

INFORMATION

LAST SUNDAY COLLECTION: £ 289.14 Sacristy £39.80

SECOND COLLECTION: £133.35 was raised for the Catholic Education Service. Thank you.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: We invite all our Eucharistic Ministers to gather on **Thursday 25th 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.

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 27th Sept. 28th Sept is the feast day of St Vincent de Paul. There will be a 2nd collection.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: We would like to invite all children up to Year 2 to join the Children's Liturgy from 28th September. Parents kindly encourage your children to join our Sunday 10.00am mass and children's liturgy.

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.

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.

WELCOME: We would like to extend a warm welcome to **Fr. JiJi SJ**, who is visiting our parish. He completed his doctorate at Oxford University and is currently serving as a professor at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to our parish community.

Let us pray for the Sick

Celia Sheehan, Alan Tilanus, Kimberley Kelly, Cillian Madden.

Let us pray for the Dead

Michael Murphy, Barbara Hawkins, Daniel Hamilton, Thomas Groves, Miss Cunningham, Dorothy Hay, Carmela Gibson, Keith Hempstead, Tomas Crudden, Pietro Rebecchi, Nellie Hennessey, Maureen Muldoon.

Donation to the Parish

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COFFEE MORNING!

Wednesday, Friday and Sunday
after 10.00 am Mass
All are invited to enjoy the treats of the day.



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14th September, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

In the sacred books, the Father who is in heaven lovingly comes to meet his children and speaks with them (Dei Verbum, 21).

Every Sunday, as we gather to celebrate in Word and Eucharist the mystery of our Lord's death and resurrection, we open ourselves to God's many gifts through prayer, praise, and thanksgiving. The Catholic Church views Sunday Children's Liturgy (or the Liturgy of the Word with Children) positively, as it helps children participate more fully in the Mass. By presenting the Sunday readings and Gospel at an age-appropriate level—through explanations, prayers, songs, and activities—this adapted form of the Liturgy of the Word nurtures children in their understanding and love of God. It also supports the development of human values and the capacity to grasp Christian teachings, making it a valued and encouraged practice in many parishes.

As we begin Children's Liturgy in our parish from the last week of September, I look forward to it with both excitement and awareness of its challenges. Our parish has only a small number of children and young people, which makes children's liturgy and youth ministry especially demanding. Yet, if Jesus could change the world with twelve disciples, then I believe it is not numbers that matter most, but the spirit of family and parish community. This spirit can make our parish more vibrant and alive.

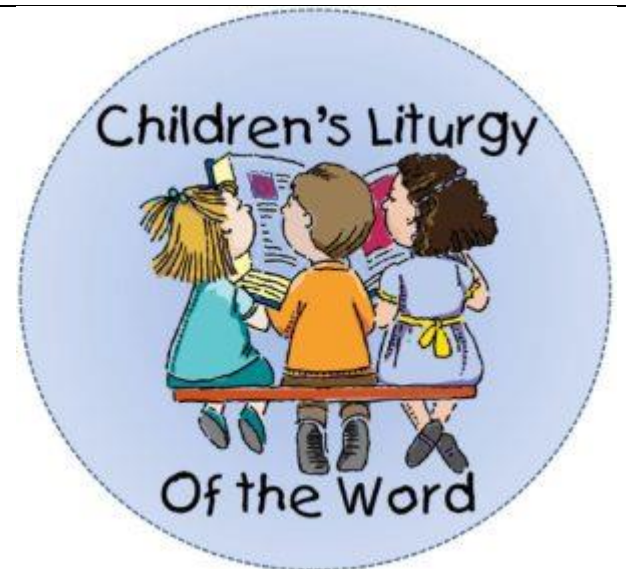
I encourage all parents to work together with our catechists in supporting the faith formation of our children—through learning the Bible and faithfully attending Sunday Mass. Let us join hands to build a parish where our children feel loved, encouraged, and truly welcomed as God's beloved sons and daughters.

[Father Vipin](#)

DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTION
Sat 13th Vigil Mass	05.15 pm 06.00 pm	Confession Alan Nyman RIP
Sun 14th	10.00 am	Vido & Sonia Parker RIP
Mon 15th	10.00am	Our Lady of Sorrows Pat Ball RIP
Tue 16th Wed 17th	No Mass 10.00 am	Donald Stuart Abuthnott RIP (P)
Thurs 18th	10.00am	Parish INT
Fri 19th	09.00 am 10.00am	Adoration Keville Family INT
Sat 20th Vigil Mass	5.15 pm 06.00 pm	Confession John Gibson RIP
Sun 21st	10.00 am	Mary Hart INT (Wellbeing)

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.



<u>Contacts</u>	<u>Volunteers</u>
All Sacraments	Parish Priest
Catechist	Sabrina White
Children's Liturgy	Claudia Wells, Siobhan Gray, Susan Terry
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Altar Service	James Wells
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ECC	Simon Morrison
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