

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.

Fr Ambrose will be away on a one-week break from the 29th of July until the 5th of August.

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 (27 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 (7:30PM ON ZOOM).

Contact: presidentA190305@svp.org.uk 07305119836.

PLEASE SEE THE NOTICE BOARD FOR FURTHER INFORMATION



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, 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.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (27/07/25) YEAR C

<u>Vigil Mass on Saturday</u> 		6:30PM	Birthday: Britney Yourey
		8:30AM	Holy Souls by the Luu Family
		10:30AM	Thanksgiving: Families of Chika Onyealisi & Clement Lawson
		4:30PM	90 Minutes with Jesus
		6:00PM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
MONDAY, 28TH JULY		9:30AM	All the Year Six Children of St Chad's Primary School
TUESDAY, 29TH JULY <u>STs MARY, MARTHA & LAZARUS</u> <u>ADORATION & BENEDICTION</u>		9:30AM	The Clergy of the Catholic Church
		12 NOON	Holy Souls
WEDNESDAY, 30TH JULY <u>ST PETER CHRYSOLOGUS</u> <u>EVENING MASS</u>		9:30AM	Birthday: ~Joseph Christian
		7:30PM	Healing of all ill Parishioners
THURSDAY, 31ST JULY <u>ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA</u>		9:30AM	Thanksgiving: Edward & Shanthi Reddiar
FRIDAY, 1ST AUGUST <u>ST ALPHONSUS LIGUORI</u> <u>EVENING MASS</u>		9:30AM	Holy Souls by the Luu Family
		7:30PM	RIP: Gilbert Ayittey
SATURDAY, 2ND AUGUST <u>ST EUSEBIUS of VERCELLI</u> <u>VIGIL MASS</u>		10:30AM	Thanksgiving to God for the Reddiar Family & for Rita and Joseph
		6:30PM	RIP: Dawn Shaw

1st collection	Gift Aid	Online/Dona	TOTAL	Tithe	MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.
£428.14	£208.25	£815.22	£1,451.61	£—	

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. 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.

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.

"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 Monday, 11th August inclusive. The Office will not be manned during this period. Apologies for any

inconvenience caused.

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

THIS SUNDAY'S MASS READINGS

1st Reading: Genesis 18:20-32

Psalms: 'On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.'

2nd Reading: Colossians 2:12-14

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13