



**St Cecilia's Church**

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Useful information can be found by visiting the Diocesan Website at [www.rcsouthwark.co.uk](http://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk) and the Sutton Deanery Website at [www.suttondeanery.weebly.com](http://www.suttondeanery.weebly.com)

*"Contradictions, sickness, scruples, spiritual aridity and all the inner and outward torments are the chisel with which God carves his statues for paradise." St Alphonsus Ligouri*

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY**

Sat. 2nd May 6:30pm Guia Fernandez (RIP)

Sun. 3rd May 9:30am Dorothy Upton (RIP)  
Frank Egan (First Anniversary RIP)

11:00am Mimi D'Mello (RIP)

Mon. 4th May **NO MASS—BANK HOLIDAY**  
FEAST OF ENGLISH MARTYRS

Tues. 5th May 10:00am. Mrs Patsy Brown (RIP)

Wed. 6th May 10:00am. Paul Smith (RIP)

Thur. 7th May 10:00am. Marie Mamedy (Birthday RIP)

Fri. 8th May 6:00pm *Adoration and Benediction*  
7:00pm Nida, Toni, Louise & Antonio  
(In Thanksgiving)

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Sat. 9th May 6:30pm Marie Oliva (RIP)

Sun. 10th May 9:30am L. Hallett (Health & Wellbeing)  
Tony Burke (Anniversary RIP)

11:00am Thomas (Tom) Reeve  
(Anniversary RIP)

Upcoming Mass Intentions

12th Paddy, Garrett & Fergus; 13th John Quinn  
14th Terence O'Brien; 15th Miss Pat Reynolds;  
16th Theresa Mita Anthony & Anna Thannbee

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to all parishioners born in the month of **May**. Mary Mother of Jesus we place this month in your hands. Help us to trust in your Son's providence, to serve with a humility and to love with your purity. Amen.

**St Raphael's Hospice** Next weekend Martin Brown will be making an appeal on behalf of our local hospice to raise much needed funds. Please see notices in the church.

Michael and Katie Snook completed the London Marathon last weekend. If you would like to support their efforts and the hospice go to <https://www.justgiving.com/page/michael-snook-2>

**Parish Gift Aid Scheme** letters for everyone registered, are in the letter rack by the statue of St Therese of Lisieux for collection. Gift Aid boxes are in the narthex.

**Altar Servers Rally** Monday 4th May leaving at 9am from the church.



"I am the way, the truth & the life."  
John 14: 6

Saints of the Week

2nd St Anthasius  
3rd SS Philip & James  
4th English Martyrs  
6th St John Paine

Pray for us.

Prayers for the Sick and Housebound:

Please pray for the wellbeing of:

D.H.

Adelaide Cotter,  
Paul Fairhall,  
Amy Bradbury  
Marie Goti  
Michael Christou  
John Rosenow  
Mary Silva

Michael Hoskins  
Mary McFarlane  
Brian Newman  
Phyllis Sibley

Marco Chavrimootoo

All Parish Volunteers,

are invited to take part in a Special Mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday 30th May at 3pm followed by refreshments in the Church Hall.

**St Cecilia School Fair is Saturday 4th July.**



REPOSE OF THE SOUL

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Mary McFarlane** who died on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April, Her funeral is Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 12.30pm and burial 2pm at Morden Cemetery.

Your prayers are also asked for the Repose of the Soul of **Moya Condon** who died on Friday the 24th April.

Please keep their families in your prayers too.

*May they Rest in Peace and Rise to Glory*



St Cecilia's Church Summer Fayre 2026

Following the success of the Church Summer Fayre last year we are doing it all again this year, on Saturday 11th July. Sign up on the sheets are at the entrances to the church or send an email to Louise at [stceciliaschurchevents@outlook.com](mailto:stceciliaschurchevents@outlook.com)

Fr Ben

## **SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY**

We are reminded us that safeguarding is a responsibility shared by us all. It is part of the Christian duty owed to one another; especially those who are most vulnerable. It calls us to help ensure that every person is safe, valued, listened to, and treated with the dignity which is theirs in Christ.

Safeguarding is not simply a matter of policies or procedures, necessary though these are. It is also an expression of our deepest moral and spiritual responsibilities. It asks of us a spirit of attentiveness, compassion, and courage: a readiness to recognise harm, to respond wisely to concerns, and to stand alongside those who are in need of care and support.

In this way, safeguarding is closely bound to the Church's social teaching, which places at its heart the God-given dignity of every human person, and calls us to uphold the common good by protecting the weak, the vulnerable, and those whose voice may too easily go unheard. To safeguard others well is, therefore, not only a practical responsibility, but also a work of justice, solidarity, and Christian love.

Safeguarding Sunday gives us, as an Archdiocese, an opportunity to renew our commitment to building communities in which dignity is honoured, concerns are taken seriously, and help is always available. It is also a moment for each parish community to strengthen its resolve to listen well, to act wisely, and to care faithfully for one another.

Our Safeguarding Team is here to provide that reassurance. We thank you for your continued commitment to this vital work, and for all that you do to help ensure that our parish, and communities is a place of safety, trust, and care.

### **Your Safeguarding Team**

Your Parish Safeguarding Representatives are:

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**Lorna Gallagher**

***The Safeguarding representatives have special responsibility for promoting good and safe practices in all activities involving children, young people and adults at risk.***

**The Diocesan Safeguarding Co-Ordinator can be contacted on 020 761 1606**

**Find out more at [www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk](http://www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk)**

**Mass for Migrants** Bishop Alan Williams and the Archbishop of Westminster Richard Moth celebrate the Annual Mass for Migrants, in honour of the Feast of St Joseph the Worker, on Monday 4th May at St Antony of Padua Catholic Church, Forest Gate, London E7 9QB, starting at 12pm with a procession of banners. Hosted by Caritas, the Ethnic Chaplaincies in thanks for the contributions made to faith, life and work across London by all those who come from other countries to make a home here. Community organisers, Citizens UK are also contributing to the Mass. Everyone is invited to wear their national dress. All are welcome to this joyful occasion, whether from a migrant background or not.

**Assisted Suicide Bill** The final day of Committee Stage of the Assisted Suicide Bill in the House of Lords ended on Friday afternoon, 24th April, without the Bill passing.

This means that Kim Leadbeater's Assisted Suicide Bill has fallen and will not become law!

After over 19-month of campaigning to defeat the Leadbeater Bill, this is an encouraging development and milestone, but the battle is not over yet. The assisted suicide lobby has made it clear that it is going to attempt to take inappropriate measures to bring back the Bill in the next parliamentary session and then use the Parliament Acts to bypass the House of Lords to force the Bill into law. It has become law in Jersey and on the Isle of Man.

So an even larger battle is expected over the coming weeks to ensure that the assisted suicide lobby is not able to take this route. If we can stop that next step, the Leadbeater assisted suicide Bill will be finished.

Thank you to everyone who has signed petitions, written to MPs or Member of the House of Lords, joined rallies, raised awareness to protect the right to life of the most vulnerable. Updates on any future opportunities to take action will follow.

**Local Council Elections** by now households should have received their voting cards for the local elections taking place across Sutton Wards on Thursday 7th May.

As a parish we are encouraged to engage with our local politicians. As Catholics we have a moral obligation and responsibility to witness to the Gospel, and Catholic Social Teaching by voting for the common good especially the most vulnerable in our divided society.

We need to reflect so we are informed by truth. Which local candidate and political party will use their platform, to best protect the principles we believe in, and represent us morally and socially both locally and in Parliament? Who will defend the family, religious liberty, God's creation and be attentive to the fundamental rights of all? How will they meet current energy saving targets? How will they help those struggling to pay energy bills?

Local government plays an enormous role in decision making on issues that influence our day to day lives in the wider community, from planning and local infrastructure to public transport, from housing and insulation schemes to protecting nature, our green spaces, biodiversity, against pollution, flooding and extreme weather conditions.

As people of faith we are called to engage with decision makers to realise their constituents care about their local environment.

**\*\*8th May is the first anniversary of the Election of Pope Leo XIV**

***The Pope's Prayer Intention for the month of May. He invites us to pray 'That everyone might have food.' Millions continue to suffer from hunger while so much is wasted at our table. That we learn to consume simply, to share with joy and care for the fruits of the earth as gift from God, destined for all not just the few.***

## Parish Life

### THE PARISH HALL

is available to hire.

For all enquiries send an email to [stceciliashurchevents@outlook.com](mailto:stceciliashurchevents@outlook.com)

The Gardening Club are meeting next weekend please come along and lend a hand. Listen out at Mass for the time to meet. Bring garden tools to for planting and cutting.

**Missio and Mill Hill Missionaries** invite all Red Box supporters and the wider Diocesan community to come together for two important events in 2026. At St Simon Stock Church, Bleakwood Rd, Walderslade, Kent ME5 0NF on Saturday 6 June at 11am. Join Fr Joseph Donkor (Missio Diocesan Director for Southwark) and the Mill Hill Missionaries for Mass, followed by lunch and sharing of mission work.

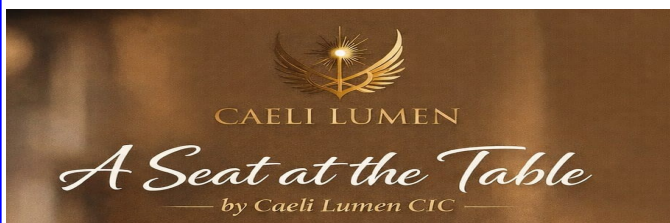


**Mission Masses are an opportunity to hear about how missionaries share the Gospel throughout the world and how we can be missionary disciples in our own parishes. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please email [redbox@missio.org.uk](mailto:redbox@missio.org.uk) or visit <https://missio.org.uk/mission-masses-and-events/> for further information.**

**Widowed, Separated or Divorced?** If so, Beginning Experience is there for you. They are organising a weekend on May 8-10 at Worth Abbey, West Sussex, to help you deal with the natural process of grief and loneliness. Email [beginningexperience.soe@gmail.com](mailto:beginningexperience.soe@gmail.com) for details.

**A Day With Mary** on 9th May at *St Bede's Catholic Church*, Thornton Heath SW12 from 9.30am and on 17th May at the *Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham* gathering at 12.30pm at Walsingham Village Coach Park for the Procession along Pilgrims Way.

**A Seat at the Table (by Caeli Lumen CIC)** is an independently organised monthly supper gathering for



Catholics in their 30s and 40s to meet, build friendships, and form meaningful connections outside of Mass. Open to Catholics across London.

- ◆ Wimbledon
- ◆ Friday 27th June
- ◆ 7:00pm to 9:00pm

£5 booking fee (food purchased separately)

Look out for the posters in church. To reserve your place contact: [Caelilumen@outlook.com](mailto:Caelilumen@outlook.com)

**Build A Better Marriage** This is a one-day marriage-enrichment event on May 23 aimed at couples whether married five years or 55 years. There is no charge and no group sharing. Couples have the opportunity individually to explore their relationship and levels of communication, which is the key to relationship. It starts at 9am and finishes by 4.30pm. The venue: St Elphege's, Church Wallington. More details – T: 07983 524727 or E: [mflkent@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflkent@rcaos.org.uk)

**Raising Teenagers in a Catholic Family.** This webinar provides guidance to parents of young people developing into adulthood, on how to encourage and help them to value and follow their faith and to navigate those difficult teen years by modelling the behaviour parents wish to see in their sons and daughters. The webinar, scheduled for June 2 at 8pm, is presented by a Catholic family ministry from the USA. Details: <https://www.celebratetrust.org/faith-parenting>

**Encounter Pentecost** Saturday 23rd May at 10.15am A day of praise and worship activities, witness testimonies. There is something for all the family including stalls, music workshops, the day ends with Mass at 4pm. Charismatic prayers lead by Canon Michael Branch at St George's Cathedral.

**Tyburn Martyrs Walk 2026** to commemorate the 105 Catholic Martyrs. Meeting at Churchyard of St Giles in the Field on Sunday 17th May at 1.30pm ending at Tyburn Convent for Benediction at 3.30pm, praying for England. See [www.tyburnmartyrswalk.org.uk](http://www.tyburnmartyrswalk.org.uk)



**An Evening with Scott Hahn.** Meet Scott Hahn (of Hallow) Thursday 28th May 6pm to 10pm at St George's Cathedral for this special event on the Eucharist and a reflection on the Lord's Prayer. Sign up at <https://aecsouthwark.churchsuite.com/events/hoid9ldf> for tickets.

ARCHDIOCESE of SOUTHWARK

# SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

## 3 MAY 2026

**CALLED TO PROTECT,  
CALLED TO CARE,  
CALLED TO ACT.**

**"Whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do"**  
John 14:1-12

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**WE ARE AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST**

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