

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

1. **MAY DANCE- Saturday, 16th May 7:30pm–11:30pm**—Live Music by Maz & Co. Tickets £10, Food on sale & Licensed Bar.

For Health & Safety & Safe Guarding reasons, Parents should kindly supervise their children at all times, especially when using the toilets, particularly in the Hall.

THE ALTAR—Please respect the altar as it is sacred. Unauthorised persons are not allowed on the altar unless asked. Any queries about the Mass, please ask the Sacristan on duty.

Mini Chapel/Prayer Room at the back of the Church—The room is meant to be kept sacred and not be used as a store room. If you are not sure where to store certain items, kindly contact the Parish Secretary.

LOST PROPERTY— We have pieces of jewellery, rosaries, spectacles, wallets/purses, keys and items of clothing. Please see the Parish Secretary.

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS—kindly donate generously towards the flowers for Easter. Thank you.

PARISH REGISTRATION—Please ensure to register with the Parish. There are forms at the back of the Church.

Keep the Church Tidy—A Gentle Reminder—We have a dedicated group of volunteers who diligently clean the Church every week. Let us not take this for granted so kindly do not leave any mess, newsletters, tissues, bottles, etc behind. No mugs of beverages are allowed in the Church, please. Let us work as a community to keep the church tidy. Thank you. 🙏

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: 1st & 3rd Sundays—Primary age (5-11yrs); 2nd Sundays—Toddlers & children up to 6yrs. Children younger than 3yrs should have an older sibling or an adult accompanying them.

Pilgrimages—2026

SCOTLAND—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.

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;

THIS SUNDAY'S MASS READINGS

1st Reading: Ezekiel 37: 12-14;

Psalms: 130(129): *With the Lord there is mercy, in Him is plentiful redemption.*

2nd Reading: Romans 8: 8-11;

Gospel: John 11: 1-45.

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Fr Fabian Adindu C.S.Sp.

Parish Secretary: Karen Maria Dadson

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 10:30am—3:30pm

Hall enquiries: stchadshallbookings@gmail.com



WEEKLY PROGRAMMES (22ND MARCH 2026)

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); TUESDAY—DIVINE MERCY (7:30PM);
THURSDAY—Padre Pio Prayer Group & Bible Study Group; FRIDAY—LEGION OF MARY
(5:00 PM); SATURDAY (FORTNIGHTLY) —SVP (7:30PM ON ZOOM).
Contact: presidentA190305@svp.org.uk 07305119836.

PLEASE SEE THE NOTICE BOARD FOR FURTHER INFORMATION



Sick and Housebound: Charlene Onumonu, Venetia Green, Florence Otokito, Maria Alejandra Boero, Cherlez Philip, Henry Aboagye-Brobbe, Beautilyn Awe, Uley Headlam, Clare Kedves, Ethan Moore, Avril Carver, Eucelle Cato, Trisha Griffen, Janetta Griffen, Fr Peter Ehinmiro CSSp, Brother Joseph Mbah CSSp.

Recently Deceased: Noel Dantas, Veronica Aloba, Christopher Nkwo, Victoria Agyemang, Apokurama Awuni, Nsobire Jarvis Awuni, Pius Aboh, Biodun Buhari, William Samuel, Pat White, 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.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO USE THE DONATION BOXES AND DONATION MACHINES. GOD BLESS YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (22/03/26) YEAR A

	<u>Vigil Mass on Saturday</u>	6:30PM	Thanksgiving: Ohemaa Asare
		8:30AM	RIP: Nanapragasam & Mariathangam Reddiar
		10:30AM	RIP: Solomon Achiri
		4:30PM	90 Minute with Jesus
		6:00PM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
<u>MONDAY, 23RD MARCH</u> <u>ST TURIBUS of MOGROVEJO</u>		9:30AM	RIP: Rudolf Caubo
<u>TUESDAY, 24TH MARCH</u> <u>BENEDICTION & ADORATION</u>		9:30AM	RIP: Paul Long Van Tran
		10:15AM	<i>Adoration ends at 12:00noon</i>
<u>WEDNESDAY, 25TH MARCH</u> <u>THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD</u>		9:30AM	RIP: Roberts Family
<u>STATION OF THE CROSS</u>		7:00PM	<i>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</i>
<u>EVENING MASS</u>		7:30PM	RIP: Mary Talty (4th Anniversary)
<u>THURSDAY, 26TH MARCH</u>		9:30AM	Birthday: Perpetua Amoo
<u>FRIDAY, 27TH MARCH</u> <u>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</u>		9:30AM	RIP: Phaolo by daughter of Ngoc
		10:15AM	<i>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</i>
<u>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</u>		7:00PM	<i>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</i>
<u>EVENING MASS</u>		7:30PM	RIP: Daniele Massamba
<u>SATURDAY, 28TH MARCH</u> <u>VIGIL MASS</u>		10:00AM	Special Intentions: Rose Araba Baidoo
		6:30PM	RIP: Tom & Rita Lobo

Next week is **HOLY WEEK**, starting with **PALM SUNDAY**. It is a time of reflection and worship; emphasising the suffering & celebrating the holiness of Jesus' life and the significance of His sacrifice. Let us use this time to go for confession/reconcile our differences; learn to be more compassionate, selfless and humble in our everyday lives.

1st collection	Gift Aid	Online/Dona	TOTAL	Tithe	MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY
£648.64	£231.08	£717.74	£1,597.46	£30	

Financial outgoings this week: £1,790.91

Collection this Weekend: Poor Parishes

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.



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***CROYDON DEANERY NOTICE**— Kindly note that at the last Croydon Deanery meeting, Parishes were asked to have a reduced summer mass schedule for the weekend masses, which will **'take effect each year on the third weekend in July, and continue to include the first weekend in September.** It is an Archdiocesan-wide initiative and is meant to give some respite to the priests as well as based on the number of people attending each particular mass – (In the majority of parishes across the Archdiocese, parishioners are away for some time in summer, and Mass attendance falls). Discernment and discussions are still ongoing but it looks quite likely that the 6:00pm Sunday Mass— only during the period mentioned above—may be affected. This will mean if that is the discerned way forward in Summer 2026, there will be no Sunday 6:00pm Mass during that period. We shall keep everyone informed — and please do read the bulletin always — but in the meantime please note this year's dates, if that is the way forward: On Sunday, 19th July 2026 there will no 6:00pm Mass until Sunday, 13th September 2026 when the 6:00pm Mass resumes. PLEASE STAY VERY GLUED TO THIS PAGE.

*The House of Lords is currently debating an extreme amendment to the Government's Crime and Policing Bill, which would allow women to self- induce their own abortions for any reason, and at any gestation. The last chance to remove this amendment will be at the Report Stage, expected on the 11th or 17th March. Please act now to stop this barbaric proposal. Find out more and use **SPUC's** tool; to write to members of the House of Lords by going to: <https://spuc.org.uk/campaign/abortion-decriminalisation/>

- **Something for Lent:** Tom Caluori's testimony on the Mass - "Sursum Corda." Pick up a copy £5 from the table by the repository and pay Karen. Also available from goodnewsbooks.co.uk

CLUB 400 February Draw: 1st Prize - Father Ambrose Ohene; 2nd Prize—Shirley Gyan & 3rd Prize—Jonathan Sanasi. Please contact the Secretary for your winnings.

Be an Ambassador for Christ: A Catholic Apologetics Resource—The Archdiocese of Southwark has launched an exciting apologetics project to provide evidence based answers to questions such as 'Is Jesus God?' or 'does prayer work?'. This is designed to equip you with deeper understanding of your faith. Every Monday, a new video will be posted on YouTube, along with a worksheet to enable Parishes, schools, youth groups and families to use them as part of their faith formation. To watch and take part, please visit: rcaos.org.uk/ambassadorsforchrist.

LENTEN REFLECTION: *Lord, through my Lenten observance, I respond to your invitation to praying, fasting and almsgiving. Enrich me with God's Spirit, love, sharing and reconciliation. Amen*

SACRAMENT BOX

- RCIA** - (Adult Catechism) meet Mondays at 7:30pm in the Guild Room.
- RCIC** – (Catechism for the young— 8 to 17yrs) on Saturdays after 10am Mass
- Infant Baptism** – usually on the 4th Sunday of every month except August & December where no Baptisms are held.
- First Holy Communion** – Applications begin in Sept/Oct and Catechism starts in January.
- Confirmation** —Applications begin in September and catechism starts in November
- Marriage** – Book an appointment to meet Father. Process takes a minimum of 6 months. Contact the Parish Secretary for further details.