



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

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY

Saturday	3rd January	5.00pm Vigil holy Mass	Michael Connor (Patricia Connor)
Sunday	4th January	9.00am 11.00am	Molly and Paul Richards (Patricia Connor) People of the Parish

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Monday	5th January	6.00pm	Vigil Holy Mass of the Epiphany Simon Johnson
Tuesday	6th January	9.30am	Olivia Wallwork (Brenda Wheeler and Family)

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Saturday	10th January	5.00pm Vigil holy Mass	
Sunday	11th January	9.00am 11.00am	

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)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY; 4.00pm - 4.30pm

MORNING PRAYER AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

TUESDAY; 9.00AM

EVENING PRAYER AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

MONDAY; 5.30PM (Prayer book: Week 1 of the psalter)

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"The profound vocation of every Catholic is precisely to love God and Jesus Christ. It is out of that love that our good work and example flows"

(Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor)

2026

How inspiring it was to see so many people celebrating holy Mass on New Year's Day, beginning the New Year in the best possible way.

Whatever may come your way in this New Year, allowing the Lord to be close to you guarantees you will have peace and joy and love in your heart and also the strength and resilience that you may require to face any difficulties.

HAPPY NEW YEAR, DEAR SISTERS AND BROTHERS

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."

PRAYERFUL CONGRATULATIONS

Sian and Sarah for their decisions to be adult witnesses in the world, to the Lord's truth and love, following their reception of the great Sacrament of Confirmation.

PARISH OFFICE

Please note that our Parish Office, now closed on Wednesday mornings, will re-open on Wednesday 21st January from 10.15am until 12.15pm.

THANK YOU

Jim for keeping us safe by making sure the pathways were accessible for everyone during the snowy and icy days.

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, begins on Friday 16th January, at 5.00pm 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

We will begin again the Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 11.00am holy Mass, on Sunday 18th January and subsequent Sundays. 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.

CALLED TO BEAR FRUIT CONSULTATION RESPONSE.

Thank you to the thousands of people who took part in the Called to Bear Fruit consultation. We are grateful to you all for sharing so openly your hopes for the life of the Church in our Archdiocese. The consultation response, which includes 15 actions points for renewal, is available at <https://rcaos.org.uk/calledtobearfruit> and hardcopies will be sent to every parish. The consultation revealed a burning desire within our parishes to be missionary and evangelising disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ, who work together to help people encounter His love. So, as we move forward on the next steps together, let's build up the Body of Christ in Southwark with faith and confidence, becoming ever more a community of missionary disciples filled with joy and hope for the future. As an Archdiocese, we will continue to discern the process of renewal, and further updates will be provided in due course.

There are hard copies of the 'Report on the Consultation', in the porch of the church. I'm afraid they are rain-damaged but hopefully still readable.

CRIB OFFERINGS

The Crib Offerings this year will be for 'The Manna Society', an organisation working in Central London which provides food, clothes, medical care and much more to homeless people living on the streets of our capital city.

LECTORS FOR THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Mon 5th Jan: 6.00pm Lisa

Tue 6th Jan: 9.30am Gabrielle

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