

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

FOOD/ITEMS DONATION FOR THE UNDERPRIVILEGED
TRADITIONALLY DURING THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD, FOOD ITEMS AND OTHER HELPFUL ITEMS ARE DONATED BY PARISHIONERS OF ST CHAD'S FOR THE UNDER-PRIVILEGED. NOW IS THE TIME TO CONTINUE SUCH PRACTICE AND SO I WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WHO ATTEND ST CHAD'S IN THIS PRACTICE. A BOX HAS BEEN LEFT NEAR THE ALTAR FOR THIS.

PADRE PIO: SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO

Fr Ambrose, and some parishioners, will visit San Giovanni, Rotondo, Italy later this month for a semi-private pilgrimage. It is the place where the relics of Padre Pio is. Also visited will be the birthplace of Padre Pio and St Michael's Cave on Mt Gargano. Prayers will be offered for all parishioners while there.

FR PASCOAL DOMINGOS' MOTHER'S MEMORIAL MASS

Recall that Fr Pascoal's mother died in December. Fr went home for the funeral but he is now back and has organized a memorial mass for her at OUR LADY OF GILLINGHAM CATHOLIC CHURCH, 2a Ingram Road, Gillingham, Kent, ME7 1YL. The Mass takes place tomorrow 6th January at 6:30 pm

NEW YEAR'S EVE'S DANCE PROCEEDS

The Money raised from the New Year's Eve Dance this year was £1944. Thanks so much to Karen Lobo and Team for wonderful organisation. I would like to encourage all parishioners to feel free to participate in such events. They go a long way to support the parish financially.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT & PROGRAMMES

To become mature in the catholic faith we ask for God's graces in the Sacrament of Confirmation. The candidates are prepared specially. This year, we have a couple of special occasions in the programme: From Friday 10th January to Sunday 12th January we have a retreat for all our candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Also on the 15th of March all candidates will be expected to attend FLAME at Wembley Stadium. All these programmes are essential part of the preparation this year.

PAX CHRISTI: PEACE SUNDAY 19TH January, 2025

The work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Our vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, we work with all who share our values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice.

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WEEKLY PROGRAMMES (5 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).

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 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (05/01/25) YEAR C

<u>Vigil Mass on Saturday</u>		6:30PM 8:30AM 10:30AM 4:30PM 6:00PM	Birthday: Perpetua Oladapo Thanksgiving: Tesfu Family RIP: Stanley Fernandez (Birthday) 90 MINUTES WITH JESUS PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			
MONDAY, 6TH JANUARY		9:30AM	Thanksgiving: Norma Menezes
TUESDAY, 7TH JANUARY ST RAYMOND OF PENYAFORT ADORATION & BENEDICTION		9:30AM 10:15–12PM	Repose of the soul of Peter Q—Tuy Holy Souls
WEDNESDAY, 8TH JANUARY <u>EVENING MASS</u>		8:30AM 7:30PM	RIP: Esau Rahim (2nd Anniversary) Healing of All Parishioners
THURSDAY, 9TH JANUARY		9:30AM	Holy Souls from the Luu Family
FRIDAY, 10TH JANUARY <u>EVENING MASS</u>		9:30AM 7:30PM	Repose of the soul of Fr. Joseph Minh For all deceased Parishioners
SATURDAY, 11TH JANUARY <u>VIGIL MASS</u>		10:00AM 6:30PM	PRO LIFE Birthday: Elissia Acheampong

1st collection	Gift Aid	Online/Dona	TOTAL	TITHE	MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.
£446.73	£217.31	£1,510.91	£2,174.95	£50	

CHRISTMAS DAY COLLECTION: CASH— £384.08 GIFT AID—£ 917.77 TOTAL - £1302

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*

FRAMBROSE 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.

THEME FOR 2025 JUBILEE YEAR: PILGRIMS OF HOPE

The Jubilee is a special year of grace in the Catholic Church. It is a time for renewal of faith, forgiveness and reconciliation. It is a time for their faithful to give themselves more fully to the Lord Jesus and feel His mercy and forgiveness.

Origins: The tradition of a Jubilee can be traced to the Bible, with a Jubilee year to be marked every 50 years (Leviticus 25:8-13). The intention was to re-establish a proper relationship with God and each other. In 1300, Pope Boniface established the first Jubilee - also known as the "Holy Year" - as it is a time where the faithful can be transformed by God's holiness.

Initially, Jubilees were celebrated every 100 years but in 1343 Pope Clement VI changed it to 50 years. Another change took place in 1470, when Pope Paul II reduced the gap to 25 years. With the exception of "extraordinary" Holy Years - the year of Jubilee has remained every 25 years since.

How a Jubilee works: A Jubilee year is always rooted in prayer and reconciliation. It is a time when people can focus their minds on the Lord Jesus and seek His loving mercy and forgiveness.

Pilgrimages to "Holy Doors" has also been a key feature. To mark the start of the Jubilee, the Pope will open a Holy Door so throughout the year pilgrims can cross the threshold and be reminded of when Jesus said, in John 10:9, "I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture".

By taking part in the Holy Year, the faithful are granted a **plenary indulgence**. This means those taking part receive a grace, granted by the Church, which removes the temporal punishment of sins already forgiven (CCC1471).

DESIGNATED JUBILEE CHURCHES AND SHRINE IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

Archbishop John Wilson has designated **15 Jubilee churches** within the Archdiocese of Southwark, for the faithful to visit during the year. The faithful in the Archdiocese of Southwark, will be able to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence granted by the Holy Father if they undertake a pious pilgrimage to any of the sacred Jubilee sites:

(REMEMBER THAT TO OBTAIN AN INDULGENCE THE USUAL CONDITIONS OF CONFESSION, DETACHMENT FROM SIN, HOLY COMMUNION & PRAYER FOR POPE'S INTENTIONS (USUALLY OUR FATHER, HAIL MARY & GLORY BE...)

South-west London Area: Cathedral of St George; Sacred Heart Wimbledon; St Ann Kingston Hill; St Mary's (Our Lady of Reparation) West Croydon; St Boniface Tooting and St Elizabeth, Richmond.

South-east London Area: St Saviour's Lewisham; Our Lady of Sorrows Peckham; St Edmund of Canterbury Beckenham; St Thomas More Dulwich and St Stephen, Welling.

Kent Area: St Thomas of Canterbury Canterbury; Our Lady of Hartley, Hartley; The Friars, Aylesford; St Augustine's Shrine, Ramsgate and St Jude's Shrine, Faversham.