

INFORMATION

LAST SUNDAY COLLECTION: £ 265.87 Sacristy £57.05

SECOND COLLECTION: This weekend is for The Catholic Education Services.

BIRTH DAY OF BLESSED MARY: As we celebrate the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Monday, there will be a special devotion to the Blessed Mary after the 10:00 am. Mass. All are welcome!

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 on Saturday 20th September at 7.00pm. Ages 12 and above.

PRAYER GROUP: The next meeting will be on Monday 15 September at 7.00pm in the St Andrew's Room on a theme of 'Care of Creation'. All, including children, are welcome to come and join us for an hour of prayer and sharing.

ALTER SERVERS GATHERING: We would like to invite all the altar servers& parents for a friendly gathering, which will be on Saturday 13th September @ 10am. Cake and refreshments will be provided.

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 16th, 23rd & 30th. Contact Carole on 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 28th Sept. 27th Sept is the feast day of St Vincent de Paul. There will be a 2nd that weekend.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION. Registration for the First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation Programme is now open. If your child is entering Year 3 in September 2025 (or is older) kindly meet Fr Vipin.

Let us pray for the Sick
Celia Sheehan, Alan Tilanus, Kimberley Kelly, Cillian Madden.

Let us pray for the Dead

Donation to the Parish

Account: 36017205

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All Sacraments	Parish Priest
Catechist	Sabrina White
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7th September, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time.

“If they could become saints, why can’t I?”

The Church is alive when her young people are alive. Pope Benedict XVI reminded us that “*the Church needs your enthusiasm, your creativity, and the joy that is so characteristic of you.*” He saw youth not only as the future, but as a vital presence in the mission of the Church today. Rooted in Christ, young people can bring new energy, courage, and hope to our parish family.



Pope Leo XIV has continued this vision. Speaking recently to over a million young people gathered in Rome for the Jubilee of Youth, he told them: “*You are the sign that a different world is possible.*” These words are a powerful reminder that our youth are called to be missionaries of hope, capable of renewing the Church and transforming the world through their faith, generosity, and service.

This very Sunday in Rome, two young men—Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati—are being declared saints. One loved computers and used it to spread the love of Jesus through evangelization; the other loved the mountains and dedicated his life to serving the poor. Neither lived long lives, yet both drew countless people closer to Christ. At last, they are recognized as saints.

As we begin our parish youth group this September, we invite all young people to join us on this exciting journey. Here, you will find a place to grow in friendship with Christ, to share your gifts, to serve the parish, and to discover the joy of walking together in faith—becoming truly happy and holy.

Together—youth, parents, and the entire parish community—we can ensure that our parish remains a place of joy, hope, and renewal.

[Father Vipin](#)

DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTION
Sat 6 th	05.15 pm	Confession
Vigil Mass	06.00 pm	Rowena Leslie RIP
Sun 7 th	10.00 am	Jack Braybrook RIP
Mon 8 th	10.00am	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Pat & Teresa Ball INT
Tue 9 th	No Mass	
Wed 10 th	10.00 am	Maria Mackey RIP
Thurs 11 th	10.00am	Sue and Philip Winfield Int.
Fri 12 th	09.00 am 10.00am	Adoration Crispin Jewitt RIP
Sat 13 th	5.15 pm	Confession
Vigil Mass	06.00 pm	Alan Nyman RIP
Sun 14 th	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.