciliation, where children will receive their Certificates. All children to attend with parents. The next children’s class is on Monday 9th February from 5pm to 6.30pm in the School Hall for a recap on Reconciliation and to discuss Glory to God and The Word of the Lord.

PARISH CENTRAL COMMITTEE -

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

MOTHERS PRAYER GROUP

Next meeting is on **Monday 9th February at 11am but in our own homes.** 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 – 1st February 2026

Thank you for your offerings which amounted to: -

First Collection - £154.60

Second Collection - £ 95.82

(Racial Justice Sunday)

Contactless Payments Jan - £444.00

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

YOUTH GROUP - Next meeting is on Friday 6th February (7.30pm-9pm) in the School Hall.

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.

World Day of Prayer Friday 6th March 10.30am This year the service has been prepared by Christian Women from Nigeria and will be held at **St James the Great Church in East Malling**. Everyone is welcome to this service which is always a very special time of worship and fellowship. Poster and flyers available in the porch.

All Saints with Christ Church Ladies Women's Morning

Saturday 7th March 9am-12.30pm

She Is Called: celebrating courage, purpose and faith in every woman.

Cooked breakfast and refreshments, market stalls, worship and crafts, and a reflection on the day. To purchase tickets (£10 each) please contact snodlandchurch@gmail.com or available to purchase at the 'Here for You' Community Hub at Christ Church, Snodland ME6 5QR. Parking on the day will be available at Holmesdale School.

Clergy Support Fund Second Collection

The clergy in our Archdiocese have given us so much. They have been there for us in our happiest moments and comforted us when we have lost loved ones. Supporting priests in their retirement is one way to show your appreciation for all they have one for parishes.

You make supporting our clergy in retirement possible, find out how to donate to the Clergy Support Fund at www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/CSF or scan QR code. You can also donate via telephone office hours Mon-Fri **020 7960 2504** or by using the Clergy Support Fund envelopes available today at the back of Church. Please continue to keep our Priests in your prayers.



MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE KENT

Thursday **26 February 2026 'Rooted in Love' - Growing in Faith Together**

(GIFT). It's an online monthly meet up to hear a scripture reading and discuss ideas relevant to married Catholic couples / couples where one is RC / or an individual RC spouse meeting once a month for 1 hour at 8.30pm - 9.30pm.

Contact Carole on: mflkent@rcaos.org.uk

40 DAYS FOR LIFE – CAST THE VISION EVENT TUESDAY 10th FEBRUARY - 6:30PM

Venue: Our Lady of the Rosary Church Hall, 364 Brixton Road, London, SW9 0TH
Come and learn about the 40 Days For Life peaceful prayer vigil happening this year near the abortion centre in Brixton. With the recent release of the shocking statistics of 299,614 abortions in the UK in one year, let this be the year you come and join us. We will hear the Testimony of a **MOTHER WHO CHANGED HER MIND** and kept her baby because she met people praying outside an abortion clinic. She will be accompanied by her daughter. For details visit www.goodcounselnetwork.com or call Jacinta on 07503 151419.
(See poster in porch for full details)

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.

We have received a thank you letter from **CAFOD** for our generous support over the past year and for the latest donation of £163.50. *Letter in porch.*

Pray the Romero Rosary at St George's Cathedral. Join

Archbishop John Wilson and the Cathedral clergy in praying the rosary **every Friday at**

5pm throughout Lent. This is a beautiful opportunity to draw closer to the Lord Jesus in prayer.

Archbishop John will personally lead the devotion at the National Shrine of St Oscar Romero at St George's Cathedral (SE1 6HR) on

Ash Wednesday (18th February) at 5pm, and again on **Friday 6th and Friday 27th March**. On all other

Fridays during Lent, the Cathedral clergy will lead the rosary, followed by the Stations of the Cross at 6pm. Let the rosary connect you to the Lord Jesus this Lenten season.

Find out more at:

rcaos.org.uk/romerorosary