



**THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF
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Mass Times

Saturdays 10.30am, 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sundays 9.30am, 11.30am Monday - Friday 9.30am Mass

Reconciliations - Saturdays 11-12 noon

Benediction & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

1st & 4th Fridays of the month after Mass & 3rd Sunday of the month at 5pm

**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (A)
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)
9 & 16 April 2023**

Dear Parishioners

Alleluia, Alleluia Christ is Risen

Happy Easter!

We congratulate Tabitha who after two years of journey in faith, has received the sacraments of initiation. Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist. The sacraments of the Church given to us by Christ—that help to serve as encounters with Christ in the resurrection, glimmers of light and hope. We rejoice with Tabitha, her family, her God parent Sudha, our parish RCIA team, many catechists and all parishioners who accompanied Tabitha in her journey.

Today I would like to thank Readers, Sacristans, Flower Arrangers, Altar Servers, Musicians, stewards and all parishioners for your support and hard work during the Easter Triduum celebrations and throughout the year.

Thank you especially for your support, good wishes, cards, gifts and your generous Easter Offerings. We wish you, all the blessings of the Risen Christ and a joyful Celebration of Easter!

May the glory and the promise of this joyous time of year bring peace and happiness to you and those you hold most dear, and may Christ, Our Risen Saviour, always lead you and bless you abundantly.

Fr Habte

TODAY'S READINGS - Acts 10:34,37-43, Colossians 3:1-4, John 20:1-9

EASTER SUNDAY

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

The Easter Gospels are full of breathless excitement - races to the tomb, misunderstandings and confusion as the glorious truth of Easter is slowly grasped. But at the heart of the Easter story in all four Gospels is the testimony of the women who discover the empty tomb. This is extraordinary - in first-century Jewish society women could be legal witnesses. In John's Gospel it is Mary of Magdala visits the tomb. She is the first witness of the Resurrection and announces the news to the apostles becoming the "Apostle to the Apostles". The primary testimony to the most important event in human history is a woman, not even allowed by her society to bear legal witness. On Easter Day the Gospel challenges us to listen to marginalised voices in our own society. They proclaim to us the truth of our Living God today. The poor and excluded are closest to His heart. If we hear Him in their voices and see Him in their faces we embrace our Risen Lord and claim the abundant life that Easter Day promises.

JD

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS -

Acts 2:42-47, 1 Peter 1:3-9, John 20:19-31

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

This passage from John's Gospel has all the more significance because it brings the Gospel to a close. The story of the breakfast-party with the Risen Christ on the shore of the Lake of Galilee is a sort of appendix. The story-line of the main Gospel ends with Thomas blurting out 'My Lord and my God'. The Gospel therefore ends as it began, with the only two unmistakable declarations in the New Testament of the divinity of Jesus. 'The Word was God' and 'My Lord and my God' bracket the Gospel, indicating the purpose and angle of the whole Gospel which is to show that Jesus is God. John's Gospel complements the other Gospels: they show a man who is also God, whereas this Gospel shows God who is also a man. It is with the divine authority that Jesus confers on his Church the divine power to forgive. Real forgiveness is indeed Godlike. It is not simply 'forgive-and-forget', but forgiveness in the knowledge that a hurt has occurred. Just as a bone, broken and merged together again, can be stronger than it

was before it was broken, so forgiveness can create a real link of love on both sides, a treasured secret of divine graciousness between forgiver and forgiven. How have you experienced real forgiveness in your life?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

THE DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY will be celebrated next week. The faithful have a Duty of honouring Divine Mercy. The faithful with deep spiritual affection are drawn to commemorate the mysteries of divine pardon and to celebrate them devoutly. "The paschal mystery is the culmination of this revealing and effecting of mercy, which is able to justify man, to restore justice in the sense of that salvific order which God willed from the beginning in man, and through man, in the world" (Encyclical Letter Dives in misericordia, n. 7).

CHANGE TO MASS TIMES NEXT WEEK

Please note that From Monday 10 April to Friday 14 April Mass will be celebrated at 10:30am.

EASTER OFFERING TO FR HABTE

The collection on Easter Sunday is for our parish priest giving thanks for all his hard work and dedication to St William of York .Please see the Easter Offering envelopes, available in the Narthex. If you are going away at Easter, please use the envelope and post it in the letter box of the presbytery whenever you can. For those of you in the gift aid scheme, please write your gift aid number on the Easter offering envelope as the parish will benefit. You may also give via the Contactless device. QR code or via the parish bank account details:- Sort Code 60-50-01 -Account number 79124437 - RCAS FOREST HILL Reference - Your surname/Gift Aid no/Easter. Many thanks



A BIG THANK YOU TO KATHY DOYLE

our parishioner who raised almost £200 in the sale of her beautiful hand knitted Easter chick's. All proceeds have gone to (the church/CAFOD). Thank you to everyone who bought them and contributed so generously.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will close from Monday 10th April and re-open on 17th April 2023. The answer machine will be switched on and messages will be responded to. In an emergency, please come to the presbytery and if no answer at the door, please leave a written message. Thank you

This newsletter is for two weekends. Please do not destroy it too soon!

Our next newsletter will be issued for the Third Sunday of Easter on Sunday 23rd April 2023.

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL

For a culture of peace and non-violence. We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

TEACHING AND LEADING IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Are you a Catholic and a teacher, middle or senior leader in a community school or academy and interested in taking up a role in Catholic education? If so, the Archdiocese of Southwark Education Commission would like to invite you to a twilight session: Teaching and Leading in Catholic Schools.

The session will include opportunities to meet current leaders and the education team, find out about Catholic schools and tips in relation to the application process. This event will be held on Thursday 27th April 2023 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at Amigo Hall, Lambeth Road SE1 6HR.

If you are interested in attending please contact Sharon Docherty, RE Team Leader and Professional Learning Manager sharondocherty@rcaos.org.uk

ARCHDIOCESAN YOUTH DAY

A youth day for (10-16 year olds) will take place at St. George's Cathedral on Saturday 22nd April. The day will include a mixture of faith input, food, prayer and sport/crafts. Please see our website at <https://tinyurl.com/aprilyouthday> For further details and how to register. Please contact youth@rcaos.org.uk for further information.

MAINTENANCE OF ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL - 2ND COLLECTION - SUNDAY 23 APRIL

St George's Cathedral is the mother church of the diocese.

This second collection helps meet the cost of the upkeep of the cathedral .

Many thanks in advance for your generosity.

CYCLE OF PRAYER - Intentions for Eastertide:

New Members of the Church

Vocations - especially on the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, the Fourth Sunday of Easter

Survivors of Sexual Abuse - especially on Tuesday in the fifth Week of Easter.

The Right Use of the Media - especially on World Communications Day, Seventh Sunday of Easter.

The Church - especially at Pentecost

Human Work - especially on 1st May, Saint Joseph the Worker

Southwark Archdiocese

Life in the Spirit

Seminars 2023

THIS EASTERTIDE ACROSS SOUTHWARK

Explore what it means to be filled with the Holy Spirit

Weekly talks and discussion – Daily reflections – All day retreat

“A wonderful experience – perfect and glorious!” – 2022 seminar participant

At St George’s Cathedral or a ‘Hub’ location around the diocese or join on Zoom

On Tuesday evenings – 2, 9, 16, 30 May and 6 June

(or otherwise as advertised for Hubs)

Plus All Day Retreat at St George’s on Sat 27 May



For more details
and to register:
bit.ly/SOUTHWARK2023

SOUTHWARK ARCHDIOCESE
CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC TEAM



Agency for Evangelisation
and Catechesis
ARCHDIOCESE of SOUTHWARK

SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

18th -25th August 7 Nights | from £925 by Air from London Stansted and Birmingham

Bishop Paul Hendricks of the Southwark Diocese is delighted to invite you to this wonderful Pilgrimage to Lourdes this Summer. This pilgrimage is now once more able to include support for pilgrims who need assistance for medical or mobility reasons.

In Lourdes, those who are often marginalised will be placed at the centre, and we who travel with them are blessed by their presence. He warmly invites you to join them.

For details, please see: [https:// www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/southwark-ca](https://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/southwark-ca)

Please pray for the Peaceful Repose of the Soul of

Roy Raphael RIP

Funeral to take place at St William of York on Friday 19 May at 11.00am

Please pray for Roy's family and friends at this difficult time

**Eternal rest grant unto him,
O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him,
May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen**

MASS ATTENDEES

18/19 Mar - 266 25/26 Mar - 245 1/2 Apr - 474

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 16 April 5pm	Benediction & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
Sunday 23 April 6pm	Confirmation 7th Session	Church
Sunday 30 April 3pm	Eucharist 4th Session	Church

FINANCES

MARCH 2023

The monthly Offertory Collection - £2,278.63
Donations for CAFOD Family Fast Day - £424.77
Donations for Poor Parishes -£284.21
Donations for Easter Flowers - £203.23
Donations for the Parish Crisis Fund - £170.44
From monthly standing orders we collected - £4,638.00

Thank you for your continued support

Please Gift Aid where possible

HOLY SATURDAY

Easter Vigil Mass

8 April 2023

20:30 Betty O'Sullivan RIP 1st Anniversary

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (A)

Sunday 9 April 2023

09:30 Family Mass

For the Parishioners

11:30 Madam Kadiatu Kano RIP

Monday within the Octave of Easter

10 April 2023

10:30 Marie Dominique RIP Anniversary

Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

11 April 2023

10:30 Gertrude Badejo Thanksgiving

Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

12 April 2023

10:30 Ronald Jupp RIP [\(live-streamed\)](#)

Thursday within the Octave of Easter

13 April 2023

10:30 Ron Howell RIP

Friday within the Octave of Easter

14 April 2023

10:30 Maureen Bradshaw RIP

Saturday within the Octave of Easter

15 April 2023 -

10:30 Holy Souls

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (A)

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday 15 April 2023

18:00 Beth O'Connor-Coffey RIP

Sunday 16 April 2023

09:30 For the Parishioners

11:30 Fr Tom Creagh-Fuller RIP

Please access the live streaming by visiting: www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/



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Monday 17 April 2023 - Feria

09:30 Gloria Amadi Birthday Thanksgiving

Tuesday 18 April 2023 - Feria

09:30 Sonny Wallace RIP

Wednesday 19 April 2023 - Feria

09:30 James Costello RIP ([live-streamed](#))

Thursday 20 April 2023 - Feria

09:30 Patrick Maguire RIP & Peter Hann RIP Birthday

Friday 21 April 2023 - St. Anselm, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

09:30 Elizabeth Smith RIP

Saturday 22 April - Feria

10:30 Thelma James Special Intention

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

Saturday 22 April 2023

18:00 Mary Garvey RIP

Sunday 23 April 2023

09:30 For the Parishioners

11:30 Michael Ibini 4th Birthday Blessings

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