

through the Holy Eucharist, and through adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. As pilgrims of hope, in this Jubilee year of grace, I invite you, dear brothers and sisters, to renew your spiritual life and your service to others.

The Holy Family reminds us that evangelisation and mission begin in the heart and in the home. To parents I say 'thank you' for teaching your children to love the Lord Jesus, to pray, and to understand their faith; and, not least, to know the friendship of the saints. To our young people, I say 'do not be afraid to embrace your faith with courage.' The Lord Jesus is calling you to great things. Know, love and serve him, and he will guide your steps.

So many people today carry heavy burdens – whether of sickness, grief, or loneliness, or in others ways, sometimes hidden. Know that you are especially close to the heart of the Lord Jesus and his Church. You can be powerful missionaries of hope, showing the world that God in Christ is near to the broken-hearted and raises up those who are crushed in spirit. (Cf. Ps. 34:18) The Church is a family of families. There are no orphans in Christ. We all have a home in the Church. In Christ, we are united as brothers and sisters, called to bear one another's burdens and rejoice in one another's happiness.

In this Jubilee year, I ask everyone in our Archdiocese to renew our commitment to building a culture of welcome and belonging within our parishes and schools. Let us seek out those on the margins – people who experience isolation, poverty, and despair. Let us be a Church where all feel at home, where the wounded find mercy, where the weary encounter rest, and where we all journey together in faith, hope and love.

As we begin our Jubilee pilgrimage, may our lives shine with the light of Christ, and, through him, may we bring his hope-filled joy to everyone we meet along the way.

With every blessing for this Christmas Season for the Jubilee Year, and with the assurance of my prayers and gratitude

Yours devotedly in Christ,

+ John Wilson, Metropolitan Archbishop of Southwark

FLAME 2025

Flame 2025 takes place on Saturday 15th March 2025, from 11am - 6pm, at Wembley Arena. Picking up on the theme for the Jubilee Year, "Pilgrims of Hope" the Flame theme is "Unstoppable" - Fan the Flame of Hope.

This event is being organised by the Bishops Conference of England and Wales.

I will encourage all the youth **from Year 9 to university** to register to attend.

Tickets - £29 per attendee

Instalment payments will be organised by the Flame Organising Team

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WEEKLY PROGRAMMES (29TH DECEMBER 2024)

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; Roy Alleyne; Uley Headlam; Daniele Arthurine Massamba; Ray Lobo, Rosaline Amalu, Clare Kedves, Terry Greene.

Recently Deceased: 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, Fr Bernard Ashipu CSSp, Dorcas Baka, Annie Maloney, Prof. Roland Okor.

PRAISE & WORSHIP: Will start every 2nd Sunday at 10:00am before the 10:30am mass. You are all very welcome to join Vincent Luu.

SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY FAMILY (29/12/24) YEAR C

<u>Vigil Mass on Saturday</u> <u>SUNDAY 29TH DECEMBER,</u> <u>2024</u>	6:30PM	RIP: Vincent Pobee (Heavenly Birthday & 20th Anniversary)
	8:30AM	Birthday: Keith Asare
	10:30AM	Thanksgiving to the Holy Family from the Luu family
	6:00PM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
MONDAY, 30TH DECEMBER	9:30AM	Holy Souls: from the Luu family
TUESDAY, 31ST DECEMBER ADORATION & BENEDICTION <u>NEW YEAR EVE MASSES</u>	9:30AM	Birthday: Boma Fyneface
	6:30PM 11:00PM	RIP: Reynaldo Joson (40th Day) Special intentions of Fr Terkura and Fr Joel
WEDNESDAY, 1STH JANUARY <u>SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD</u> <u>NEW YEAR'S DAY</u>	8:30AM	RIP: Joao & Filipina Leitao Thanksgiving for the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
	10:30AM	Deceased souls of Armadass family
THURSDAY, 2ND JANUARY <u>SS BASIL & GREGORY</u>	9:30AM	RIP: Dawn Shaw
FRIDAY, 3RD JANUARY <u>THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS</u>	9:30AM	Healing: Clare Kedves
	7:30PM	For all deceased Parishioners
SATURDAY, 4TH January <u>VIGIL MASS</u>	10:00AM	RIP: Victor Owusu and Agnes Acheampong
	6:30PM	Birthday: Perpetua Oladapo

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£354.82	£252.00	£808.65	1,415.47	£50	

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*

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE: 31ST DEC @ 8PM-1AM. Live music by John Hunt and Wild Fire. Food on sale. BYO—bring your own drinks. Tickets purchased before 1 Dec £20. Thereafter, if available, £25.



Archdiocese of Southwark

Pastoral Letter on the Solemnity of the Holy Family 2024 for the Opening of the Jubilee Year of Hope

To be read at all Sunday Masses on Sat 28/Sun 29 December 2024

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ
Peace and joy to you, and to your families and loved ones, in this holy season of Christmas.

Today's Feast of the Holy Family marks the opening of the Jubilee Year in our Archdiocese and across the Catholic Church worldwide. Its theme is 'Pilgrims of Hope.' As we launch this Year of renewal in faith, we seek to learn from the blessed household in Nazareth where the Lord Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, lived in simplicity, in love, and in faithfulness to the Father's will.

Looking to the Holy Family, we too are called to be pilgrims of hope, just like Mary and Joseph. As they journeyed with faith and trust, so must we. So, how do you live hopefully in light of Christ? In a world yearning for the tender closeness of Christ, how are you his hopeful presence to others?

'See what kind of love the Father has given to us,' explains St John, 'that we should be called children of God.' (1 John 3:1) Our identity as beloved children of God is the foundation of our discipleship as the family of God. The Lord Jesus came into the world in the embrace of a family. Through him, we are drawn into the very life of God as brothers and sisters in Christ.

This Jubilee Year is a summons to live together as pilgrims of hope. This is not just about being optimistic, or trying to keep cheerful. Christian hope means living with the desire for the kingdom of heaven and eternal life. It means relying on Christ's promises and the help of the Holy Spirit. (cf. CCC 1817)

Our world needs witnesses to this hope. It needs disciples whose lives shine with the certainty that the Lord is near, even in times of darkness and suffering. Our hope grows stronger, not by avoiding difficulties, but by facing them with faith. God in Christ is Emmanuel - God with us always, no matter what.

The famous words of Padre Pio, St Pio, encourage us all - 'Pray, hope and don't worry.' Or, at least, pray, hope and try not to worry. The Lord is with us, the Lord is with you. Trust him and draw closer to him, especially through prayer and the Scriptures, through confession in the Sacrament of Reconciliation,