

**WE CAN STILL DEFEAT
THE ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL!**

There is a clear path toward the assisted suicide Bill being defeated at Third Reading. Early analysis shows that **at least 36 MPs supported the Bill but have concerns that mean they may vote NO at later stages.**

Just 28 MPs switching their stance to NO would ensure it is defeated at Third Reading. We need MPs to know that their constituents want them to vote NO at Third Reading.

Please take action now and visit

**[www.righttolife.org.uk/
ASvote](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/ASvote)**

to find out how your MP voted and ask them to vote against the Bill at Third Reading.

**More about
THE JUBILEE YEAR OF 2025.**

Pope Francis will open the Jubilee in Rome on Christmas Eve, 24th December 2024.

It is a special Jubilee Year of FORGIVENESS AND RECONCILIATION in which people are invited to a moment of GENUINE, PERSONAL, ENCOUNTER WITH THE LORD JESUS. Pope Francis has given this Jubilee the theme of PILGRIMS OF HOPE. 'a Holy Year marked by the hope that does not fade, our hope in God' (Spes non confundit, 25).



Archbishop John Wilson will celebrate Holy Mass for the Jubilee at 12 noon in St George's Cathedral on Sunday 29th December 2024.

***Save the date:
Saturday 25th January 2025
9.30am – 4.30pm
BUILDING A BETTER
MARRIAGE***

This day, to be held at **St Stephen's Parish Hall, Deepdene Road, Welling**, 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
or phone 07983 524 727**

Refreshments will be provided but please bring a packed lunch.

3. **+ J. M. J. + JESUS, + MARY, and + JOSEPH +**
Newsletter Supplement: Fourth Sunday of Advent (C)
22nd December A. D. 2024 - December is Month of the Immaculate Conception And the Preparation for the Coming and the Birthday of Christ.

***THE SECOND JOYFUL MYSTERY OF
THE HOLY ROSARY OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:
THE VISITATION***



**SOUTHWARK ARCHDIOCESE
ROSARY PRAYER PROJECT**

Everyone is warmly invited to join this Archdiocese-wide prayer initiative, PRAYING A DECADE OF THE ROSARY EACH DAY FOR PRIESTS AND PARISHES IN THEIR DEANERY.

For details see the poster on the noticeboard, pick up an invitation leaflet at the back of church or email:

southwarkrenewal@gmail.com

***PILGRIMS OF HOPE
TOWARDS 7TH JUNE 2025***

***THANK YOU, THANK YOU,
THANK YOU!***

To all those who were able and took a full, active, conscious part and contributed to last Sunday's 'Marathon'

**Pre-CHRISTMAS PARISH EVENT!
Thanks especially to Anusha and the Amazing Team of Helpers for**

**THE AFTERNOON EVENT,
and to Jim for organizing
THE GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW,
and to Alex and the Folk Group for arranging**

**THE CAROL SERVICE.
So much Time, Treasures and Talents,
were offered and gratefully received.**

**As you will see,
the Event raised over £ 800,
and the Grand Draw raised £ 676.
Thank you one and all.**

**Furthermore,
THANK YOU to all those valiant souls who raised up**

**THE CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE TREE,
THE ADVENT WREATH,
THE CHRISTMAS CRIB and decorated & 'deck'd the' Church 'with boughs of holly' and ivy!**

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL!

**FROM SOUTHWARK AGENCY
FOR EVANGELIZATION
AND CATECHESIS: AEC,
AND FRANCISCAN UNIVERSITY
CATECHETICAL INSTITUTE:**

From today, **every parishioner**, as well as **teachers** and **parents** in our schools, has free and unlimited access to the workshops created by the world-renowned

CATECHETICAL INSTITUTE.

From Scripture to parenting workshops, to catechetical training and mentoring, there is something for everyone.

For information on how to register your free account visit:

<https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/>



**THE ANGELUS:
Reminds us of The Incarnation
/ The En-flesh-ment of
The CHRIST / THE WORD OF GOD
three times, every day, prayed at:
6:00am, 12noon, & 6:00pm**

THE ANGELUS:

V: The Angel of the Lord
declared unto Mary;

R: AND SHE CONCEIVED
BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.

V: Hail MARY, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of
thy womb, JESUS.

R: HOLY MARY,
MOTHER OF GOD,
PRAY FOR US SINNERS,
NOW AND AT THE HOUR
OF OUR DEATH.
AMEN.

V: Behold the handmaid of the Lord;

R: BE IT DONE UNTO ME,
ACCORDING TO THY WORD.
HAIL MARY, ...

*(Please, if you can, try and kneel,
or bow deeply, for this next verse...)*

V: AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH;

R: AND DWELT AMONGST US.
HAIL MARY, ...

V: Pray for us,
O Holy Mother of God;

R: THAT WE MAY BE MADE
WORTHY OF THE PROMISES
OF CHRIST.

Let us pray:
Pour forth, we beseech You, O Lord,
Your grace into our hearts; that we, to
whom the Incarnation of Christ, Your
Son, was made known by
the message of an angel, may by
His Passion and Cross be brought
to the glory of His Resurrection.
Through the same Christ our Lord. **R:**
AMEN.



In his annual Christmas message,
ARCHBISHOP JOHN WILSON

said in a divided world, filled with conflict, it can be tempting to lose hope. But in times of darkness, division and pain “we must turn to our one, great living hope - the Lord Jesus. In Him, and in His message of Good News, we see the possibility of a different and better world”.

This, Archbishop John said, “is what the truth of Christmas is all about. It’s a story of hope triumphing over darkness. It is the story of our salvation. It’s God’s love story towards our world and each one of us”. Looking ahead to next year, **THE ARCHBISHOP ENCOURAGES US TO TURN TO THE LORD JESUS IN EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**, as prayer, he said, “is the most active expression of our love and hope. And there is no more hopeful and active prayer than when we place ourselves before the Blessed Sacrament, the Real Presence of Jesus. Our Lord Jesus told His disciples to remain with Him, and keep watch with Him. This is what He invited us – me and you – to do. To stay with Him in prayer”. You can watch the full message here

<https://tinyurl.com/Christmasmessage2024>

JUBILEE 2025

Every 25 years there is a
YEAR OF JUBILEE IN ROME.

The Holy Father,
Pope Francis, invites us all
to become & Be Pilgrims.

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IN SOUTHWARK DIOCESE
we are invited to gather in

AYLESFORD on
SATURDAY 7TH JUNE 2025.

Pentecost weekend,
and to England’s Nazareth
IN WALSLINGHAM, Norfolk,
SATURDAY 28TH JUNE 2025.

the day of the Immaculate Heart of
the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the
weekend of Saint Peter and Saint Paul.

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In **THIS DEANERY OF BEXLEY**,
we can be Pilgrims too and travel,
on foot, or by car, or bus, or cycle,
to **ST JOHN VIANNEY CHURCH**,
Heathfield Road, **BEXLEYHEATH**, on
SATURDAY 5TH OF JULY 2025

Please, enter this date
in your diaries.

BE PILGRIMS OF HOPE
in 2025!