ANNOUNCEMENTS

LODWAR PROJECT—Bishop John Mbinda needs our help.
Friends of Lodwar Fund Raising
Black Tie Dinner Dance
Saturday, 24th January 2026 from 7:30pm to 11:30pm
Tickets: £25 for a 3 Course Meal. Music by DJ Ronnie, Licenced Bar.

POLITE NOTICE: For health & Safety & Safe Guarding reasons, could Parents kindly supervise their children at all times, especially when using the toilets, particularly in the Hall. Week by week, volunteers have the task of unblocking the toilets as they are stuffed with all sorts including large amounts of toilet tissues and nappies. This is not acceptable. It now has become a major problem which will cost a lot of money to rectify.

Register as a Parishioner—Kindly pick up a form if you haven't registered for your details to go on the new Parish Register. Please hand the completed form to the Parish Secretary at the Presbytery.

Kindly put all the Hymn and Mass books on the shelves at the back of the church after use. Please ensure not to give these books to the children as they rip and scribble in them.
The Altar—Please note that the altar is a sacred place and unauthorised persons are not allowed on to the altar unless asked. Any queries about the Mass, please ask the Sacristan on duty.
Thank you very much.

BISHOP-ELECT GERARD BRADLEY CONSECRATION & VISIT TO St CHAD'S

Bishop-Elect Gerard Bradley will be consecrated on the 2nd of February and afterwards will visit St Chad's on the 15th of February. He will preside over the 8:30AM and 10:30AM Masses and afterwards we shall have a reception in the Hall. To enable us as a parish to prepare for these events, the Parish Council shall constitute a committee during the week. Time is not on our side so I will ask that we all join hands to make his visit to our Parish successful.

BLESSING OF HOUSES AFTER CHRISTMAS AND EPIPHANY

There is a widespread tradition of having houses blessed around the Feast of the Epiphany (which was on the 6th of January). If anybody or any family would like their houses blessed please fill in the form at the back of the church and slot it through the pigeon hole at the presbytery.

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

ST CHAD'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Fr Fabian Adindu C.S.Sp.
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Hall enquiries: stchadshallbookings@gmail.com

SPIRITANS
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WEEKLY PROGRAMMES (11TH 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: Venetia Green, Florence Otokito, Maria Alejandra Boero, Cherlez Philip, Henry Aboagye-Brobbey, Beautilyn Awe, Uley Headlam, Clare Kedves, Robert Alexander, Ethan Moore, Avril Carver, Eucelle Cato, Trisha Griffen, Janetta Griffen, Fr Peter Ehinmiro CSSp, Brother Joseph Mbah CSSp.

Recently Deceased: Christopher Nkwo, Victoria Agyemang, Apokurama Awuni, Nsobire Javis 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, Catherine Okolo, Benjamin Kwame Anthony, Ademola Ademiluyi.

FR AMBROSE AND FR FABIAN WISH EVERY PARISHIONER GOD'S MOST ABUNDANT BLESSINGS IN THE NEW YEAR 2026.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD (11/01/26) YEAR A

Vigil Mass on Saturday	6:30PM	RIP: Peter Ford
	8:30AM	Special Intentions: Yvonne Ndifor
	10:30AM	Thanksgiving: Chikanele Onyealisi & Clement Lawson Families
	4:30PM	90 Minutes with Jesus
	6:00PM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
MONDAY, 12TH JANUARY **ST AELRED of RIEVAULX**	9:30AM	Thanksgiving: Bishop Elect Gerard Bradley
TUESDAY, 13TH JANUARY **ST HILARY**	9:30AM	RIP: Ray Lobo
BENEDICTION & ADORATION	10:15AM	*Adoration ends at 12 noon*
WEDNESDAY,14TH JANUARY	9:30AM	RIP: Anton Thevarajah (1st Anniversary)
EVENING MASS	7:30PM	Healing: Evelyne Angaman
THURSDAY, 15TH JANUARY	9:30AM	Thanksgiving & Private Intentions of a Parishioner
FRIDAY, 16TH JANUARY	9:30AM	Birthday: Bernice Ghartey
EVENING MASS	7:30PM	HOLY SOULS
SATURDAY, 17TH JANUARY **ST ANTHONY**	10:00AM	RIP: Daniele Massamba
VIGIL MASS	6:30PM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

1st Collection	GiftAid	Online/Dona	TOTAL	Tithe	MANY THANKS FOR YOUR-GENEROSITY
£729.01	**£58.54**	1,288.89	2,076.44	30	

Financial Outgoings this week: **£13,261.22**

Collection on New Year's Day: Non Gift Aid 1st Collection: **£409.09**
Gift Aid: **£653.19**

New Year's Dinner Dance: **£1,607.** Thank you very much for supporting this event.

2nd Collection next weekend: Peace Sunday—Pax Christi
2nd Collection: 25th January, 1st & 8th February: Preparation for reception for Bishop-Elect Gerard Bradley on the 15th of February

DO YOU PAY UK OR CAPITAL GAINS TAX? MAKE YOUR DONATION GO FURTHER. Sign up today **so your parish can claim an extra 25p for every £1 (or £2.50 for every £10) you donate! Thank you.**

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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DIOCESAN NEWS: Archdiocesan Pilgrimages for Young Adults

Young adults (aged 18 to 35) are invited to join Archbishop John on pilgrimage to Lourdes, from 7 to 13 June 2026. The cost is £789, which includes flights and full-board accommodation on a shared basis. To book, please visit: www.tinyurl.com/lourdes26

Young adults (aged 18 to 35) are also invited to register interest for the World Youth Day pilgrimage to Korea in August 2027 at www.tinyurl.com/wyd2027

For information about youth activities for all ages across the Archdiocese please visit our website at www.tinyurl.com/scys1

Check out our website or social media below for:Southwark Catholic Youth Service: Archdiocese of Southwark

- Youth Days and retreat days (for under 18s)
- Mission Team availability to visit parishes for Confirmation & Youth retreats
- Young adult ministry at St. George's and other parishes

Training for parish volunteers

Pilgrimages

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. 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

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; www.jcjourneys.com; Tel: 01886 812862 or Karen Lobo: 07801817231.

THIS SUNDAY'S MASS READINGS
1st Reading: Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7;
Psalm: *29(28): **The Lord will bless His people with peace.***
2nd Reading: *Acts 10: 34-38;*
Gospel: Matthew 3: 13-17.