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**Mass Times**

Saturdays 10.30am, 6.00pm Vigil Mass  
Sundays 9.30am, 11.30am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday - 9.30am  
*(Please note on Thursdays the church will be open for private prayer from 9.30am-10.00am except on Holydays of Obligations & special occasions)*

**Reconciliations** - Saturdays 11-12 noon

**Benediction & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

First & last Friday of the month after Mass & 3rd Sunday of the month at 5pm

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)  
31 AUGUST 2025**

Dear Parishioners,

We welcome back our Parish families after the summer holidays and pray for those starting school/college/university for the first time or returning for the new academic year.

I hope all members of the school community are well rested, refreshed and ready for the new school year. I would like to welcome all our students, teachers and staff of our school who will be starting the new academic year this week. Our school is at the centre of our parish life in many ways. Preparing and forming the next generation in the many aspects of their life. May they have a fruitful, and successful year.

Many Thanks

Fr Habte



## **THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS -**

Sirach 3:17-18,20,28-29 Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24a Matthew 11:29ab

## **SCRIPTURE REFLECTION -**

Two parables in today's Gospel about invitations to table. Both are from Luke's special material, without parallel in the other gospels. Jesus moves in a higher stratum of society than he does in Mark and Matthew, and often has in mind the implications of the Gospel in this context. The first parable, however, like several of Luke's parables, seems to be developed from a little Old Testament proverb: 'Do not give yourself airs, do not take a place among the great; better to be invited, "Come up here," than to be humiliated' (Proverbs 25:6-7). At first sight this seems a merely worldly precaution, a false humility engineered to gain attention. But for Luke a banquet is always an image of the heavenly banquet of the Lord. So the message is a moral one too: don't think yourself better than you are. The message is also typical of Luke's open and straightforward approach. One is reminded of the Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax-collector at prayer, where the latter prays only 'God be merciful to me, a sinner'. The second parable also is typical of Luke: it exemplifies his stress on the inherent danger of wealth, on the need to use wealth well, and on his concern for the poor and neglected in society.

*What is the message of these two parables? What does their message say to me about the way I lead my own life?*

*Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB*

## **NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

Wisdom 9:13-18b, Philemon 9b-10, 12-17, Luke 14:25-33

**MONTHLY BENEDICTION:** - from September we will be resuming our monthly exposition of the Blessed sacrament and Benediction with evening prayer. We will have Benediction every 3rd Sunday of the month at 5:00 pm.

## **HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER**

For our relationship with all of creation -

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

## SEASON OF CREATION - 1 September – 4 October 2025

The *World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation*, celebrated on 1 September, is the official start of the *Season of Creation*, a time of sustained prayer and action which lasts a month and four days. During this season we are encouraged to pray and engage in community events in order to deepen our relationship with God, our neighbour and the earth we share, being ever more attentive to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.



The theme of Pope Leo XIV's message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation is 'Seeds of Peace and Hope'. It was released on the Memorial of the First Martyrs of Holy Roman Church on 30 June 2025.

The tenth World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation will be celebrated on Monday, 1 September 2025.

This Jubilee Year also marks the tenth anniversary of Pope Francis's encyclical letter *Laudato Si'* that focuses on 'Care for our Common Home'.

### PRAYER FOR CREATION

Father, Lord of all creation,  
we praise you with all your creatures  
and the whole universe that comes forth from the work of Your hands.  
We acknowledge the privilege and responsibility  
that You give us as stewards of Your creation.

In our ignorance we have done damage to our common home  
and our brothers and sisters are suffering.

Through faithfully following your Son  
guide and direct us to prepare for a better future.

Teach us to contemplate You in the beauty of the universe,  
for all things speak of You.

Give us the grace to recognise, respect and protect all You have created,  
using wisely all that you have entrusted to us.

Holy Spirit, who first hovered over the dawn of creation and drew order out of the chaos help us to build your kingdom of justice, love, peace and beauty where the poor of the earth are crying out. You, who live and reign, world without end, Amen.

### **MARCH FOR LIFE IN LONDON - Saturday 6 September**

The right to life underpins every other right we have and without it every other right is rendered meaningless. Abortion denies the most vulnerable in our society their most basic right, the right to life, which is why this year's theme is 'Human Rights for All Humans'. Unite with thousands of others at this family-friendly event where we recognise the value of life from conception and stand up for all those who have been impacted by abortion. Find out more at [marchforlife.co.uk](https://marchforlife.co.uk) or email [info@marchforlife.co.uk](mailto:info@marchforlife.co.uk)

### **ARCHDIOCESAN DAY FOR CATECHISTS - Saturday 20 September 10am**

On behalf of the Archbishop, we invite you to attend the annual Diocesan Day for Catechists. This day is for all the catechists of the diocese, including those involved in Liturgy of the Word for Children and the RCIA process. Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Lambeth Road, SE1 6HR on Saturday 20 September 2025 at 10am finishing with Mass at 4pm <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/latest/day-for-catechists-2025>

### **CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2026 - Sunday 2 November 6pm**

If your child is in Year 9, Year 10 or above and they would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, there will be an information meeting for Candidates & Parents in the church on Sunday 2 November 2025 at 6pm. The preparation sessions will commence in January 2026.

### **MARRIAGE HELP -**

Retrouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. Next date: 17th-19th Oct. [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](https://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) Tel: 0788 7296983

### **THE ARCHBISHOP'S CERTIFICATE (ArchCert)**

A life changing opportunity! Do you desire to know Jesus more intimately? The Archbishop's Certificate (ArchCert) is a two-year online course for all in Southwark and beyond who wish to understand their faith in a more profound way and be able to share it with both confidence and joy.

The course will commence on 18 October 2025 and the cost will be £400 per year. The full cost of the course, payable over 2 years is £800. In addition, registration must be completed in advance and there is a non-refundable registration fee of £50. Further details can be found here: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert>

Please speak to Fr Habte if you are interested in this course.

## **BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE DAY**

Saturday 4th October 2025 9.30am – 4.30pm

Treat yourselves to some time together! This day, held at Holy Cross, 208 Sangley Rd, Catford, SE6 2JS starting at 9.30am until 4.30pm, is a day in which married couples can privately explore their relationship more deeply and gain valuable insights into the communication and the call of the Church to the married. There is no charge for this

course. Booking is essential – please contact Carole on [mflkent@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflkent@rcaos.org.uk) or phone 07983 524 727

Refreshments will be provided but please bring a packed lunch.

Thank you for responding to the call from +John to celebrate marriage together.

For further information, click on the link:

[Building a Better Marriage: Archdiocese of Southwark](#)

## **DAY OF RETREAT FOR LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST** - Saturday 18 October or Saturday 25 October.

Please see poster for details and register via Mary @

[foresthill@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:foresthill@rcaos.org.uk)

## **JULY 2025**

The monthly Offertory Collection - £1,810.84

Donations for Stella Maris (Sea Sunday) - £586.00

Donations for Holy Souls - £116.16

Donations for Poor Box - £265.27

Donations for the Parish Crisis Fund- £80.00

From monthly standing orders we collected - £5,318.00

Bank details to set up a regular standing order:

Account name: RCAS Forest Hill, Sort Code: 60 50 01 Acc No: 79124437

Thank you for your continued support

Please gift aid where possible

Please pray for the Peaceful Repose of the Souls of

**Mary Clancy RIP**

Funeral at St William of York on Monday 1 September at 11.30am

**John O'Mahony RIP**


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

**MASS ATTENDEES**

9/10 August - 231 16/17 August - 215 23/24 August - 192

**PARISH DIARY**

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|---------------------------|---|---|
| Saturday 20 Sep 10.00 am  | Archdiocesan Day for Catechists                                       | Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral                     |
| Saturday 18 or 25 October | Day of Retreat for Lectors & Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist | Please see poster and register via Mary parish office |

 ARCHDIOCESE of SOUTHWARK

A service of  
**HOPE & HEALING**  
for those that have been harmed by abuse

You are warmly invited to the  
Archdiocese of Southwark's  
Annual service for Healing and Hope  
for those that have been harmed by abuse,  
led by Archbishop John Wilson  
Date 24th September 2025  
Time 6.30pm  
Venue St George's Cathedral SE1 7HY





**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)**

**Saturday 30 August 2025**

**18:00** Giovanni & Lucia Del Guercio RIP

**Sunday 31 August 2025**

**09:30** Ruth Brereton RIP 17th Anniversary

**11:30** For the Parishioners

**Monday 1 September 2025 - Feria**

**World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation**

**09:30** Holy Souls

**11:30** Funeral of Mary Clancy RIP

**Tuesday 2 September 2025 - Feria**

**09:30** Margaret Storey (FM)

**Wednesday 3 September 2025 - St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church**

**09:30** Frances Ellis (FM)

**Thursday 4 September 2025 - Feria**

**09:30** Quiet Private Prayer (no Mass)

**Friday 5 September 2025 - Feria**

**09:30** Gretta Lowney RIP

**Saturday 6 September 2025 - Feria**

**10:30** Holy Souls

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)**

**Saturday 6 September 2025**

**18:00** Renate Betson RIP

**Sunday 7 September 2025**

**09:30** Christine Kitchen RIP

**11:30** For the Parishioners (live-streamed)

Please access the live-streaming by visiting our parish Facebook page

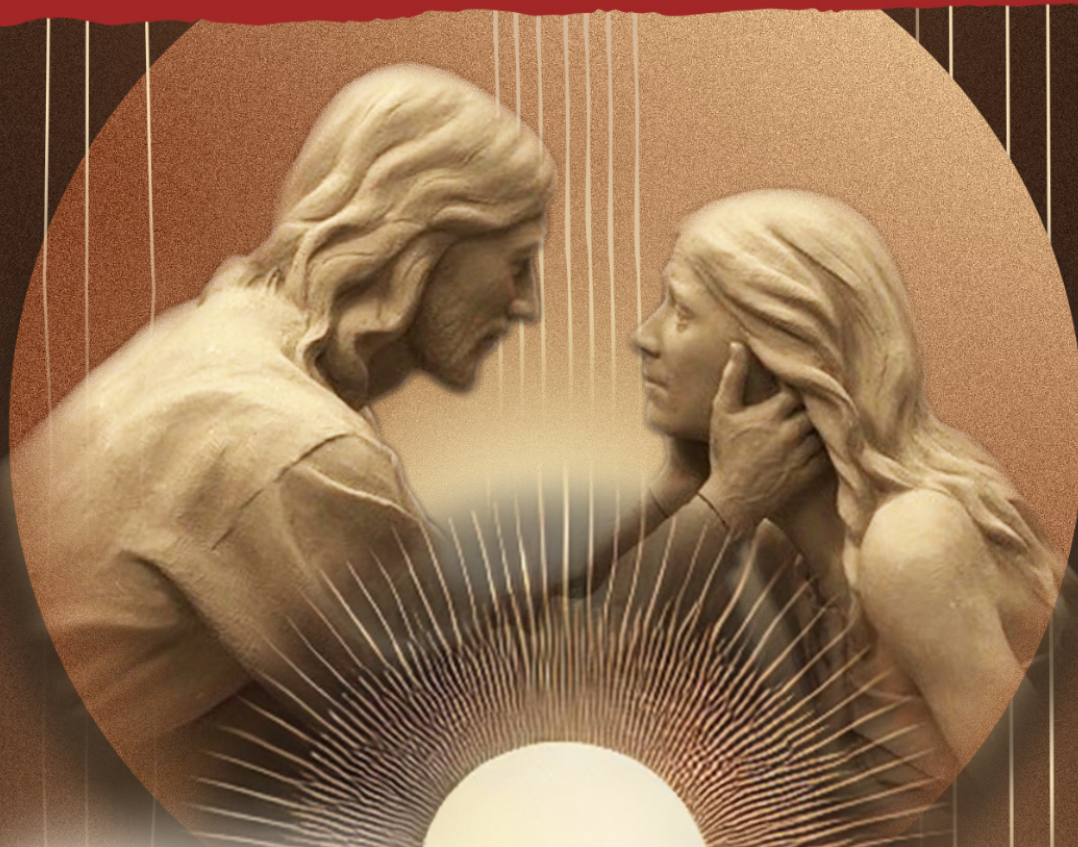
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6:30 PM - 9:30 PM

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ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK







## *An invitation to Building a better Marriage*

A day in which married couples can **privately** explore their relationship more deeply and gain valuable insights into their communication and the call of the Church to the married.



**Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at  
Holy Cross, 208 Sangley Rd,  
Catford, SE6 2JS**

9.30am till 4.30pm



**BOOKING ESSENTIAL**

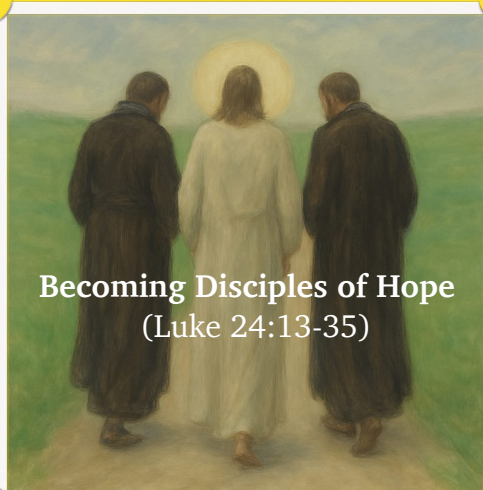
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Marriage & Family Life Team RC Archdiocese of Southwark



Becoming Disciples of Hope  
(Luke 24:13-35)



ARCHDIOCESE of  
**SOUTHWARK**

## DAY OF RETREAT

### *for* Lectors & Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Southeast Area of the Archdiocese of Southwark

## **Saturday 18 October 2025**

**Parishes in the Deaneries of Bexley, Bromley, and Greenwich**  
Saint Stephen's Church Welling, 26 Deepdene Road, Kent, DA16 3QL

## **Saturday 25 October 2025**

**Parishes in the Deaneries of Camberwell, Lewisham and Lambeth**  
Bishop Thomas Grant School, Belltrees Grove, Streatham, London, SW162HY

Please, register via you own parish at: [evsoutheast@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:evsoutheast@rcaos.org.uk)

**Deadline: Monday 29 September 2025**

## **PROGRAMME OF THE DAY**

**09:30:** Tea and Coffee

**10:00 - 1040:** **Welcome & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** by Canon Victor Darlington,  
Episcopal Vicar, Southeast

**10.45am:** **Discipleship of Hope** - Canon Edward Perera, Dean of Bexley

**11.30am:** Q&A

**11.45am:** Break

**12 noon:** **Virtual Missionary; How the Church can thrive in the digital space** - Father Antony  
Megalan Sellam, Dean of Lewisham

**12.45pm:** Q&A

**1pm:** Lunch - Bring your own packed lunch

**1.30pm:** **Liturgy of Witness** - Father Stephen Wymer, Dean of Bromley

**2.15pm:** Q&A

**2.30pm:** Mass

**18th October Homily** - Father Richard Plunkett, Dean of Greenwich

**25th October Homily** - Father Valentine Erhahon, Dean of Lambeth

**Music:** Father Bartłomiej Dudek, Dean of Camberwell