

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENIORS CHRISTMAS LUNCH: Sunday, 7th December from 1pm to 5pm.

CHRISTMAS ALTAR FLOWERS: Please donate generously towards the purchase of flowers to use on the Altar during Christmas. THANK YOU

Called to Bear Fruit consultation response published. Thank you to the thousands of people who took part in the Called to Bear Fruit consultation. We are grateful to you all for sharing so openly your hopes for the life of the Church in our Archdiocese. The consultation response, which includes 15 actions points for renewal, is available at rcaos.org.uk/calledtobearfruit and hardcopies will be sent to every parish.

The consultation revealed a burning desire within our parishes to be missionary and evangelising disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ, who work together to help people encounter His love.

So, as we move forward on the next steps together, let's build up the Body of Christ in Southwark with faith and confidence, becoming ever more a community of missionary disciples filled with joy and hope for the future. As an Archdiocese, we will continue to discern the process of renewal, and further updates will be provided in due course.

The Jubilee Year concludes in just six weeks. There is still time for individuals, groups and parishes to visit the designated shrines and churches across the archdiocese and to receive the plenary indulgence. For a full list of places: <https://rcaos.org.uk/faith/jubilee-2025/designated-jubilee-churches-and-shrines/>

ADVENT has a twofold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the **First Coming of the Son of God** to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to **Christ's Second Coming** at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight.

Second Sunday of Advent—PEACE



On this day, the second candle, known as the **Bethlehem Candle**, reminds us of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. Lighting this candle symbolizes the preparation of Christ's coming. It is about getting ready in the right way. It is not just about waiting. It is about turning back to God with open hearts and open hands.

Heavenly Father, You are the God who gives peace. This second week of Advent, causes us to remember that because of Jesus, we can experience a Christmas free from turmoil and chaos. Regardless of our circumstances or our situations, You offer us peace that passes understanding. Lord, please bring peace to our nation and the whole world. Amen.

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WEEKLY PROGRAMMES (7TH DECEMBER 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.

PLEASE SEE THE NOTICE BOARD FOR FURTHER INFORMATION



Sick and Housebound: Venetia Green, Florence Otokito, Maria Alejandra Boero, Cherlez Philip, Henry Aboagye-Brobby, Beautilyn Awe, Uley Headlam, Clare Kedves, Robert Alexander, Ethan Moore, Avril Carver, Eucelle Cato, Trisha Griffen, Janet Griffen, Fr Peter Ehinmimo CSSp, Brother Joseph Mbah CSSp.

Recently Deceased: Fr Patrick Gaffney CSSp, Adesina Adeleke, Francisca Mauta Nzyimi, Fr Amos Daboer, Charlotte Green, Alice Berkoh, Tom D'Arcy, Noel Collins, Thomas Michael, Rosario Santos, Mavis Woodbine, Catherine Okolo, Benjamin Kwame Anthony, Ademola Ademiluyi, Nigel Lewis, Simon De Souza, Grace Schembri, Yepaye Kobhawa, Gloria Scott, Fr Ray Blake, Seifou Michael Asfaw, Fr Marcel Fango CSSp.

Second Sunday of Advent (07/12/25) YEAR A

	6:30PM	Special Intentions: Father Fabian by the Charismatic Group
	8:30AM	Thanksgiving to St Ambrose by the Luu Family
	10:30AM	RIP: Victor Owusu, Agnes Acheampong & Alice Berkoh
	6:00PM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
MONDAY, 8TH DECEMBER THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY EVENING MASS	9:30AM	Birthday: Philomena Adah
TUESDAY, 9TH DECEMBER ST JUAN DIEGO ADORATION & BENEDICTION	9:30AM	RIP: Mona Hathaway & Anthikad Mani
WEDNESDAY, 10TH DECEMBER OUR LADY of LORETO EVENING MASS	12 NOON	
	9:30AM	40th Wedding Anniversary: John & Dorothy Eguzoraku
THURSDAY, 11TH DECEMBER ST DAMASCUS I	7:30PM	Deceased members of Legion of Mary
	9:30AM	RIP: Lucas, Ubaldina, Sylvia & Amon De Souza
FRIDAY, 12TH DECEMBER OUR LADY of GUADALUPE EVENING MASS	9:30AM	RIP: Lucile Dabo (9th Anniversary)
	7:30PM	RIP: Vincent Pobee
SATURDAY, 13TH DECEMBER ST LUCY VIGIL MASS	10:00AM	PRO LIFE
	6:30PM	RIP: Simon De Souza

1st collection	Gift Aid	Online/Dona	TOTAL	Tithe	MANY THANKS TO ALL
£421.75	£233.65	£1,368.06	£2,023.46	£80	

Financial outgoings (this week) £8,454.59

2nd Collection this weekend: Parish Mission

We Rely On Your Usual Generosity to help us defray the cost of the Mission

Total raised from the Parish Christmas Fair is £1837.39. Thank you very much for your support.

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.



PARISH FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Saturday, 13th December—Christmas Dance. Music by Pat Webster plus DJ Ronnie De Visser; from 7:30pm and finish at 11:30pm
Wednesday, 31st December— New Year's Eve Dance. Music by TNT from 8:00pm— 1:00am. Tickets £20 purchased before 1/12, thereafter £25.

Pilgrimages — Coach trip to Scotland to visit **Scotland's national shrine to Our Lady of Lourdes** which was opened in 1922. Leaving St. Chad's Church on **Monday, 13 July early morning and returning on Friday, 17 July 2026**. Cost: twin room sharing per person is £460 and a single room is £570. This includes bed and breakfast (Full English), return coach fare and excursions including the day visiting the **National Catholic Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in Carfin with a full day spiritual programme including Mass**. Spaces are limited so first come first served basis.

A Pilgrimage through the Saints of Umbria: 25th April 2026 - 30th April 2026 - Join us for a 5 day pilgrimage through Umbria, a region known for its deep spiritual heritage and the lives of some of the Church's most beloved saints: St Francis, St Clare, St Angela of Foligno, and St Rita of Cascia. Each day includes Mass, visits to key spiritual sites, time for personal reflection, and group sharing. We'll travel to Foligno to learn about the life of the mystic St Angela, and to Cascia to honour St Rita. Whether you are drawn by the poverty of St Francis, the Silence of St Clare, the Fire of St Angela, or the suffering love of St Rita, this sacred journey offers you the space to rediscover the beauty of your own vocation. Come with and open heart. Including: 4 nights in Assisi, 1 night in Cascia; Flights from London Stansted to Perugia; Breakfast and Dinners included; Guided tours; Full religious programme; Daily Mass in beautiful locations; Visit Tomb of Carlo Acutis; Learn about St Angela of Foligno. Based on two sharing: **£1025**; Single supplement: **£95**; Deposit payment of **£500** per person when booking. Contact: enquiries@jcjourneys.com; www.jcjourneys.com; Tel: 01886 812862 or Karen Lobo: 07801817231

Medjugorje Pilgrimage: Join Fr Ambrose for a pilgrimage to Medjugorje from **Saturday 8th— Friday 14th August, 2026**. The all-inclusive price is £850/person. Contact: enquiries@jcjourneys.com; www.jcjourneys.com; Tel: 01886 812862 or Karen Lobo: 07801817231.

APPRECIATION FOR PARISH MISSION

Fr Ambrose would like to thank all those who were able to attend the Parish Mission, in person or online, co-ordinated by John Pridmore from the 29th November to the 3rd of December. He is equally grateful to the **INTERCESSORS' MINISTRY** who kept vigils and prayed for a successful Parish Mission. Many also couldn't attend because of work or travel commitments. Please know that we prayed for all parishioners and for parish revival.

THIS SUNDAY'S MASS READINGS

1st Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10;

Psalms: 72(71) *In His days shall justice flourish, and great peace for ever;*

2nd Reading: Romans 15: 4-9;

Gospel: Matthew 3: 1-12.