

What signs of vitality do you see flourishing in your parish? Where do you perceive the challenges to be? How can we work together, as clergy, laity and consecrated people, and neighbouring parishes, to make the Church's mission more effective in our local communities?

Today, I would like to ask for your help in two ways:

First of all, please pray for the renewal of our Archdiocese. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to illumine our hearts and minds with fresh possibilities during this Jubilee Year of Hope. Together, let us pray for the courage and wisdom to discern the path ahead.

Secondly, to engage in the *Called to Bear Fruit* consultation. A booklet is available at Mass today which outlines six key themes for reflection. I encourage you to gather in small groups, as works best in your community. Come together prayerfully to reflect on these themes, and share your insights with the *Called to Bear Fruit* team. The booklet explains everything about how to do this.

When I began my ministry as your Archbishop, I said that I did not come to the Archdiocese to manage decline, but to lead with hope. This Jubilee Year of Hope is our chance to open ourselves to the guidance of the Holy Spirit and to work together towards a revival of Christian life, witness, and mission in our Archdiocese. For this, I humbly ask for your prayers, your ideas, and your active participation. Together, we can re-imagine our parishes as thriving centres of faith, healing, and evangelisation. As Pilgrims of Hope, therefore, let us walk this journey together with faith, courage, and joy.

With every blessing and with the assurance of my prayers and gratitude,
Yours devotedly in Christ

+ John Wilson, Metropolitan Archbishop of Southwark

FR TERKURA'S MASS

Fr Terkura will be here on the 26th of January to preside over the Eucharist at the 10:30am Mass. He will use this occasion to say a formal farewell to parishioners.

PARISH VALENTINE'S DANCE –Saturday, 15th February, 2025 from 7:30pm to 11:30pm. TnT Band; Bar and Food on sale; Tickets are £10 and currently on sale. Come lets celebrate this joyous occasion for a good cause.

Archbishop John Wilson has written a new book entitled **The Romero Rosary**. With introductory chapters about St Oscar Romero and the rosary, this beautiful and creative new book contains reflections on the traditional mysteries of the rosary (*Joy, Light, Sorrow & Glory*) and the **NEW Romero Mysteries** (*Charity, Compassion and Mercy, & Justice and Peace*) - all illumined for reflection and prayer by the words of St Oscar Romero. The book is available from Pauline Bookshops and online at www.paulineuk.org. The Archbishops warmly invites everyone to the book launch on **Wednesday 12 February 2025 at 6.00 for 6.30pm at Amigo Hall, adjacent St George's Cathedral, Southwark, South London. SE1 7HY.**

SVP—please come to the Hall after mass if you need help with provisions

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WEEKLY PROGRAMMES (19 JANUARY 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).

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PLEASE SEE THE NOTICE BOARD FOR FURTHER INFORMATION



Sick and Housebound: Eugene Tandoh, Cherlez Philip; Henry Aboagye-Brobbe; Beautilyn Awe; Alice Berkoh; Roy Alleyne; Uley Headlam; Daniele Arthurine Massamba; Ray Lobo, Rosaline Amalu, Clare Kedves, Terry Greene.

Recently Deceased: Iyabo Awopegba, Achiri Simon, Anton Devaraj, Cyril Thomas, Frank Percil, Lydia Bofo-Manu, Janet Asmah, Fr. Wenna Henry Tiku, Fr. John Lawrence, Fr. Patrick Cannon Joyce Blagrove, Felix Adah, Catherine Goba, Julieta Gomes, Maria Domingos Alberto, Omezie Mogbo, Fr Solomon Dankaro, Victor Owusu, Dawn Shaw, Ronald Roberts, Francis Godfrey Nyeko, Sr Celsus Nealon, Gabriel Kehinde Whenu.

2ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (19/01/25) YEAR C

<u>Vigil Mass on Saturday</u>	6:30PM 8:30AM 10:30AM 4:30PM 6:00PM	Birthday: Robert Ayithey RIP: Arthur & Daphne McFarland RIP: Annette Ribeiro (Heavenly Birthday) 90 MINUTES WITH JESUS PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
MONDAY, 20TH JANUARY <u>ST FABIAN</u>	9:30AM	Journey Blessings: Philomena Adah
TUESDAY, 21ST JANUARY <u>ST AGNES</u> ADORATION & BENEDICTION	9:30AM 10:15–12PM	HOLY SOULS RIP: Maria Giap
WEDNESDAY, 22ND JANUARY <u>ST VINCENT</u> EVENING MASS & ADORATION	8:30AM 7:30PM	God's Mighty Holistic Healing & Intentions RIP: Mrs Maria Giap
THURSDAY, 23RD JANUARY	9:30AM	RIP: Mrs Maria Giap
FRIDAY, 24TH JANUARY <u>ST FRANCIS de SALES</u> EVENING MASS	9:30AM 7:30PM	Birthday: Peter Achampong Thanksgiving to St Francis de Sales by the Luu Family
SATURDAY, 25TH JANUARY <u>ST PAUL THE APOSTLE</u> VIGIL MASS	10:00AM 6:30PM	RIP: Abraham, Amalorpavam & Soosai Reddiar Birthday: Isaac Acheampong

1st collection	Gift Aid	Online/Dona	TOTAL	TITHE	MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.
£353.78	£680.13	£904.98	£1,938.89	£—	

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: PAX CHRISTI

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*

FR AMBROSE WISHES TO THANK ALL PARISHIONERS FOR YOUR CONSTANT SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY. MAY THE LORD GRACIOUSLY GRANT HIS MERCIES, GRACES, PROTECTION AND JOY ON US ALL DURING THE NEW YEAR 2025.



Archdiocese of Southwark **Pastoral Letter on *Called to Bear Fruit***

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ

This Jubilee Year calls us to remember that we journey together as ‘Pilgrims of Hope’ who look to Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life. At the wedding in Cana, Our Lady spoke words that are addressed to us today: ‘Do whatever he tells you.’ (Jn 2:5) Trusting in the Good News brought to us by the Lord Jesus we are encouraged to look to the future with confidence. God keeps his promises and can make all things new. Therefore, we place our hope in God’s Word. He asks us to be ‘tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.’ This means we each have a part to play in building up the Church’s life of faith and fulfilling the Great Commission to ‘make disciples of all nations.’ (Mt 28:19)

The Jubilee Year offers each of us, and all of us, a profound opportunity to reflect prayerfully on the future of our Archdiocese. We face some significant challenges - nearly half of our diocesan priests will reach the canonical retirement age of 75 by the end of 2025; Mass attendance has declined by a third over the past 25 years; and many parishioners have yet to return to parish life since the pandemic. But - and importantly - these realities do not need to define us. Financial uncertainties in many of our parishes may feel daunting, but they are also an invitation to rediscover our mission, and to dream boldly about what God can achieve through us.

Pope Francis, in his letter *The Joy of the Gospel*, shared a vision that resonates deeply with the challenges we face: “I dream,” he said “of a ‘missionary option,’ that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church’s customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language, and structures can be suitably channelled for the evangelisation of today’s world rather than for her self-preservation.” (*Evangelií Gaudium*, 27).

I have the privilege to serve as your Archbishop, and I want to say to you that I share this dream. A dream of an Archdiocese where every parish embraces this missionary spirit, becoming evermore vibrant communities where new people are continually encountering the Lord Jesus. My hope is for our parishes to be places of profound joy and healing, where lay men and women experience the transformative love of Christ; where they are equipped to carry forward the Church’s mission with renewed purpose. I invite you to dream with me and to make this dream a reality.

In 2023, we embarked on a process entitled *Called to Bear Fruit*. It’s a journey of listening, collaboration, and renewal in a spirit of synodality. We began by listening to the hopes and concerns of our clergy. Now, I would like also to hear from you, my sisters and brothers in Christ.