

SUNDAY *Plus*

The Most Holy Trinity **Divine Office Week I** Year A



Before saying his total yes to God, [Augustine's] soul shudders and writhes in painful conflicts. On one side there is God, inviting him; on the other, his old habits, his former "friends," who "tug gently at his clothing of flesh" and whisper to him: "You dismiss us? Remember, the moment we leave you, that certain thing will no longer be allowed you, nor will that other – forever!"

God urges him to hurry and Augustine pleads, "Not at once, just another moment!" And he goes on for weeks, in a state of indecision, in a turmoil, until, assisted by a powerful thrust from God, he summons his courage and makes up his mind...

In the human drama of faith there is a mysterious element: the intervention of God. Paul of Tarsus

experienced it on the road to Damascus and describes it in this way: that day, the Lord "appeared also to me": "by the grace of God, I am what I am..."

The grace of God, in fact, has force, but does not mean to force us; it has a holy violence, but intended to make us fall in love with the truth, not to violate freedom...

The banquet table [of grace] is always laid, open to all. As for me, I try to take daily advantage of it, erecting again today the life of faith knocked down by the sins of yesterday. I wonder if Christians who, like me, feel themselves sometimes good, sometimes sinners, will agree to be "good dinner guests", with me?

Pope John Paul I, *Illustrissimi*

My Lord and my God, I love you and adore you.
Fill me with your love and let me radiate it to
the people around me.  Amen.

Give me yourself

Give me yourself, O my God,
give yourself to me.
Behold I love you,
and if my love is too weak a thing,
grant me to love you more strongly.
I cannot measure my love to know how much
it falls short of being sufficient,
but let my soul hasten to your embrace
and never be turned away until it is hidden
in the secret shelter of your presence.
This only do I know,
that it is not good for me
when you are not with me,
when you are only outside me.
I want you in my very self.

St Augustine

We are used to calculating things – and
at times it is necessary – but this does
not apply in love!

Pope Leo XIV

Feast of the week
Wednesday 3 May

St Charles Lwanga and companions

Twenty-two Catholics and twenty-three Anglicans died at Namugongo, Uganda, in 1885-1886. Most were adolescent boys and pages at the court of Mwanga II, the Kabaka (King) of Buganda, a kingdom within Uganda. All had refused Mwanga's sexual demands. Joseph Mukasa, a convert to Christianity, tried to protect the boys and was the first to be killed.

Charles Lwanga, aged twenty-six, declared that they refused to obey Mwanga in anything which went against their religious belief. Mwanga sentenced them to be burned alive at Namugongo, a two-day march from the palace. The youngest was Kizito, aged fourteen.

Fr Siméon Lourdel, a French Missionary of Africa who had baptised several of the boys, was forced to accompany the group and watch their executions. He reported that Lwanga's last words were, "Katonda," or "My God." Kizito's were "Good-bye, friends. We are on our way." As the flames rose, all were heard praying and encouraging one another.



READINGS

Today:
Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9
2 Corinthians
13:11-13
John 3:16-18

Monday:
2 Peter 1:2-7
Mark 12:1-12

Tuesday:
2 Peter 3:11-15,
17-18
Mark 12:13-17

Wednesday:
2 Timothy 1:1-3,
6-12
Mark 12:18-27

Thursday:
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Mark 12:28-34

Friday:
2 Timothy 3:10-17
Mark 12:35-37

Saturday:
2 Timothy 4:1-8
Mark 12:38-44

Next Sunday:
Deuteronomy 8:2-3,
14-16
1 Corinthians
10:16-17
John 6:51-58



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Useful information can be found by visiting the Diocesan Website at www.rcsouthwark.co.uk and the Sutton Deanery Website at www.suttondeanery.weebly.com

"How precious must man be in the eyes of the Creator, if he gained so great a Redeemer, and if God 'gave His only Son' in order that man 'should not perish but have eternal life.'" Pope John Paul II

MOST HOLY TRINITY

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sat. 30th May 6:30pm. Sahadeo Jagdeo
(Good Health & Wellbeing)

Sun. 31st May 9:30am. Dennis Cooke (RIP)
Recently deceased.

11:00am. Teresa Mary Hook (RIP)
Recently Deceased



O Holy Spirit grant us all the gifts to perfect the virtues, so we may live the beatitudes with Jesus Christ for the glory of the Father and the salvation of souls.

Saints of the Week

1st St Justin
2nd St Marcellinus & St Peter
3rd St Charles Lwanga & Companions
5th St Boniface
6th St Norbert

Pray for us.

Mon. 1st June 10:00am. NO MASS

Tues. 2nd June 10:00am. Pratheepan Diriyanka Dhiya
Good Health & Wellbeing

Wed. 3rd June 10:00am. NO MASS

12.30pm FUNERAL MASS
Moya Condon (RIP)
2:00pm NE Surrey Crematorium

Thur. 4th June 10:00am. Noel & Maggie McCann (RIP)

Fri. 5th June 6:00pm. Adoration and Benediction
7:00pm. Michael and Angela Small
In Thanksgiving
50th Wedding Anniversary

REPOSE OF THE SOUL

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Kathleen Webster who died Friday 8th May. Her funeral is Thursday 11th June at 12.30pm and burial at 2pm at Sutton Cemetery.

Christ called **Sister Mary Teresa** (Catherine) Wale of the Daughters of the Cross to enter fully into the joy of the Resurrection, in her 99th year and 74th year of religious life.

May they Rest in Peace and Rise to Glory



THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (Corpus Christi)

Sat. 6th June 6:30pm. Chris Vaughan
(Birthday, Thanksgiving & Wellbeing)

1:00pm FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS

Sun. 7th June 9:30am. Yancy Roy Dalumpines (RIP)

11:00am. Alf & Marie Oliva (RIP)

1:00pm FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS

Sacrament of Confirmation 2026 Registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation is open. Visit the parish website. The closing date is Sunday 28th June. Applications after this date will not be accepted. Sessions begin at the start of July.

Save the Date/s

St Cecilia's Church Summer Fayre Saturday 11th July 1pm to 4pm.

Altar Servers Mass Saturday 20th June at 2pm.

Mass of the Sick Saturday 4th July at 2pm. Please note a slight change to the time.

Everyone is invited for refreshments after each of the Masses.

Upcoming Mass Intentions

10th John & Joan Gray
12th Deceased Family & Friends of M. Brookes
13th Theresa Brilley
14th Audrey Solomon

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
Brian Newman
Phyllis Sibley
Marco Chavrimootoo
Martha Gilbert

Repository is open for those special gifts for Sacramental occasions: for rosaries, prayer books, religious candles, cards and gifts for all occasions in life.

** Please visit the online parish newsletter for more information.

Parish Life

Parish Surgery: hours for are on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 11:00am to 1:00pm and 4:00pm to 6:00pm, to meet with your parish priest for all enquiries formal or personal.

Parish Gift Aid Scheme if you are a tax payer and donating via the card machine please remember to enter your details to gift aid your contribution, the extra 25% could make all the difference. Thank you for your generosity.

Parish Audit A parish audit was carried out on behalf of the Diocese on Saturday 23rd May. Pleased to say there are no particular areas of concern. There will be a new accounting system and training. A financial summary report will be available for parishioners at the end of June.

St Philomena's Catholic High School for Girls Open Evening Tuesday 30th June 3.30pm to 7.30pm for prospective Year 7 entrants to start September 2007. Please see the poster in church, or visit the school website for more information.

THE PARISH HALL

is available to hire

for one off special occasions or regular day time hire.

For all enquiries send an email to
stceciliashurchevents@outlook.com



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



Young Adults age 18 to 35 gather on the first Sunday of the month, 7th June at 6pm at St George's Cathedral, join in the Light of Jesus, in prayer, for friendship and social.

Sparks of Light The next Outreach Ministry gathering, is at Holy Cross Catholic Church, Carshalton. Saturday 4th July, Mass at 10am then 10.30am to 3.30pm Prayer, music, hospitality and outreach. Come along and share your faith with others. Refreshments provided bring lunch with you.

Sutton's Catholics Received into the Church at Easter are invited to attend a special Mass offered for them, hosted at St Elphege's Church, Wallington SM6 9AY on Sunday 5th July at 12 noon. This is the first event of this kind, bringing the Candidates of 2026 together from across Sutton Deanery in an opportunity to meet and share experiences and personal testimonies with other local families.

Divine Designs Art Competition to design a cover for any of the 73 Books of the Bible, in an ecumenical collaboration between the Catholic Bishops Conference *God Who Speaks* and St John's Church, Waterloo. Artist's, graphic designers & illustrators must be UK residents, age 18 or over. Up to 4 entries allowed. Register by 5pm 31/07/2026. 7 overall prizes. Visit <https://stjohnswaterloo.org/open-call-divine-designs/>

One to Watch A YouTube video captivating the draw of sacred art and its influence on the call to the priesthood and religious life. Fr Patrick van der Vorst tells of the places and experiences that shaped his journey from a Sotheby Auctioneer to life as a priest at Westminster. Look closely and you may spot someone you recognize?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K-StMVmKQtA>

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The Life of Christ 16 - 20 June 2026 - The Story of Jesus, Brought to Life Discover the wonder of Jesus' life with an unforgettable event for all the family. The Life of Christ, places you in the middle of an immersive theatre experience. Join over a hundred actors in the stunning grounds of Wintershall Estate as this magnificent story is movingly recreated with authentic detail in an epic open-air production. Watch the Wedding in Cana, the Feeding of the 5000 and the Last Supper unfold before your eyes. It's the perfect day out for families, faith groups, theatre lovers and schools. Book tickets as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. <https://www.wintershall.org.uk/event/life-of-christ/>

Assisted Suicide Bill On Thursday 21st May the House of Commons Members Bill ballot took place. Assisted suicide campaigners, led by Kim Leadbeater MP, have made it clear they are going to put considerable pressure on the 20 MPs to bring back her assisted suicide Bill. Their aim is not to simply revive the Bill. But they want to use a Parliament Act to bypass the House of Lords and force the Bill into law. Taking this route would be unprecedented and profoundly inappropriate. This is why MP needs to hear from us. Ask your local MP to oppose reviving the Assisted Suicide Bill. <https://writeonad.theotherhalf.uk/>

The Public say No! The Parliamentarians say No! and the Experts say No! to this Bill.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for the month of June.

He invites us to pray for the value of sports, that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity and personal growth.

'Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace at all times and in every way.'
2 Thessalonians 3:16

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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
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