

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.

Mission Appeals: Fr Peter Akor MSP of the Missionaries of St Paul will make a Mission Appeal at all Masses next week. Counting on your usual generosity. God bless

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 (10th AUGUST 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 (7:30PM ON ZOOM).

Contact: presidentA190305@svp.org.uk 07305119836.

PLEASE SEE THE NOTICE BOARD FOR FURTHER INFORMATION



Sick and Housebound: Tom D'Arcy Cherlez Philip; Henry Aboagye-Brobbe; Beaulyn Awe; Alice Berkoh; Uley Headlam; Clare Kedves; Charlotte Green, Robert Alexander, Ethan Moore, Avril Carver, Eucelle Cato, Trisha Griffen, Janetta Griffen.

Recently Deceased: Benjamin Kwame Anthony, Ademola Ademiluyi, Nigel Lewis, Simon D'Souza, Grace Schembri, Yepaye Kobhawo, 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.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (10/08/25) YEAR C

<u>Vigil Mass on Saturday</u>	6:30PM 8:30AM 10:30AM 4:30PM 6:00PM	Special intention: Larry D'Arcy Birthday: Peter Luu Deceased members of the Agyapong and Osei families 90 Minutes with Jesus PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
MONDAY, 11TH AUGUST <u>ST CLARE</u>	9:30AM	Birthday: Lawrence D'Souza (RIP)
TUESDAY, 12TH AUGUST <u>ST JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL</u> <u>ADORATION & BENEDICTION</u>	9:30AM 10:10AM-12 NOON	John, Anne, Shannon, Moya Grace Doherty
WEDNESDAY, 13TH AUGUST <u>SS PONTIAN AND HIPPOLYTUS</u> <u>EVENING MASS</u>	9:30AM 7:30PM	RIP: Joao & Filipina Leitao(6th Ann) Special intentions: Elijah Paul Ben-net
THURSDAY, 14TH AUGUST <u>ST MAXIMILLIAN KOLBE</u>	9:30AM	45th Wedding Ann: Tony & Florence Otokito
FRIDAY, 15TH AUGUST <u>THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY</u> <u>EVENING MASS</u>	9:30AM 7:30PM	Thanksgiving for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Private Intentions: Mary Ann Oparaji
SATURDAY, 16TH AUGUST <u>ST STEPHEN OF HUNGARY</u> <u>VIGIL MASS</u>	10:30AM 6:30PM	RIP: Jude Chijioke Ochiagha RIP: Rohan Perera (5th Anniversary)

1st collection	Gift Aid	Online/Dona	TOTAL	Tithe	MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.
£552.04	£798.26	1,005.91	£2,356.21	£—	

£634 was raised for the Church from our Bingo Bonanza on Sunday 27th July!

There is going to be a Mission Appeal on 16th and 17th August 2025 by the Missionaries of St Paul. The applier is Fr. Peter Akor MSP and the appeal will be made at all the Masses. There will be a second collection to aid in the work of the Missionaries of St Paul. Counting on your usual generosity.

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



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.*

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.

UPCOMING TALKS BY FR FABIAN

Monday 11th August : The Assumption of Mary - It's significance for our Faith. Remember Friday is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven. Please come and prepare yourself by listening to a brilliant presentation by our own Fr Fabian. We have 2 masses on the Feast, Friday the 15th of August—9:30AM and 7:30PM.

Monday 25th August: A Diligent Intercessor as a way of life and in the Intercession Ministry

Monday 29th September: Mary, Help of Christians

Monday 6th October—Wednesday 8th October(Parish Mission) — talk on St Angela of Foligno on in the hall. Save the date!

I would encourage everyone to prepare for this Parish Mission by saving the date and getting your family and friends to attend. St Angela of Foligno is a brilliant light, has been a big inspiration to Fr Fabian and to many of us and you will never regret attending this Mission. As usual with our Parish Missions, we shall have Morning Mass at 9:30AM followed by a highlight of Day's event and evening talk at 7:30PM.

Monday 20th October: The Importance of Mass

Monday 17th November: Healing and Spiritual Freedom Through Forgiveness by Fr Ambrose

SVP FUNDRAISING MONTH CAKE SALE

Sunday, 10th August after 10:30am Mass
Sunday, 17th August after 10:30am Mass
Sunday, 24th August after 10:30am Mass
Sunday, 31st August after 10:30am Mass

SVP RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE FROM THE SHOP OR SEE CLEMENT/CHIKA

THIS SUNDAY'S MASS READINGS

1st Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9

Psalm: 33 (32)

2nd Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19

Gospel: Luke 12:32-48