

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.

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK:
14th APRIL 2025

7:30pm to 8:30pm HOLY HOUR
OF ADORATION BEFORE THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT, praying
for the sanctity of all human
life, specifically concerned
about the Assisted Suicide Bill.

(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 8:00-9:00am

Office of Readings,
Morning Prayer and Confessions

8:00pm Holy Mass
of the Lord's Supper
with collection for
Mary's Meals

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

11:45pm Night prayer/Compline,

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday: 18th April

8:00-9:00am

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

8:00-9:00am

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 Edison ,
3b) Renewal of Baptismal Promises,
3c) Rite of Reception of Tobi
into Full Communion with the
Catholic Church,
3d) the Sacrament of Confirmation,
of Edison, Tobi, Nojus & Emekah
3e) Prayer of the Faithful;
- 4) Liturgy of the Eucharist
(and Reception of First Holy
Communion for Edison, Tobi
& Nojus)

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 +
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THE FIFTH SUNDAY LENT (C)

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

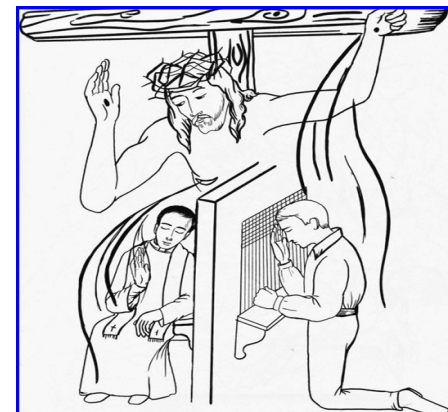
Cost for a seat will be **£ 15** with subsidies for
families. Please sign up as soon as possible
to avoid disappointment



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



THIS COMING SATURDAY:
A CALL TO ALL TO COME AND
ENCOUNTER THE MERCY OF GOD
on
Saturday 12th April at 11:00am
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.

4. Pastoral Letter on the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill

To be read at all Sunday Masses on
Sat. 5th / Sun. 6th April 2025 -
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ

Following my pastoral message in March 2024, I wish to speak to you again about the process by which Parliament is currently considering legalising assisted suicide through the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill. As I made clear previously, concerning this grave matter, as Catholics we maintain a principled objection to this change in law, because we recognise that every human life is sacred: a gift of God, bearing a God-given dignity. We are, therefore, clearly opposed to this Bill in principle, elevating, as it does, the autonomy of the individual above all other considerations.

The passage of the Bill through Parliament, as originally proposed, would lead to a vote in late April on whether it progresses further. This will be a crucial moment and I, together with all the Bishops of England and Wales, am writing to ask your support in urging your MP to vote against this Bill at that time.

There are serious reasons for doing so. At this point we wish not simply to restate our objections in principle, but to emphasise the deeply flawed process undergone in Parliament thus far. We wish to remind you that it is a fundamental duty of every MP to ensure that legislation is not imposed on our society which has not been properly scrutinised and which will bring about damaging consequences.

The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill will fundamentally change many of

the key relationships in our way of life: within the family, between doctor and patient, within the health service. Yet there has been no Royal Commission or independent inquiry ahead of its presentation. It is a Private Member's Bill. The Bill itself is long and complex and was published just days before MPs voted on it, giving them inadequate time to consult or reflect upon it. The time for debate was minimal. The Committee examining the Bill took only three days of evidence: not all voices were heard, and it comprises an undue number of supporters of the Bill. In short, this is no way to legislate on such an important and morally complex issue.

One consequence of this flawed process is that many vital questions remain unanswered. Can MPs guarantee that the scope of the Bill will not be extended? In almost every country where assisted suicide has been introduced the current scope is wider than was originally intended. What role, if any, will the judiciary have in the process? We were told that judicial oversight was a necessary and vital part of the process; now we are told it isn't needed at all. What will protect the vulnerable from coercion, or from feeling a burden on family? Can the National Health Service cope with assisted suicide or will it, as the Health Secretary has warned, cause cuts elsewhere in the NHS? Can MPs guarantee that no medical practitioner or care worker would be compelled to take part in assisted suicide? Would this mean the establishment of a 'national death service'?

In contrast to the provisions of this Bill, what is needed is first-class, compassionate palliative care at the end of our lives. This is already provided to many in our society but, tragically, is in short supply and underfunded. No-one should be dispatched as a burden to others. Instead, a good society would prioritise care for the elderly, the vulnerable, and the weak. The lives of our families are richer for cherishing their presence.

5. It is sad reflection on Parliament's priorities that the House of Commons spent far more time debating the ban on fox hunting than it is spending debating bringing in assisted suicide.

I am sure that you will share these concerns. Despite recent events, this measure is still being rushed without proper scrutiny and without fundamental questions surrounding safeguards being answered. This is a deeply flawed Bill with untold unintended consequences.

Every MP, and Government, has a solemn duty to prevent such legislation reaching the statute book. This, tragically, is what may happen. So, I appeal to you: even if you have written before, please make contact now with your MP and ask them to vote against this Bill not only on grounds of principle but because of the failure of Parliament to approach this issue in an adequate and responsible manner.

In his Letter to the Philippians, from which we heard in the Second Reading, St Paul reflects on the difficulties and responsibilities of life. He speaks of 'pressing on' and 'striving' for the fullness of life promised in Christ Jesus. Yet he is totally confident in his struggles because, as he says, 'Christ Jesus has made me his own'.

We too have many struggles. We too know that Christ Jesus has made us his own. So, we too press on with this struggle, so important in our times.

With an assurance of my continued prayers and blessing

Yours devotedly in Christ

+ John Wilson

Metropolitan Archbishop of Southwark

Given at Southwark, 26th March 2025

**MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK:
14th APRIL 2025
7:30pm to 8:30pm**

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

PLANNED GIVING – THANK YOU

**"...for who am I
and what is my people,
for us to be able to volunteer
offerings like this?
– since everything comes from You
and we have given You only what
you bestowed in the first place."**

- 1 Chronicles 29: 14-16

**Thank you for taking part in our
'Planned Giving' appeal last weekend.**

At the back of the church there are named envelopes for all parishioners who signed a pledge card last week. If you asked for a standing order form (bankers order) or a new batch of donation envelopes, you shall find them inside your named envelope. Please take a few minutes to collect your letter when you leave Mass today.

If you are new to the parish, or missed signing a pledge card last weekend, and would like a box of donation envelopes, or to donate to the parish by standing order (bankers order) or wish to Gift Aid, please complete a pledge card at the back of the Church today and post it through our Presbytery letterbox.

**Once again, thank you for all
that you do.**

**Please keep our parish
in your prayers.**