



HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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

Monsignor Malachy Keegan
 The Presbytery,
 115 Limpsfield Road,
 Sanderstead,
 CR2 9LF

Admin Assistance (Parish Room)
 Wed: 10.15am - 12.15pm

Fr Malachy (Parish Room)
 (Meetings by appointment)
 Sat: 9.00am - 12.00Midday

22nd February 2026

Telephone

Parish: 020 8657 1728

Website

www.catholicchurchsanderstead.org.uk

Email:

malachykeegan@rcaos.org.uk

Pastoral Assistant: Lorenza Bellavia
Administrative Assistant: Maggie Bowes

Parish Safeguarding Representative:
 Angela Osmond
sandersteadsg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk
 07762 930 657

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday	21st February	5.00pm Vigil holy Mass	Thomas Lacey RIP (Maggie Bailey)
Sunday	22nd February	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish The living and dead of the Ward and Cavanna families

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday	28th February	5.00pm Vigil holy Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday	1st March	9.00am 11.00am	Michael (Patricia Connor) Maria (Giannina)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY; 4.00pm - 4.30pm

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“Lent comes providentially, to reawaken us, to shake us from our lethargy.”

(Pope Francis)

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."

PRAYERS, PLEASE

Please remember in your prayers many of the priests working in this Archdiocese. We are meeting with Archbishop John, this week, at a Conference Centre near Nottingham, to pray and to share our visions of the future missionary nature of the Archdiocese of Southwark

THANK YOU

Everyone who came to our meeting last Sunday afternoon to discuss the frequency and times of Sunday holy Masses in our parish. Archbishop John asks all parishes in the Archdiocese to reduce their Sunday holy Mass schedule, during the Summer, by one holy Mass and to revise the times of Sunday holy Masses. Thank you also to those who sent me emails and texts. Thank you especially, to those who asked what would help me if there was to be a change in the times and the frequency of our Sunday holy Masses!

DISCUSSION ON THE FREQUENCY AND TIMES OF SUNDAY HOLY MASSES IN OUR PARISH

The overwhelming consensus of opinion among our parishioners is that having a choice of three Sunday holy Masses in our small parish is not necessary and that in fact having three Sunday holy Masses is only there for convenience sake! Everyone is agreed that two Sunday holy Masses are more than enough for our needs and not just in the Summer! Everybody also agreed that if we are told to lose a Sunday holy Mass, then it must be the 9.00am Sunday holy Mass that we lose, since it is the least well-attended of our present three Masses. It was agreed by almost everyone that given the loss of the 9.00am holy Mass, then the time of the present 11.00am holy Mass will need to be a little earlier in the day. Almost everyone was in agreement that the best time for a Sunday morning holy Mass would be 10.30am.

I have sent your recommendations of two Sunday holy Masses in Holy Family parish, at least during the Summer each year, to the Diocese, i.e:

Sunday Vigil holy Mass at 5.00pm on Saturdays

Sunday holy Mass at 10.30am on Sundays

The frequency and times of holy Mass in all parishes in the Archdiocese is decided by Archbishop John and his Advisors. So, we await the decision.

USE OF THE KITCHEN IN THE OLDE FORGE CAFÉ

Please note that the Cafe is only licensed to provide hot drinks and cakes. We are not insured for the cooking or provision of hot food. There are regulations around hygiene and food safety which we would have to meet, before we would be able to offer cooked or heated food to Visitors to the Cafe. Also, only someone with the required Health and Safety certification is permitted by Law, to prepare food for public consumption.

We can, of course, apply for permission to provide cooked or heated food in our Cafe and as long as we can satisfy all the requirements, we would receive permission to do so. This is what we have done in the past for special occasions. If we were to use the cooking facilities and equipment in our Cafe and provide food, without the required permissions, we could be in difficulty. If an accident occurred in the kitchen or someone became unwell after consuming food, we could well face a very large fine or even the compulsory closure of the Cafe. Please speak with me, well in advance, if you would like to suggest an occasion when we could provide cooked or heated food. We would need to satisfy all requirements and seek the approvals needed, which we could do. Many thanks.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

SUNDAY COLLECTION (14/15 February)

Basket: £163.00

Card Reader: £447

PARISH FOOD BANK

Our rota for the delivery of food to the Good Shepherd school in New Addington begins this week. Please find the rota below. The dates indicated are Thursdays during the school term. Please collect the two hessian bags of fruit on Thursdays from the porch of the presbytery between the hours of 8.30am and 2.30pm. Please then bring the fruit to the school in New Addington. The fruit could even be collected and delivered on Friday mornings too, if necessary. The address of the school is:

23, Dunley Drive New Addington CR0 0RG.

The school is close to the Good Shepherd Catholic Church.

26th Feb: Margaret Laycock

5th March: Maggie Bailey

12th March: Lauren Andrews Knight

19th March: Mark Stanley

26th March: Frederick Clarke

ROTAS - MARCH 2026

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

7/8: 5pm Mary; 9am Lisa; 11am Carolyn
14/15: 5pm Jim; 9am Gabrielle; 11am Giannina
21/22: 5pm Lesley; 9am Linda; 11am Regina
28/29: 5pm Patrick; 9am Paul; 11am Lizzie

LECTORS

7/8: 5pm Jim; 9am Lorenza; 11am Patricia
14/15: 5pm Mutsa; 9am Phil; 11am Marian
21/22: 5pm Mike; 9am Chris; 11am Collette
28/29: 5pm Paul; 9am Gerry; 11am Claire

HOSTS

3: Maggie, Regina
7: Phil, Mary
8: Patricia, Jim
10: Colette, David
14: Marian, Lesley
15: Lesley, Emmanuela
17: Patrick, Paul
21: Simone, Gaberielle
22: Bridget, Jannine
24: Ros, Lizzie
28: Kelly-Ann, Carolyn
29: Giannina, Lorenza
31: Linda, Maggie

BAKERS

7: Lauren
14: Margaret Fuller
21: Anderson
28: Mary