

INFORMATION

**LAST SUNDAY COLLECTION: £ 279.11 Sacristy £31.70**  
**SECOND COLLECTION:** Next weekend is for **The Catholic Education Services.**

**NEW YOUTH GROUP ALERT!** Dive into a space made just for you- where faith grows, fun happens, & pizza is always on the table. Each week we'll explore what it means to follow Jesus in today's world through faith formation, followed by games that'll get you laughing & yes, hot pizza to keep it real. Come for the fun, stay for the faith, & bring a friend. Starting in September!  
**PRAYER GROUP:** We begin on Monday **1<sup>st</sup> September at 7.00pm** in the St Andrew's Room. All, including children, are welcome to come and join us for an hour of prayer and sharing

**FIRSTHOLY COMMUION:** Registration for the First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation preparation is now open. If your child is entering Year 3 in September 2025 (or is older) kindly contact parish office.

**ALTER SERVERS GATHERING:** Induction and Training for new Altar Servers will take place which will be on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September @ 10am. This is a monthly training and induction session. Refreshments will be provided for the children. Thank you.  
**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** We invite all our Eucharistic Ministers to gather on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September @ 7pm**, in St Andrews Room. It is important for everyone involved to attend, please. \*If you are interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister for the Eucharist, you are also welcome to join us, please contact Fr Vipin.

Let us pray for the Sick  
Celia Sheehan, Alan Tilanus, Kimberley Kelly, Cillian Madden.  
Let us pray for the Dead  
Mary Guizzetti, Frank Healy, Garry Manning, Joseph Mackey, Muriel Rigby Victoria Hodgson.

<u>Contacts</u>	<u>Volunteers</u>
All Sacraments	Parish Priest
Catechist	Sabrina White
Children's Liturgy	Claudia Wells, Siobhan Gray, Susan Terry
Music	Teresa Cornwell, 07808 925924
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Repository	Mick Wells
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SVP	Kevin Murphy,
ECC	Simon Morrison
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**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** As we return to our normal schedule in September, we would like to invite all children up to Year 2 to join the Children's Liturgy. This will begin in the third week of September. Parents kindly encourage your children to join our Sunday 10.00am mass and children's liturgy. It will be helpful for children for their further sacramental preparations.

**CATECHISTS.** The annual Diocesan Day for Catechists will be in the Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral (Lambeth Road, SE1 6HR) on **Saturday 20th September**, from 10:00am to 4:00pm. All catechists are invited, including those involved in Liturgy of the Word for Children and the RCIA process.

**MARRIED AND ENGAGED COUPLES.** Have you seen the Sycamore series about adults & their faith? The next online course for married and engaged couples begins on Tuesday 9th September & continues on the 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>. Contact Carole on [mflkent@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflkent@rcaos.org.uk) for more information.

**SVP ANNUAL RAFFLE:** They will be selling raffle tickets after mass, over the next few weeks.

**SVP:** They will be making an appeal for new members, and asking if anyone knows of people in the community who might benefit from SVP visits, on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> Sept is the feast day of St Vincent de Paul. There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection.


**Donation to the Parish**

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**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

In Catholic teaching, the Seven Heavenly Virtues are understood as remedies or opposites to the Seven Deadly (Capital) Sins. Among them, humility—opposite of pride—is the first virtue we need to practice to attain holiness. Yet many people are confused about what humility really is.

**What is humility?** Humility is not the same as an inferiority complex. It is not degrading or belittling myself. It is not thinking less of myself, but seeing myself truthfully—as God sees me: a beloved creature, utterly dependent on Him. When I stop centring everything on myself, then like a shy little jasmine, unaware of its beauty, my fragrance can spread outward—toward others and toward God.

The word *humility* comes from the Latin *humus*, meaning “soil” or “earth.” In Genesis we read: “The Lord God formed man from the dust of the earth” (Gen 2:7). To be humble is to remember this truth: I am dust, and to dust I shall return. Adam's sin was pride—a refusal to accept his creaturely limits, a failure to recognize who God is and who man is.

St. Augustine captures it perfectly: *“It was pride that changed angels into devils; it is humility that makes men as angels.”* Pride drags us down by pretending we are self-sufficient; humility lifts us up because it places us in the right relationship with God.

True humility does not erase our humanity—it fulfils it. Holiness is not about becoming angels, but about becoming fully human as God created us to be: living in truth, love, and dependence on Him. That is where humility lies.

Father Vipin

DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTION
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> Vigil Mass	05.15 pm 06.00 pm	Confession Sue Winfield INT
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup>	10.00 am	Sean Mc Donagh RIP
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	10.00am	Fr Jake Dicto RIP
Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup>	No Mass	
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00 am	St Gregory the Great Gerald & Margaret Byrne RIP
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Parish INT
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	09.00 am 10.00am	Adoration Brendan Conway RIP
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> Vigil Mass	5.15 pm 06.00 pm	Confession Rowena Leslie RIP
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Jack Braybrook RIP

**Prayer for the Vocations**

Gracious and loving God, we thank You for the gift of our priests, help them to be strong in their vocation and become instruments of Your love and grace. Send Your Holy Spirit to give courage and guidance to all You are calling to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious Life in our Archdiocese. May those called, hear Your voice, and respond wholeheartedly to become the person You have created them to be. Heavenly Father, form us all in the likeness of Your Son, Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd, so that we may love You more deeply and serve You more faithfully. We ask this through Christ the Eternal High Priest. Amen.