

ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

ST THOMAS MORE RC CHURCH

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PARISH OFFICE OPEN – WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS (9.30am to 3.30pm)



8th June 2025 - PENTECOST SUNDAY (C)

1st Reading Acts 2: 1-11 Responsorial Psalm 104(103): 1ab, 24ac, 29b-30, 31, 34 2nd Reading Romans 8: 8-17 John 14: 15-16, 23-26

SECOND COLLECTION:

DAY	TIME	MASS INTENTIONS
Sat 7 th		JUBILEE CELEBRATION DAY AT
		AYLESFORD PRIORY
		<u>NO EVENING MASS</u>
Sun 8 th		PENTECOST
	10:00am	People of the Parish
	5:30pm	
Mon 9 th	8:00am	The Blessed Virgin Mary
Tue 10 th		NO MASS TODAY
Wed 11 th	10:00am	
Thu 12 th		Our Lord Jesus Christ
		the Eternal High King
		NO MASS TODAY
Fri 13 th	10:00am	Adoration after Mass
Sat 14 th	5:00pm	
		THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
Sun 15 th	10:00am	People of the Parish
	5:30pm	

PASTORAL TEAM

PARISH PRIEST: Fr Donatus Anosike MSP

NEXT: 15/6 Day for Life

SECRETARY: Claire Skinner

PARISH COUNCIL: Teresa Ostridge

FINANCIAL: Ian Butler **MAINTENANCE:** Ruth Trant

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Tricia Durrant

LECTORS: Charles Unter **SACRISTAN:** Paula Thornton

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confession - Saturday 4:15 – 4:45pm

BAPTISMS

Baptism class on Saturday 05/07/2025 @ 12 noon.

BAPTISM -Saturday 21/06/2025

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 also offer prayers for Colin Wilson; Collette Hall; Bob & Janet Clarke; Thomas; Fr. Adam Szczesiul; Tina Usher; Fiona Evans (wellbeing); Dee Avery; Rita O'Neill; 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 in our world.

MOTHERS PRAYER GROUP Next meeting is **Monday 16**th **June 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Block.

All children are invited to the Pentecost Mass on Sunday 8th June at 10am. The final children's class is on Monday 9th June from 5-6.30pm in the School Hall, with their First Holy Communion Celebration Mass taking place on Saturday 14th June at 11am.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - Next meeting

is on <u>Sunday 6th July</u> in the Stable

PARISH CENTRAL COMMITTEE

The next meeting is on Thursday **11**th **September 2025 -** 7pm.

YOUTH GROUP

The next meeting is on Friday 13th June from 7.30pm to 9pm in the School Hall.

ANNIVERSARIES

Mary Legon; Albert Wallace; Charles Owen; Elizabeth Wade; Catherine McCarthy; Catherine Douglas; Carol Smith; Kate Ryan; Thomas Hansa; Kate Thorogood; Leo Gobel; Nora Ruane; William Hogan; Margaret Biro; Patricia Tynan; Marguerite Tonery; Maria Stevens; James Quinn.

COLLECTIONS – 1st June 2025

Thank you for your offerings which amounted to: -

First Collection - £158.13 Second Collection -£119.07 **World Communications Sunday**

Contactless Payments May-£542 Standing Orders May - £1,221

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

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.

<u>Sunday 8th June (3pm-5pm)</u> – <u>Pentecost Picnic and Praise</u> in Manor Park, West Malling. The plan is to assemble near the car park at 3pm, share a picnic, play some games, then join together in a service of Praise and Thanksgiving at around 4pm. Please bring your own picnic, drinks etc and a chair or rug to sit on. (*Posters for events in porch.*)

** SAFEGUARDING TRAINING **

<u>To All Parish Volunteers</u> - Thank you so much for your time, dedication, and heart in serving our church community. We truly couldn't do this without you, and we are grateful for the difference you make every day. To ensure a safe and welcoming environment for everyone, we kindly ask that you complete a short safeguarding training module. This training is vital to protect both our volunteers and those we serve. This resource has been made available for you to learn through the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency and is mandatory for all volunteers who require a DBS certification for their role. Please follow this

link: https://training.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk/ Thank you once again for your commitment and cooperation. We look forward to continuing this journey together with your support.

Maidstone Deanery Confirmation Programme 2025

Applications are invited from School age young people in **Year 9 or above**, to join our 2025 Deanery Confirmation programme, who live in the parishes of Maidstone Deanery (St Francis', Maidstone/ St Peter's, Bearsted/ Holy Family, Park Wood, /St Thomas More, West Malling/ St Theodore's Cranbrook/ St Andrew's, Tenterden / Sacred Heart, Goudhurst). The programme will run on mainly Sunday evenings at St Francis' Church, Maidstone, beginning in June, a break throughout the summer holiday, continuing through September - October, with the **Confirmation Mass scheduled for Saturday 25th October, 2pm.** (Venue TBC)

- Applicants must be Catholics who have made their First Holy Communion.
- Applications must come from the candidate themselves.
- Applicants will commit to attending all of the sessions.
- Applicants must also be willing to participate fully in all aspects of the programme.

To request an application form, which also gives details of dates + times of sessions, please email: confirmation@stfrancisparish.org.uk The closing date for applications is **Monday 9th JUNE 2025.** Any other questions can be raised through this dedicated confirmation mailbox, or by contacting Deacon lan.

CHURCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: -

- Cleaners
 (weekdays only once a month)
- Bidding Prayers
- Children's Liturgy (once a month)
- Safeguarding (experience preferable)

If you are able to help, please add your name to the sheet in the porch.

YOUTH GROUP LEADERS NEEDED – If you are interested, please email the Parish Office or let one of the Leaders know.

A DAY WITH MARY

Saturday 21st June 2025
St Mary of the Crays, Old Road, Crayford
Saturday 28th June 2025
St Anselm, West Hill, Dartford, Kent
Saturday 12th July 2025
The English Martyrs, Strood, Kent
(See posters in porch for full details.)

Every year, the Church in England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland, jointly marks the **Day for Life**, as a reminder of the need to respect and protect the inherent value and dignity of each life. This year, it will be celebrated on Trinity Sunday, the 15th of June. The faithful are invited to join in prayer and promotion of the Day. Useful resources, including a message from the three bishops, and prayers, can be found on the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales' website. On the 15th of June we will also hold a second collection for the Day for Life Fund. Every year, the fund allocates over £200,000 in grants, to organisations that which promote the Christian respect for life from conception to natural death, in various ways. This has made a significant impact in local communities of England and Wales, by for example, providing mothers and children with necessary means. This is possible if it was not for your generous support to the fund, we therefore invite you to give as much as you can and encourage others to do so. You can also donate by scanning the QR code on the Day for Life 2025 poster in our church, or online via the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales' website, where you will find out more on the Fund.

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH SUMMER GARDEN PARTY – Saturday 12th July from 1pm

The Parish Summer Party will take place on Saturday 12th July between 13:00pm and 16:00pm in the garden at the back of the church. More details about the event are on the leaflets in the porch. We look forward to see you all there. Your support and presence are vital to the success of the event.

- We would like parishioners to bring items/gifts that can be used for the raffle prizes. These can be left in the basket in the porch.
- Raffle tickets, £1 per tickets are on sale in the porch. The prize draw will take place during the Summer Garden Party. All the proceed of the sale will go towards the church fund.