

THE HOLY MASS

Have you ever wondered about the efficacy of Prayer, the types of Prayers, recommended Prayers, frequency of Prayer etc. In fact one type of Prayer encapsulates it all and that Prayer, the greatest of them all, is the Holy Mass. Books and books have been written about the Holy Mass and they will never do justice to that topic. The Holy Mass, the great treasure that Jesus left us, is so sublime that it is 'the source and summit' of the Christian life. It is a Divine Encounter, so packed with Graces, Blessings, Indulgences, Instructions for living right with God, God's very presence and nearness to us etc, that it is heartbreaking that many people miss the opportunities that the Holy Mass offers. And what a great privilege that we become 'Living Tabernacles' after the reception of receiving Holy Communion!!

Here are some points to ponder this week about the Holy Mass:

Prepare your soul before you prepare your body. It's a Divine Meeting!

Arrive early to honour God. He deserves ALL adoration and respect.

Reverence in dress, silence, and gesture opens the heart to grace.

Participation is not optional—it is love in action. Do not just be present in body. Participate with open hearts, with lively faith.

Communion is the most serious union on earth; approach it as such.

The community of believers is the Body of Christ—treat it with charity.

After Mass, remain with the Lord who remains in you.

"If angels could be jealous of men (and women), it would be for one reason: Holy Communion." — St. Maximilian Kolbe

Let us never approach the altar lightly again.

People, including some of our parishioners who spoke to me about it, have received real consolation at Mass and have had their intentions answered in marvelous ways.

Please never allow this special encounter to go by without your being involved in it, with all the cloud of witnesses—The Saints and Angels.

A lifechanging opportunity! Do you desire to know Jesus more intimately?

The Archbishop's Certificate (ArchCert) is a two-year online course for all in Southwark and beyond who wish to understand their faith in a more profound way and be able to share it with both confidence and joy. The course will commence on 18 October 2025 and the cost will be £400 per year. The full cost of the course, payable over 2 years is £800. In addition, registration must be completed in advance and there is a non-refundable registration fee of £50. Further details can be found here: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert>. Note: For previous courses we have suggested a sharing of the total cost between participant and parish. We suggest you may wish to consider this arrangement here.

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WEEKLY PROGRAMMES (20 JULY 2025)

SUNDAY MASSES: VIGIL—6:30PM, 8:30AM, 10:30AM & 6:00PM

DAILY MORNING MASSES: 9:30AM (MONDAY TO FRIDAY); 10AM (SATURDAY)

WEEKLY EVENING MASSES: WEDNESDAY MASS FOR THE SICK

& ADORATION: 7:30PM; **FRIDAY EVENING MASS:** 7:30PM

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: **TUESDAY:** 10AM–12NOON,

WEDNESDAY: AFTER EVENING MASS, **SUNDAY:** 4:30PM– 6:00PM

CONFESSIONS: BEFORE OR AFTER DAILY MASSES; 6PM-6:25PM (SATURDAYS)

ROSARY: EVERYDAY AFTER MORNING MASS (**EXCEPT TUESDAY & SATURDAY**)

BIBLE STUDIES: THURSDAY @ 7:30PM (GUILD ROOM)

DEVOTIONAL GROUPS

MONDAY—CHARISMATICS (7:30 PM); WEDNESDAY—LEGION OF MARY (6:30 PM);

TUESDAY—DIVINE MERCY (7:30PM); THURSDAY—Padre Pio Prayer Group & Bible Study Group

SATURDAY (FORTNIGHTLY)—SVP (730PM ON ZOOM).

Contact: presidentA190305@svp.org.uk 07305119836.

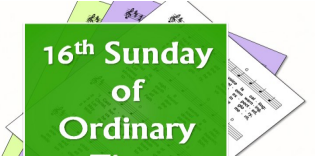
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Sick and Housebound: Cherlez Philip; Henry Aboagye-Brobbe; Beautilyn Awe; Alice Berkoh; Uley Headlam; Clare Kedves; Charlotte Green, Robert Alexander, Ethan Moore, Avril Carver, Eucelle Cato.

Recently Deceased: Simon D'Souza, Ayolo Amina, Grace Ida Schembri, Yepaye Kobhawa, Gloria Scott, Fr Ray Blake, Seifou Michael Asfaw, Fr Marcel Fangoo CSSp, Bolaji Buhari, Jacob Loumo, Kwasi Amoo, Njideka Eugenia Egonye, Pauline Ngoma, Sarah Brown, Pope Francis, Canon John O'Toole, Fr Sunith Nonis, Ray Lobo, Jennifer Oneka, Zeena Miller; Daniele Makiza Massamba; Roy Alleyne; Trey Benard; Stella Blake; Joachim Fernandes, Bridie Carter, Esther Boitel-Gill, Evelyn Egwu, Mary Uchenna Egwu, Charles Adindu.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (20/07/25) YEAR C

	<u>Vigil Mass on Saturday</u>	6:30PM	Deceased members of the Crawley Family
		8:30AM	RIP: Ray Lobo
		10:30AM	RIP: Annette Grace Rebeiro
		4:30PM	90 Minutes with Jesus
		6:00PM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
MONDAY, 21ST JULY <u>ST LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI</u>		9:30AM	Thanksgiving: Families of Chibuzo & Ebele Nnowalue
TUESDAY, 22ND JULY <u>ST MARY MAGDALENE</u>		9:30AM	Special Intentions: Mary Magdalen Agyepong
<u>ADORATION & BENEDICTION</u>		12 NOON	Holy Souls
WEDNESDAY, 23RD JULY <u>ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN</u>		9:30AM	Birthday: Mary Magdalen Agyepong
<u>EVENING MASS</u>		7:30PM	RIP: Gilbert Ayittey
THURSDAY, 24TH JULY <u>ST SHARBEL MAKHLUF</u>		9:30AM	Thanksgiving to St Christopher (Patron St of Christopher Luu)
FRIDAY, 25TH JULY <u>ST JAMES THE APOSTLE</u> <u>NO EVENING MASS</u>		9:30AM	RIP: Frieda Hanson Tandoh NO EVENING MASS TODAY
SATURDAY, 26TH JULY <u>STS JOACHIM & ANNE</u>		10:30AM	RIP: Tom & Rita Lobo
<u>VIGIL MASS</u>		6:30PM	Birthday: Britney Yourey

1st collection	Gift Aid	Online/Dona	TOTAL	Tithe	MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.
£406.22	£215.25	£562.92	£1,184.39	£—	

DATA PROTECTION: OUR CCTV CAMERAS ARE FUNCTIONING VERY WELL NOW AND ALSO, ALMOST ALL OUR SERVICES ARE STREAMED. TO BE COVERED AS A CHURCH, WE WOULD NEED THE PARENTS OF ALL OUR ALTAR SERVERS, FIRST HOLY COMMUNICANTS, NEWLY CONFIRMED PARISHIONERS AND CHILDREN'S LITURGY KIDS TO PICK UP AND SIGN THE CONSENT FORM AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH. PLEASE CONSULT NOTICE BOARD FOR FURTHER INFORMATION. THANKS

STANDING ORDERS AND ONLINE DONATIONS

Please would you seriously consider the option of setting up Standing Orders for your weekly donations to the parish. If you need help in setting this up, consult the Parish Office or your bank. Thanks so much for your understanding.

ONLINE DONATION & GIFT-AID: *Could all those who donate through Standing Order & want to gift-aid their donations give a reference to enable the parish identify their donations, eg Gift-Aid number & Surname. If you have not filled a GAD form, please complete a form at the back of the church or see the secretary. Thank you*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

400 CLUB RENEWAL & NEW MEMBERSHIP DRIVE - Urgently need new members for the 400-club as well as those who joined last year and need to re-new now. It is now £22 to join so please see either Karen or Mary before or after all Masses or contact Linda @ 07376362661.

Kikio Cahour—First Prize— £100, Stella Nalugo—Second Prize—£50, Patricia Johnson—Third Prize—£25

6 DAY PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2025 FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION

To be led by Fr Ambrose Ohene CSSp. 13th—18th August 2025. £797 (Twin room sharing full board. Departure from London Stanstead Airport. For details contact 01793881166. A couple more people are needed to complete the number.

OTHER DIOCESAN EVENTS

Archbishop John's 30th Anniversary of Priestly ordination at 7pm, 25th July in St George's Cathedral, followed by reception in Amigo Hall.

There is an anniversary card that is being signed. Please do sign it when it gets to you.

MASS INTENTIONS—As per the Vatican's Dicastery for the Clergy Decree, only ONE mass intention per mass is allowed. Please book in advance to avoid any disappointment.

Bingo Bonanza tickets are on sale.

Sunday, 27 July 1-5pm. £5 entrance includes tea & coffee.

(Kindly note: No children's liturgy on the day.)

"Every life matters. Join the fightback." Pick up an SPUC card to join the fight back campaign after the vote in one week in June to allow women to abort their baby up to birth and to legalise assisted suicide.

Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) - The CCRS is a knowledge-based, internationally recognised qualification that provides participants with an understanding of the teachings of the Catholic faith. It enhances the understanding that education within the Church is a life-long process which leads to greater intimacy with Jesus Christ. This course presents the basic foundational teachings of the Catholic Church in a manner that is captivating, inspiring, and applicable. The CCRS is designed and intended to support the Archbishop's vision of missionary parishes and schools by cultivating an evangelistic spirit. Participants will be equipped to make an informed and practical contributions to their chosen field of ministry within the Church. Please visit aec.rcaos.org.uk/ccrs for further information.

KINDLY NOTE that the Parish Secretary will be away from Wednesday, 23rd July till Tuesday, 12th August inclusive.

The Office will not be manned during this period.
Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

THIS SUNDAY'S MASS READINGS

1st Reading: Genesis 18:1-10a

Psalm: 'O Lord, who may abide in your tent?'

2nd Reading: Colossians 1:24-28

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42