

**PASSION SUNDAY:**  
**6th April 2025**  
**3:00pm to 4:00pm**

**HOLY HOUR of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, praying for the sanctity of all human life, specifically concerned about the Assisted Suicide Bill.**

**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER**  
**Possible Schedule in the**  
**JUBILEE OF HOPE 2025**

**PALM SUNDAY**

*(PALMS BLESSED AT EACH HOLY MASS)*

**Sat. 12th April 6:30pm;**

**Sun. 13th April 8:30am;**

**10:30am:**

Assemble in the Church Hall where Palms will be blessed, and then Procession into Church.

*(Spy)* **Wednesday of Holy Week,**  
**16th April 8:30am**

**Holy Mass in Church**

*followed by*

**9:15am**

Stations of the Cross

**11:30am**

**Chrism Mass in St George's R. C. Cathedral, Southwark.**

**7:30pm**

Stations of the Cross and Confessions.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**17th April 7:30-9am**

Office of Readings, Morning Prayer and Confessions

**8:00pm Holy Mass of the Lord's Supper**  
with collection for - *tbc* -

*Blessed Sacrament to be reserved in the Tabernacle in the Altar of Repose in the Children's Liturgy Room*

**11:45pm** Night prayer/Compline,

**GOOD FRIDAY**

**Friday: 18th April**

**8:00-9:30am**

Office of Readings, Morning Prayer and Confessions

**11:00am Walk of Witness,**

meet at Waterside, walk up the High Street to the Rose Garden in front of St Paulinus' Church followed by refreshments in St Mary's Church Hall.

**3pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord**

with Veneration of the Cross and collection for Holy Places in the Holy Land

**7:00pm** Stations of the Cross & Confessions

**HOLY SATURDAY**

**19th April**

**8:00-9am**

Office of Readings, Morning Prayer and Confessions

**8:00pm**

**Easter Vigil,**

starting outside:

- 1) Fire & Light, Paschal Candle & Exultet;
- 2) Vigil of Readings, Psalms/Chants, & Prayers;
- 3a) Baptism of an Adult,
- 3b) Renewal of Baptismal Promises,
- 3c) Rite of Reception of an Adult into Full Communion with the Catholic Church,
- 3d) the Sacrament of Confirmation,
- 3e) Prayer of the Faithful;
- 4) Liturgy of the Eucharist (and Reception of First Holy Communion)

**EASTER SUNDAY**

**20th April**

**7:00am Sunrise Service in St. Paulinus' Churchyard**  
(Garden of Remembrance)

**8.30am** Holy Mass

**10.30am** Holy Mass

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**+ J. M. J. + JESUS, + MARY, and + JOSEPH +**  
**Newsletter Supplement: 30th March Anno Domini 2025**  
**THE FOURTH SUNDAY LENT (C) MOTHERING SUNDAY**

*To celebrate 60 years as an Archdiocese, and 1700 years since the Council of Nicaea (Nicene Creed)*

**THE ARCHDIOCESAN JUBILEE CELEBRATION DAY AT THE FRIARS, AYLESFORD**  
**7th June 2025.**  
**11:00am Start and 5:00pm finish**

for a day of prayer, reflection, celebration, and fun.

There will be lots of activities, for children as well as for adults.

This will be the centre-piece event

of the 2025 Jubilee in

the Archdiocese of Southwark.

**HOLY MASS will be at 3:00 p.m.**

There will also be

**A WALKING PILGRIMAGE** from St George's Cathedral in Southwark to The Friars (2-6 June 2025).

The event itself is free.

Our parish is putting on a coach for the day itself, so to join our parish coach,

please 'sign-up', or contact:

**crayford@rcaos.org.uk**

Cost for a seat will be **£ 15** with subsidies for families.

Please sign up as soon as possible to avoid disappointment

You can find out more about the event, including how to join the walking pilgrimage, and the wider Jubilee Year plans in the Archdiocese at

**rcaos.org.uk/jubilee2025.**



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 5<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY 2025**  
**Please, enter this date in your diaries, and take part in this pilgrimage of Hope and Grace.**

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**A call to all to come and encounter THE MERCY OF GOD on Saturday 12th April at 11:00am in this Jubilee Year at ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH, Deepdene Road, WELLING: RECONCILIATION SERVICE.**

**There will be Priests available to hear your Confessions.**

Parking available. 96 Bus from Crayford, and close to Welling Railway Station.

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**CALLED TO BEAR FRUIT.**

The **consultation phase of Called to Bear fruit** is ongoing and **closes on the 6th April.**

Thank you to those parishioners who have submitted a response already.

All are encouraged to take part and help us (*the Archdiocese of Southwark*) to grow as communities of missionary disciples.

**There are consultation booklets available online and in hard-copy in parishes. Closes 6th April 2025**

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**THE PRECEPTS (COMMANDMENTS) OF THE CHURCH & EASTER DUTIES:**  
*from the Catechism of the Catholic Church Nos: 2041 - 2043*

The first precept:  
(You shall attend Mass on Sundays and on Holy Days of Obligation and rest from servile labour')

The second precept:  
(You shall confess your sins at least once a year')

The third precept:  
(You shall receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season')

The fourth precept:  
(You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church')

The fifth precept:  
(You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church') means that the faithful are obliged to assist with the material need of the Church, each according to their ability."

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

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/franciscan>

Our Archdiocese of Southwark is signed up to this.

**Is God calling you: to be a Catechist in this Parish of St Mary of the Crays, Crayford,** to prepare Parents for their **Infant's Baptism,** to prepare Parents and Children for the Reception of the Sacraments of **Penance** and Our Lord in **Holy Communion** Preparing young people for the Sacrament of **Confirmation,** And Adults for **Baptism, Penance, Confirmation** and **The Most Holy Eucharist (R.C.I.A.) ???**

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**SHROUD OF TURIN EXHIBITION.**

St George's Cathedral in Southwark is hosting **SHROUD OF TURIN EXHIBITION from 12th March to 21st April.**

At the exhibition you can see a life-sized replica of the Shroud of Turin and learn more about the artefact, which many believe to have been used to wrap the body of the Lord Jesus after His Crucifixion.

The exhibition is free and you can find the Cathedral's opening hours at

[stgeorgescathedral.org.uk](http://stgeorgescathedral.org.uk).

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**HOPE IN ADORATION.**

As part of the Jubilee Year, Archbishop John is encouraging people to turn to **THE LORD JESUS** in **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** and have their hopes "fulfilled by Christ".

The campaign, **HOPE IN ADORATION,** will share testimonies from parish priests and laity throughout the year on how Eucharistic Adoration has helped them build a closer relationship with the Lord Jesus.

Resources will also be made available for free and there is a comprehensive list of times of Eucharistic Adoration in parishes across the Archdiocese.

Find out more about the campaign at

[rcaos.org.uk/hopeinadoration](http://rcaos.org.uk/hopeinadoration)

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**'LET THE ROSARY CONNECT YOU TO THE LORD JESUS'**

**says Archbishop John.**

At a full event in Amigo Hall, Archbishop John delivered a talk on the life and work of **St Oscar Romero** and his deep connection to **the rosary** following the publication of his latest book. Speaking about the power of the rosary, Archbishop John called on people to let the rosary

**"connect you to the Lord Jesus and His mother".**

Find the talk on, and explore the Diocesan Website:

[www.rcsouthwark.co.uk](http://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk)

**MOTHERING SUNDAY**

has been celebrated on **THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT,** in the U. K. and Ireland, **since the 16th century.**

*The date varies in other parts of the world. Many countries follow the U. S. A. and celebrate*

*MOTHER'S DAY on*

*the second Sunday in May, whilst other countries enjoy the day on March 8th which is INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY.*

**History of Mothering Sunday**  
Like many traditions and festivities, Mothering Sunday began with a religious purpose. Held on **the fourth Sunday in Lent,** exactly three weeks before Easter Sunday, it was a originally a **day to honour and give thanks to the Virgin Mary, also known as Mother Mary.** Such celebra-

tions required people to **visit their 'mother' church - the main church or cathedral in a family's area.** The spread of Christianity throughout Europe in the 16th century increased the celebrations and firmly put Mothering Sunday on the calendar. It was believed to be essential **for people to return to their home 'mother' church** to make it a true family honoured occasion. The gatherings reunited families and gave children who worked as domestic servants, or as apprentices away from home (from as early as ten years old), the opportunity to have the day off to join their family and see their mother.

*From: Find me a Gift : Mothering Sunday*