



# HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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

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**18th January 2026**

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

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday	17th January	5.00pm Vigil holy Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday	18th January	9.00am 11.00am	Molly and Paul Richards (Patricia Connor) Gillian and David Brunning (Patricia Connor)
Tuesday	20th January	12.30pm	Funeral holy Mass of Catherine Pattison
Wednesday	21st January	9.30am	Michael Connor (Patricia Connor)
Thursday	22nd January	9.30am	Fr J.J. Hay
Friday	23rd January	9.30am	Gillian and David Brunning (Patricia Connor)
Saturday 24th January 9.30am Holy Mass and Pastoral Visit to HMP Wandsworth			

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday	24th January	5.00pm Vigil holy Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday	25th January	9.00am 11.00am	Sean O'Connor Sheila Ryan

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY; 4.00pm - 4.30pm

## MORNING PRAYER AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY; 9.00AM  
(Prayer book: Week 2 of the psalter)

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Don't worry about making mistakes. Mistakes are proof that you are trying."

## **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."

## **PARISH OFFICE**

Our Parish Office re-opens this Wednesday (21st January) immediately after holy Mass until 12.15pm, for all queries and requests. The Office is normally open every Wednesday.

## **HMP WANDSWORTH**

The conditions in the prison are grim for both residents and staff. Please pray that my visit to the prison, this week, and the celebration of holy Mass in the prison will help to bring hope to the hundreds of people who live and work there.

## **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.

## **PROGRAMME OF PREPARATION FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FOR CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS**

Our First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion preparation programme for children and their parents, began on Friday 16th January, and continues at 5.00pm next Saturday in the Parish Room.

## **PROGRAMME OF PREPARATION FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, FOR CHILDREN**

Our programme to help parents to prepare their children for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist will begin early in the New Year. Meetings for Parents and meetings for their children will be on Friday evenings at 5.00pm. The parents will meet with Fr Malachy in the Parish Room and the children will meet with our Catechists in the Sacristy of the church, at the same time. Each meeting will last just 30 minutes. The dates of the meetings are flexible but we are planning to have the first six meetings on:

16th, 23rd, and 30th January 2026, then the 6th, 13th and 20th of February 2026. First Reconciliation for Children and their parents will be during the Season of Lent 2026 and First Holy Communion during the month of June 2026.

If you have a child who you think is ready to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion in 2026, please let me have details as soon as possible so that we can begin our planning.

## **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.

## **LECTORS FOR THIS WEEK**

Wed: Collette

Thu: Lizzie

Fri: Paul

## **ROTAS - JANUARY 2026**

### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

3/4: 5pm Margaret; 9am Simone; 11am Mary  
10/11: 5pm Lisa; 9am Carolyn; 11am John  
17/18: 5pm Jim; 9am Angela; 11am Marian  
24/25: 5pm Gabrielle; 9am Giannina; 11am Lesley

### **LECTORS**

3/4: 5pm Lisa; 9am David; 11am Paul  
10/11: 5pm Phil; 9am Mike Guckian; 11am Chinwe  
17/18: 5pm Patricia; 9am Gerry; 11am Mutsa  
24/25: 5pm Claire; 9am Chris Mallows; 11am Lorenza

### **HOSTS**

3: Jenny, Kelly-Ann  
4: Marian, Collette  
6: Gardening group  
10: Maggie, Lesley  
11: Patricia, Jim  
13: Gardening group  
17: David, Ross  
18: Mary, Phil  
20: Gardening group  
24: Simone, Regina  
25: Lorenza, Paul

### **BAKERS/PROVIDERS**

3: Lizzie  
10: Claire  
17: Bridget  
24: Sophie  
31: Giannina