



HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

AD MAJOREM DEI GLORIAM
(For the Greater Glory of God)

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The Church is open all day, every day
 for private prayer

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday	31st January	5.00pm Vigil holy Mass	In Thanksgiving (Tony Charlton)
Sunday	1st February	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Jessica and Sacha Thomas (Caroline Hinkes)
Monday	2nd February 12.30pm Episcopal Ordination - Southwark Cathedral		
Tuesday	3rd February Pastoral visit to HMP Belmarsh		
Wednesday	4th February	9.30am	Well-being of Fr Jeya (Tony Charlton)
Thursday	5th February	9.30am	Lecky D'Rozan RIP (Angela Golding)
Friday	6th February	9.30am	Michael (Patricia Connor)

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday	7th February	5.00pm Vigil holy Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday	6th February	9.00am 11.00am	Albert Kingdom RIP (Tony Charlton) In Thanksgiving (Phil and Mary Jameson)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY; 4.00pm - 4.30pm

MORNING PRAYER AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY; 9.00AM

(Prayer book: Week 4 of the psalter)

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“Structures (and that means ‘Organising’) cannot create life, but are needed to contain it. No amount of buckets can create water but once there is water, buckets are important for all practical purposes. It seems that the equation holds good, ‘no buckets, no water.’ Structures become important, once life is found, but if there is no life then no change of structures will bring it about.”
 (Robert Warren in ‘Kingdom and Ministry’)

BROTHERS AND SISTERS WHO ARE UNWELL

Please pray for, Jill O'Donnell, Manuel Rodrigues, David Palmer and everyone who is in any kind of distress. May the good Lord give them peace and patience in their moments of need "May the gifts of illness and old age bring our sisters and brothers the gift of wisdom and help them to be closer to the Lord."

WELCOME

We welcome, with joy and love, new members of our parish:
Marie-Madeleine and Leon Husunu
Spencer and Anat
Ragheed and Suha

PRAYERS, PLEASE

Please remember, in your prayers, to thank the Lord for:

Paul, who has been commissioned by our Archdiocese to become an 'Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion'. Paul now joins our parish group of Ministers who have the enormous honour and privilege of sharing in such a great, sacred gift.

Canon Gerard Bradley, who will be ordained an Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Southwark on Monday this week.

Please pray for me too that my visit to the High-Security prison of HMP Belmarsh, this week, will be helpful to the residents and staff in the prison.

CHURCH CLEANING - NEXT FRIDAY 6TH FEBRUARY, AFTER HOLY MASS

Please could you come to help us keep the place where the Lord dwells among us, clean and tidy. Thank you.

DATES FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Our programme of preparation for the two Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist for children and their parents is well underway.

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday morning, the 15th March, beginning at 10.00am in our church.

Our children will receive Our Blessed Lord in Holy Communion for the first time, with their parents, on Sunday 7th June, during 11.00am holy Mass.

ECUMENICAL LENT MEETINGS

As last year, I have invited our friends from the other Christian Churches in our area, to join us for a three-part series of discussions during the holy Season of Lent which begins in the not too distant future!

We will meet in the Olde Forge Cafe at 12.00midday for one hour, on the 12th, 19th and 26th of March. We will be talking about the three great theological virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity. One of the leaders of each Christian Church in our area will give a 10/15 minute introduction and then pose a few questions to the group for discussion. On the 12th, Graham, our local Methodist Minister will lead on the theme of 'Faith.' I'll lead on the theme of 'Hope', on the 19th. We will be led by a third person on the theme of 'Charity' on the 26th.

Please pop these dates and time in your diary.

HOSTS, IN THE EVANGELISATION CAFE, THE OLDE FORGE

Thank you so much to all the wonderful people who act as Hosts in our Olde Forge Cafe. If you are not yet a Host, please speak with me. It would be great to increase the team of Hosts. All training to operate the Coffee Machine, will be given.

HOLY MASS INTENTION/STIPEND

An Intention for holy Mass is a specific prayer, often for a particular person or purpose, that a priest offers during the celebration of a holy Mass. It is the best way that we have to unite our lives, our hopes, our fears, our joys and our sorrows with the Lord Jesus. It is the best way possible, because every time holy Mass takes place, the Lord's Death and Resurrection also takes place.

A holy Mass Intention is a prayer asking that the Lord's victory over sin and death be applied to the Intention. The Intention can be for those who are still living in this world or for those who have left this world. Anyone, of course, may request a holy Mass - In Thanksgiving, for a Birthday, for someone who has died, on the occasion of a special Anniversary, for someone who is unwell or for any other intention that we believe the good Lord wishes to hear and possibly to give us. Every holy Mass is the making present of the Lord offering his saving love to everyone, so every holy Mass is for everyone! However, sometimes we have specific Intentions that we may wish to mention to the Lord.

A 'Stipend' or Offering for the holy Mass is not a fee! It is not 'the cost of a holy Mass'! The holy Mass is so sacred, so full of the Lord's presence and saving power that it is priceless! In fact, the Stipend is only a gesture of gratitude and care for the priest who celebrates the holy Mass for you. It is a way for supporting our priests who, although they do not receive salaries, still need personal funds to meet their own 'costs of living.' The Stipend suggested by the Archdiocese of Southwark Finance Committee is a minimum of £10 for each holy Mass. Of course, anyone who can't afford a Stipend should still request a holy Mass Intention and I'm sure every priest would always be more than happy to celebrate holy Mass for someone in that situation.

Here in our parish, please use the holy Mass Intention envelopes which you will find in the porch of the church. Please write the details of the Intention, a preferred date if required, enclose the Stipend, and let me have it directly or post it through the presbytery letterbox.

INTERESTED IN FINDING OUT MORE ABOUT OUR CATHOLIC FAITH?

If you are not a Catholic or if you are already a Catholic but haven't yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation, please let me know

BEQUEST, IN A WILL

It is wise to write a Will so that the resources you have when the time comes for you to leave this world, goes to the people and organisations you wish. May I suggest that you might consider leaving a Bequest in your will to our parish or to our diocese or to our priest as well as to other causes. A gift in your will can enable us to continue to help people to know the Lord Jesus and his saving love. What a wonderful legacy you would be leaving behind.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD DURING 11.00am SUNDAY HOLY MASS

Dear Parents, please make sure that you and your children arrive early for Sunday holy Mass so that the children, at the beginning of holy Mass, may make their way into the sacristy with our Catechists, to begin their own special reflection on the Sunday Gospels.

OLDE FORGE CAFE - FREE COFFEE AND CAKE FOR OUR VISITORS

Please do your best to bring members of your family, your friends, neighbours and colleagues who normally have little, if any contact with our Catholic parish, to the Olde Forge Cafe. Please remember that those you bring with you DO NOT give a donation for their coffee and cake. Only us, who are regular members of our parish, are asked to give a donation, each time, to cover the cost of the Coffee machine, coffee beans, heat, light etc. Dear Bakers and those who provide milk, please remember to take your expenses from the donations received.

SUNDAY COLLECTION 24/25 January

Plate: £149.26

Card Reader: £410.00

(Collection for the 'Archbishop's Fund': £191.29)

LECTORS FOR THIS WEEK

Wed: Collette

Thu: Marian

Fri: David

ROTAS - FEBRUARY 2026

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

31 January: 5pm Linda
1st February: 9am Regina; 11am Patrick
7/8: 5pm Paul; 9am Lizzie; 11am Lorenza
14/15: 5pm Patricia; 9am Maggie; 11am Ross
21/22: 5pm David; 9am Marian; 11am Angela
28: 5pm Phil
1st March: 9am Margaret; 11am Simone

LECTORS

31 January 5pm Lisa
1st February 9am Richard; 11am Lorenza
7/8: 5pm Mutsa; 9am Phil; 11am Marian
14/15: 5pm Jim; 9am Mike Guckian; 11am Chris Mallows
21/22: 5pm Collette; 9am Gerry; 11am Chinwe
28: 5pm Claire
1st March: 9am Giannina; 11am Maggie

HOSTS

31st January: Maggie, Patrick
1st February: Jim, Ros
3: Lorenza, Patricia
7: Gabrielle, Giannina
8: Simone, Jenny
10: Linda, Bridget
14: Jim, Collette
15: Leslie, Marian
17: Linda, Bridget
21: David, Mary
22: Regina, Phil
24: Lorenza, Patricia
28: Lizzie, Paul
1st March: Giannina, Jim

BAKERS/PROVIDERS

7: Caroline
14: Kinga
21: Chinwe
28: Gerry