

## ST CECILIA'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**SUNDAY 14th DECEMBER 2025**

**5pm to 8pm**

**Event tickets are £5 per adult and  
£1 per child aged 5 and over.**

**Raffle tickets are also available to  
purchase in advance.**

**Refreshments will be served  
in the church hall after the concert.**

**There is a collection box  
at the back of the church  
for raffle prize donations.**

Tickets are on sale after all Masses.

**We are looking for volunteers to read,  
children as well as adults.**

We are also appealing for musicians. If you haven't signed  
up yet but would like to get involved,  
please do contact Louise.

at: [stcecciliasschurchevents@outlook.com](mailto:stcecciliasschurchevents@outlook.com)

For either individual renditions or to play  
alongside other musicians.

### CALLING ALL READERS & MUSICIANS

#### FOR THE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**Rehearsals for Readers and Musicians  
will be on Sunday 7th December at 4pm  
in the church.**

**See you there!**



The more the merrier!

### **Urgent Appeal**

We have two families in the parish, seeking two or more  
bedroom accommodation to rent or purchase. If anyone is  
able to offer assistance or knows of vacant properties in the  
local area, please speak to Fr Ben or Linda Mamedy.



*The Holy Rosary* Each bead is a step towards  
the Heart of Jesus through the Heart of Mary.

St Maximillian Kolbe

**Smart Homes** Young Mum's group the final session  
is on 1st December from 9am to 10.30am in the  
Canon Beausang Parish Room. The theme is  
entertainment. There will be the usual tea, coffee,  
and good conversation. If you were not at the other  
sessions you are more than welcome to join in. The  
pumpkin cake was delicious!

**Thursday Morning Club** gather together after the  
10am Mass on Thursdays. Come along for a cuppa,  
new and long lasting friendships, outings and  
activities. All are welcome.

**Knit & Natter** are meeting every Thursday  
afternoon from following on from the Thursday  
Morning Club. Bring your knitting, crochet or  
favourite craft to share a chat, in a warm, friendly  
space over a tea or coffee from 12.30pm  
onwards. Tell your friends. You don't  
have to be Catholic to join. Any  
resources to donate get in touch with  
Gloriana Andrew. We have already  
shared some lovely memories.



**Information Technology Workshop** The  
Introductory IT workshop took place last Saturday  
led by our parish IT professional. All those who  
attended, benefitted from the shared knowledge,  
gaining new skills and greater access to the wealth of  
information available on the internet, as well as  
picking up valuable tips on how to stay safe. The  
next workshop will be on 6<sup>th</sup> December at a cost of  
£10 per person. Dates for further classes in 2026 will  
be confirmed in January depending on demand. If  
you would like to book a place/get further  
information, please contact Marie Toomey on 07929  
973868 or email: [toomeymarie@gmail.com](mailto:toomeymarie@gmail.com).

**The Trussell Trust Foodbank** do not accept clothes  
and unwanted toys so please do not leave them at  
back of the church. Food items should be unopened  
and within their use by date. The rising cost of living  
means many families will go without Christmas  
festivities this year. Thank you for your contribution.

**St Raphael's Hospice** are holding their Christmas  
Market in St Bede's Conference Centre (London  
Road, Cheam, SM3 9DX) on Saturday 29th  
November between 12pm-5pm and Sunday 30th  
November from 10am-4pm. Visit [https://  
www.straphaels.org.uk/Event/christmasmarket](https://www.straphaels.org.uk/Event/christmasmarket).

**A Day With Mary** is planned for:

**6th December 10am**

**St John the Baptist Church, Purley**

**13th December 9.30am**

**St Mary's, Our Lady of Reparation,  
at West Croydon**



**Friday Adoration:** Holy Hour and Adoration takes place between 6 and 7 o'clock every Friday evening including devotion to the Divine Mercy. Holy Mass follows immediately after the Holy Hour.



**Prayers for the Sick and Housebound** We pray for those facing illness and ask that they may experience the healing power of the love of Lord Jesus that He brings comfort and peace to their bodies, minds and spirit.

Please keep in your prayers the wellbeing of: D.H, Adelaide Cotter, Paul Fairhall, Amy Bradbury (nee Mckenzie), Marie Goti, Michael Christou, John Rosenow, Mary Silva, Michael Hoskins & Dorothy Upton.

### Parish Life

**Parish Surgery:** Parish Office hours are on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 11:00am to 1:00pm and 4:00pm to 6:00pm, for all enquiries formal, informal or personal.



**Devotion to our Mother Mary:** If you would like the travelling statue of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary to visit your home. Please add

your name at the back of the Church.

### Offertory Collection

*The Offertory on the 15th/16th November raised £1106.57*

*Candle Stand Collection £102.04*

**This weekend Second Offertory** is for The Catholic Youth Service, providing retreats, training, events and activities for both under and over 18 year olds. Please pick up a Southwark Catholic Youth Service leaflet.

**Mass Intentions:** Envelopes for Mass Intentions are available in church. Look out for the green envelopes.

**Parish Registration:** the last complete parish census was carried out over thirty years ago. Through parish registration we are able to gather basic information to help with decision making, create a programme of pastoral care and understand better the needs of our parish community. \*You may receive a call over the coming months to check whether your parish registration is still current.\* If you know you are not registered please do pick up a form from the table just inside the double glass doors of the church or ask a fellow parishioner, they will be glad to help. Once completed drop the form in through the Presbytery letterbox next door.

**Garden of Peace:** Please, if you wish a memorial plaque be erected in the garden of peace for the burial of the ashes of a loved one, kindly contact Jim via [jimfredfield@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jimfredfield@hotmail.co.uk) or Marie through [toomeymarie@gmail.com](mailto:toomeymarie@gmail.com) so that our beloved departed can be recalled in our parish remembrance records.

**The Repository** don't forget our repository is stocked with lots of new religious items and cards for any occasion throughout the liturgical year. If you are looking for that special gift do call in. The Repository is open, after each Mass at the weekends.

**Little Church Appeal** We are collecting resources to support the children who attend Little Church. Items we would gratefully receive:



- Pens
- Colouring pencils
- Tissue paper
- Scissors
- Card & craft materials

Where to leave items:

Please place all donated items in the Canon Beausang Parish Room.

Monetary donations:

If you would like to give a financial contribution, please hand it to any of the Little Church volunteers. Your support helps us purchase much-needed resources for the children.

*Thank you for your kindness and generosity!*



**A Nativity** As we prepare for this year's Christmas Nativity, we're collecting Nativity outfits — angels, shepherds, kings, animals, etc. \*\*If you have any costumes (used or new) to donate, please place them in the donations box at the back of the Church.\*\*

**First Holy Communion 2026** The closing date to register for First Holy Communion Catechism Classes 2026 is now Sunday 30th November. Kindly visit the parish website to register and reserve a place. There will be a parents meeting in January.



**RCIA Becoming Catholic:** Anyone wishing to join the Catholic Church is asked to pick up a form from the Sacristy to register your interest and leave your name with Fr Ben. More information is available on the parish website. The church will be open on Saturday 6th December at 11am for the first meeting in the Family Room. Please bring your completed forms with you. We look forward to seeing you.



**A Parish Youth Group** Thank you to all those who signed up for the Youth Group and came along last Thursday. The new group meets every Thursday between 5pm and 6.30pm in the Canon Beausang Parish Room.

**For youth leaders** get in contact for a new piloted online training scheme. [youth@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcaos.org.uk)

### St Cecilia's Primary School

Support our parish school Fair, Saturday 29th November 2025 from 12 noon until 3pm. Visit Santa and his helpers, look out for that Elf on the Shelf or pick up a novelty gift from one of the various stalls.

Check the school website for information on nursery and school applications, visits and tours. See <https://www.stcecilias.school/>







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**Parochial Administrator:** Fr Benedict Fadoju

**Confessions:** 5:00pm – 6:00pm Saturdays or please contact Fr Benedict on request

**Hospital Chaplain:** Fr Philip Pak      **Telephone:** St Helier: 0208 296 2917

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)

**THE CENTENARY YEAR OF  
 THE SOLEMNITY OF JESUS CHRIST  
 THE KING OF THE UNIVERSE**



**Sat. 22nd Nov. 06:30pm. Davie Wheelan**  
*(10th Anniversary RIP)*

**Sun. 23rd Nov. 09:30am. Deceased Relative &  
 Friends of the Upton &  
 Moroney Family** *(RIP)*

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

**Mon. 24th Nov. NO MASS**

**Tues. 25th Nov. 10:00am. Fr John Mulligan** *(RIP)*  
**Eleanor Kavanagh** *(Speedy Recovery)*

**Wed. 26th Nov. 10:00am. Reginal Paul Bikram** *(RIP)*

**Thur. 27th Nov. 10:00am. Thomas & Ann McHugh** *(RIP)*

**Fri. 28th Nov. 06:00pm. Holy Hour Adoration & Benediction**  
 07:00pm. Sarah Shanahan *(5th Anniversary RIP)*

**FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT**

**Sat. 29th Nov. 06:30pm. Patrick Looney** *(Birthday RIP)*

**Sun. 30th Nov. 09:30am. Bert Upton** *(Birthday RIP)*

11:00am. Marie Oliva *(Anniversary RIP)*  
 Ian Lewis *(Anniversary RIP)*

**THE INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR NOVEMBER**

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

*With the light and the strength of the Holy Spirit, let us build a Church founded on God's love, a sign of unity, a missionary Church that opens its arms to the world, proclaims the word, allows itself to be made "restless" by history, and becomes a leaven of harmony for humanity. Pope Leo XIV*



**Saints of the Week**



**22nd ST CECILIA**  
*Pray for Us*

**24th Saints Andrew Dũng-Lac &  
 Companions**

**25th St Catherine of Alexandria**  
**27th St Catherine Labouré**  
**29th St Cuthbert Mayne &  
 Companions**

**This week we also pray for**

*All the young people of our  
 parish, for all our  
 Confirmation Candidates past,  
 present and future.*

*For our Catechists and their  
 Families*

*Cecili Solomon (RIP)*  
*Matthew Andrew (RIP)*

*Members of the  
 Rebello Family and their Special  
 Intentions*

**St Cecilia Parish is aiming to  
 reduce the flow of paper.**

**You will be able to access the  
 parish newsletter via the QR  
 codes as you enter the church,  
 visit the website or receive a  
 copy via email.**



**Beginning next week a reduced  
 number of printed newsletters  
 will be made available for those  
 who prefer a hard copy.**

## SUNDAY

Plus Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe **Divine Office Week II Year C****England & Wales: Youth Day**

"Long live Christ the King!"

*Fr Miguel Pro SJ died, aged thirty-six, on 23 November 1927, one of twenty-five beatified martyrs of Mexico's Cristero War.*

Lord, you know that I am innocent. With all my heart I forgive my enemies." As the gendarmes took aim, in a firm, clear voice, he spoke his last words: "¡Viva Cristo Rey!" – "Long live Christ the King!"

The guns were fired: Fr Pro met his martyrdom calmly and heroically...

The photographers, who had been invited by the fanatic Calles, kept the shutters clicking during the whole process, and for that reason, we have a good photographic record of the martyrdom. However, the stock photographic display of serenity and heroism soon made the possession of the photographs a crime.

*Ann Ball, Blessed Miguel Pro: 20th-century Mexican martyr*

At 10:00 that morning, the sweater-clad Fr Pro was the first to be led out of the cells. No due process had been accorded him; he had not even received a trial. Nor was he told of his impending death, though it seems that

he sensed something was about to happen...

Fr Pro walked across the compound with a steady, measured tread, holding his little crucifix in his right hand and his rosary in his left... little knots of

photographers, reporters and distinguished guests stood around, waiting...

As his last request, Miguel asked to be allowed to pray. He knelt in front of the bullet-pocked walls and fervently prayed for two

minutes. After his prayer he kissed his crucifix and stood with his arms outstretched in the form of a cross, rejecting the offered blindfold. Facing the firing squad, Miguel said, "May God have mercy on you. May God bless you.

Lord Jesus, king and centre of my heart, make my heart like yours: big enough to hold the world and all its peoples. 🙏 Amen.

## Role models

By being in the world, through our choices and actions, we change the world each day, for better or for worse.

My day is regularly brightened by the smile and cheery "Good morning" of a student walking into school. I was touched by the thoughtful mother writing more than twenty years after I had taught her son to tell me what the boy – now man – is now doing. I am constantly encouraged by the faith of a young child interpreting and sharing her

understanding of scripture with great clarity and simplicity.

These different people are role models because they change the world for the better and through their actions inspire others like me to do the same. They share a humility and a consciousness that goes beyond themselves. Surely, one day, it is role models such as these to whom Jesus will say, "You will be with me in paradise".

*Michael George has worked in Catholic schools in the south of England for twenty-five years, as a teacher, headteacher and chaplain.*

Christ goes before us. The world needs his light. Humanity needs him as the bridge that can lead us to God and his love.

Pope Leo XIV



## Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

## Young hope

Signs of hope are also needed by those who are the very embodiment of hope, namely, the young. Sadly, they often see their dreams and aspirations frustrated. We must not disappoint them, for the future depends on their enthusiasm. It is gratifying to see the energy they demonstrate, for example, by rolling up their sleeves and volunteering to help when disasters strike and people are in need. Yet it is sad to see young people who are without hope, who face an uncertain and unpromising future, who lack employment or job security, or realistic prospects after finishing school. Without the hope that their dreams can come true, they will inevitably grow discouraged and listless... For this reason, the Jubilee should inspire the Church to make greater efforts to reach out to them. With renewed passion, let us demonstrate care and concern for adolescents, students and young couples, the rising generation. Let us draw close to the young, for they are the joy and hope of the Church and of the world!

*Pope Francis, Bull of Indiction of the Ordinary Jubilee of the year 2025:12*

## READINGS

Today:  
2 Samuel 5:1-3  
Colossians 1:12-20  
Luke 23:35-43

Monday:  
Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20  
Luke 21:1-4

Tuesday:  
Daniel 2:31-45  
Luke 21:5-11

Wednesday:  
Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14,  
16-17, 23-28  
Luke 21:12-19

Thursday:  
Daniel 6:12-28  
Luke 21:20-28

Friday:  
Daniel 7:2-14  
Luke 21:29-33

Saturday:  
Daniel 7:15-27  
Luke 21:34-36

Next Sunday:  
Isaiah 2:1-5  
Romans 13:11-14  
Matthew 24:37-44