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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY	14TH	18:00	Sixth Sunday	Solemnity	Peter Guana RIP
SUNDAY	15TH	08:30	Sixth Sunday	Solemnity	John Swaine RIP
SUNDAY	15H	10:00	Sixth Sunday	Solemnity	Joseph & Noreen Gonsalves RIP
SUNDAY	15H	12:00	Sixth Sunday	Solemnity	PRO POPULO
SUNDAY	15H	18:00	Sixth Sunday	Solemnity	Louis Gittens
MONDAY	16TH	10:00		Feria	Marge Spencer RIP
TUESDAY	17TH	10:00		Feria	Colin Jones RIP
WEDNESDAY	18TH	10:00	Ash Wednesday	Feria	Thomas Newton RIP
WEDNESDAY	18th	19:30	Ash Wednesday	Feria	Judson Jones RIP
THURSDAY	19th	10:00		Feria	Anthony Jones RIP
FRIDAY	20TH	10:00		Feria	Reginald & Kathleen Buk RIP
SATURDAY	21ST	10:00	St Robert Southwell	Memorial	Private Intention

TEA AND COFFEE: SUNDAY AFTER 10AM MASS

CONFessions: SATURDAY EVENING: 5PM - 5:40PM

We pray for Teresia Augustin, Myrtle Augustus, Mary Akinduro, Victor Formosa and Michael Brady who died recently and all whose anniversaries occur around this time: Winnifred Shuttleworth, Carmen Spiteri, James Mullins, Alfred Noone, Betty Irving, William Ford, Verdal Smith, Louis Beche and Mark Patrick Smith. Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls - and the souls of all the faithful departed - rest in peace. Amen.



Last month our Holy Father - Pope Leo XIV - addressed members of the Diplomatic Corps (those representing all the nations of the world) at the Vatican. During his address he said: "no policy can genuinely serve the people if it denies the unborn the gift of life." The subject of abortion is understandably sensitive. It touches so many people's lives and can cause great hurt which requires healing. There is no judgment of anyone in these circumstances but this should not mean we overlook the truth that each abortion takes an innocent life of a child; their being a "foetus" or "embryo" calls us to give them *more* protection, not less. We cannot in any circumstance endorse or support laws that fail to protect the lives of the unborn. In the UK in 2023 (the most recent statistics) there were almost 300,000 abortions. Many of those in London take place - unnoticed - at the MSI clinic in our parish, on Brixton Hill. Being so close to this place we are called - in particular - to pray for the women who go there and for the repose of the souls of the unborn children who go in but do not come out again. We - as Catholics - are called to witness in a way that is not shrill and loud but calm and compassionate. I was inspired to join - and work for - the charity [LIFE](#) in my twenties because of the positive alternatives they provided for women in crisis pregnancy; counselling, housing, practical support. They also ran (and run) [Zoe's Place](#) hospices for babies with terminal illnesses; helping families say goodbye to their child. They assist the infertile to conceive without the destruction of embryos. LIFE offered (and still offers) hope without judgment and the vision of a radically inclusive love which cherishes born and unborn life. We join our Archbishop this Thursday (whether here or at home) to pray that we may cherish all life.

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PARISH NEWS

SECOND COLLECTION: This Sunday is to support the sick and retired clergy of Southwark.

ASH WEDNESDAY: Masses at **10am** and **7:30pm**. Ashes at both. A day of fasting and abstinence.

PARISH LENTEN MISSION: I am delighted to announce that **Father Samuel Burke OP** - a wonderful preacher - is to lead us in a Parish Mission during Lent. He will speak on the subjects of "Silence", "Sorrow" and "Sacrifice" on **5th, 6th and 7th March** after which there will be a simple supper in the Hall. Please Save The Dates and share the news with others so we can all grow in our faith together.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE - PRAYERFUL WITNESS TO THE VALUE OF UNBORN LIFE: Archbishop John will visit our parish on Thursday to join those beginning 40 days of prayerful witness to the value of unborn life at 8am. Fr Godfrey and I will be with him to pray the rosary. The Good Counsel Network - who are involved in the witness - offer practical support for pregnant women to help them choose life.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE FOR THE WIDOWED, SEPARATED & DIVORCED: I highly recommend this weekend - 8th-10th May 2026 at Worth Abbey, Sussex, RH1 4SB - which helps participants deal with the natural process of grief and loneliness. For more information contact Mary on 07730884315 or beginningexperience.soe@gmail.com. It provides real support for those in vulnerable situations.

GUIDED PRAYER DURING LENT: I'm grateful to our parish sisters who will lead us in guided prayer on Tuesday 24th February, 10th and 24th March at 7:30pm in the Hall.

FREE LENTEN ONLINE BIBLE COURSE: Reflections on the Gospel of each Sunday in Lent are live-streamed the preceding week via comeandsee.org. You can click [here](#) to get to the page.

PARISH AGM BROUGHT FORWARD: Our Parish Finance Committee met last week and advised that - given serious concerns about the sustainability of our financial position - we need to bring our AGM forward. It will be on **Thursday 19th March** at 7:30pm. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

HAVING A MASS SAID FOR SOMEONE: The most powerful prayer we can unite ourselves with on earth is the Mass because it is the prayer of Jesus offering Himself to the Father. Masses are offered for particular intentions by the priest - for the living or the dead - and are announced before each Mass and written in the Newsletter. The offerings form a significant part of a priest's annual income. Mass intention envelopes are available in the porch and we have many free intentions at the present time.

UPDATE: Sycamore Course: Our course continues this Thursday at 7:30pm in the Hall. The topic will be "[The Bible](#)". Why not give it a try? Do not worry if you have missed a session as you can catch up online with the short videos available by clicking [here](#).

LOURDES IN AUGUST: Funding is available for pilgrims and young helpers. Click [here](#) for more [info](#).

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT: It will be a great battle of wits but if - like me - you don't have much wit (and are hopeless at Quizzes) it's really good fun and you can try some delicious cocktails from our much-loved parish mixologist. It will take place on the weekend of Laetare - Rejoicing - Sunday (an oasis within the Lenten desert) on **Saturday 14th March**. More information on booking a table will be available soon...