



# HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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

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**25th January 2026**

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

## 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
Monday	26th January	9.30am	Tony (Patricia Connor)
Tuesday	27th January	6.00pm	Ros (Gardening group)
Wednesday	28th January	9.30am	Simon Johnson (Sheila)
Friday	30th January	9.30am	Olivia Wallwork (Brenda Wheeler and family)

## 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)

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY; 4.00pm - 4.30pm

## MORNING PRAYER AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY; 9.00AM

## EVENING PRAYER AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

TUESDAY; 5.30PM

(Prayer book: Week 3 of the psalter)

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"One of the frightening things in Britain today is that we are simply looking for 'lapsed' Catholics and not for the 40,000,000 who have never known Christ. There are 10,000,000 such people in London. Our work is not a 'holding operation', trying to hang on to what we have got. That is not Christ's vision." (Fr Jim McManus)

## **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."

## **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.

## **EVANGELISATION CAFE (OLDE FORGE CAFE)**

Part of our parish response to the words of Fr Jim McManus (see this week's 'Thought for the Week') is the existence of our Evangelisation Cafe. The Cafe is, first and foremost, a way of encouraging new people who do not yet know the Lord Jesus, to get to know him through us. The Cafe as a place where retired people can have somewhere to go is not the reason for its existence. Nonetheless, of course, we do hope that the many retired people living in our area have meaningful and happy lives and feel that they can get to know the Lord Jesus through us, in the Cafe. Our Cafe is simply an attempt to break out of an inward-looking pastoral strategy built on maintaining things, to an outward-looking pastoral strategy built on 'mission', which is the very task that the Lord lays upon the shoulders of every adult Catholic person in our parish. The Cafe is not a place for us to simply sit down and enjoy sponsored food and drinks. It is, rather, a place where each of us is asked by the Lord to bring someone we know, but that someone we bring is to be a person who doesn't yet know the Lord and his Church. The success of this project is entirely in our hands. Hopefully, one day, the Lord will say to you, "Well done, good and faithful servant. Now, enter into my Kingdom, your work for me is done." Social Workers do great work but we are not Social Workers; we are Missionaries of the Lord Jesus.

## **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.

## **RETIRING COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND (31 Jan/1 Feb)**

Our Retiring Collection next weekend will be for 'Pax Christi', the Catholic international Peace Movement, based on the Christian Gospel and inspired by Faith. 'Pax Christi' (the Peace of Christ) works with all who share a vision of a world where all people can live in peace, without fear or violence in any form.

## **SUNDAY COLLECTIONS FOR 17/18 JANUARY**

Loose Cash: £149.26

Card Reader: £474.57

## **LECTORS FOR THIS WEEK**

Mon: Jim

Tue: Giannina

Wed: Lorenza

Fri: Maggie

## **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