

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS (C) Num. 21: 4b-9; Ps. 78; Phil. 2: 6-11; John 3: 13-17	
Saturday 13th September 2025 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Anne McGagh RIP (McGagh)	Sunday 14th September 2025 8:30am: People of the Parish 10:30am: Jim and Helga Connors RIP (A. Gillespie)
OUR LADY OF SORROWS Monday 15th September 2025 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Luigina Guala	ST. CORNELIUS, POPE AND ST. CYPRIAN, BISHOP, MARTYRS Tuesday 16th September 2025 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Anne Bruce RIP (K. Shrimpton)
Weds. 17th Sep. 2025 (Feria) (ST. HILDEGARD OF BINGEN, VIRGIN AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Brian McKie RIP (McKie) 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom	Thurs. 18th Sep. 2025 (Feria) (ST. EDITH OF KEMSING) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Intention for my family
Friday 19th Sep. 2025 (Feria) (ST. THEODORE OF CANTERBURY, BISHOP) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Maureen Sauders RIP (Jim Saunders)	ST. ANDREW KIM TAE-GŎN, PRIEST, PAUL CHŌNG HA-SANG AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS Sat. 20th September 2025 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) Amos 8: 4-7; Ps. 112; 1 Tim. 2: 1-8; Luke 16: 1-13	
Sat. 20th September 2025 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Holy Souls Enrollment Mass for Confirmation Candidates	Sunday 21st September 2025 8:30am: Jackie Santo RIP (Coward) 10:30am: People of the Parish THE INTERNATIONAL HOLY MASS
ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH	
Mary Clifford, Herr Kornelius Kones, Parents of Mr. and Mrs. J. McAleese, Sr. Agnes O'Driscoll, Annette Staunton, Gladys Storrie, May Davies, Harry Penny, Irene Lintott, Christopher Gohery, Lily Young, Mary Davies, David Edwards, Michael Donnelly, Pauline Mullan, Michael Talty, Michael Maguire, Sr. Mary Kostka, Harry Stanton, Suzanna Bull, Richard Forsdyke, Eileen Armstrong, Billy Davies, Sammy-Jo Hopkins, Sr. Mary Angela Hayden.	
WONDER AND GRATITUDE.	
Lifting up our gaze should not enkindle fear, but gratitude, because that elevation is the measure of the love with which God loves His children, in His Son. It is the Mercy of God, therefore, which, as is the case with Nicodemus, illuminates the darkness of our lives and allows us to continue on our journey. There is no neutrality regarding the Cross. We cannot remain neutral regarding the Cross of Jesus. Either we are with Him or we are against Him. A choice is made before every action, for the actions of a Christian are none other than the testimony of how "God has love us so much that he gave His only Son, Jesus" .	



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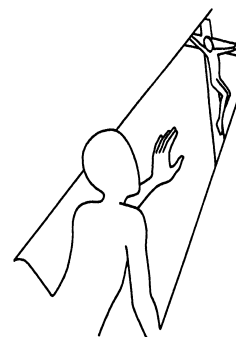
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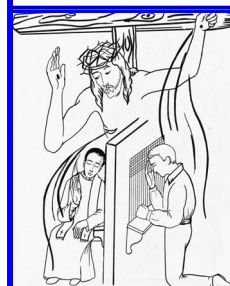
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"And as
Moses lifted
up the
serpent
in the
wilderness,



so must the
Son of Man
be lifted up,
that
whoever
believes
in Him
may have
eternal life.



SACRAMENT OF PENANCE - CONFESSION -

SATURDAYS
5PM TO 6PM
 also, WHENEVER
 THE CHURCH
 IS OPEN, and
 ON REQUEST

SUNDAY OFFERINGS 6TH/7TH SEPTEMBER 2025:

Gift Aid: £259; Card: £202; Loose Plate: £191.15 ATTENDANCE: 234
Building Fund: Gift Aid: £397.70; Card: £63; Loose Cash: £117.90
Thank you for your continuing generosity in these difficult times, *Fr. David.*

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

This weekend: for **CATHOLIC EDUCATION.**

THE CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE (CES) acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic education.

Gift Aiders: please use one of the envelopes from your box/bundle.

Next weekend: for **EVANGELII GAUDIUM (HOME MISSIONS).**

This collection provides the Bishops of England and Wales with resources to support 'Home Mission', the spread of the Gospel in our own country.

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS (C)

The feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross celebrates two historical events:

1) the discovery of the True Cross by Saint Helena, the mother of the Emperor Constantine, in 320 under the temple of Venus in Jerusalem, and **2) the dedication in A. D. 335 of the basilica and shrine built on Calvary** by Constantine, which mark the site of the Crucifixion: The Holy Sepulchre. However the feast, more than anything else, is a celebration and commemoration of God's greatest work: **his salvific death on the Cross and His Resurrection**, through which death was defeated and the doors to Heaven opened.

PLEASE PRAY for our Young People who will begin their immediate preparation to become Confirmed Christians and to receive

THE FULLNESS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
IN THE SACRAMENT OF
CONFIRMATION.

May they become **TRUE WITNESSES** to the Faith, and
'SOLDIERS OF CHRIST'.

Please, pray daily the Prayer for the Holy Spirit on page 4 of this Newsletter. Thank you.

100 CLUB WINNERS £50

SEPTEMBER 2025

4: Aminta Rogers

57: Victor Uhumwango

PLEASE JOIN OUR 100 CLUB.

Please see Jim Saunders.

It is a great way to raise parish funds and for the Building Fund.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

**CHURCH GARDEN
WORKING PARTY**

A Big Thank You

to everyone who came to help to tidy up the Church gardens.

**WE ARE VERY THANKFUL
FOR ALL YOUR HELP.**

**DONATION TO THE CTiC
FOOD BANK**

A big thank you on behalf of the CTiC Food Bank to the **SUNDAY 8.30AM TEA CLUB** for their Donation of £200, which is greatly appreciated.
Thank you, Alex.

NEW FIRE ESCAPE

The Building Fund has recently been used to replace all of the steps on the fire escape from the Playgroup and Social Club.

Several of the old steps needed repair or replacement. Thank you for your generous contributions to the Building Fund each month.

ST. MARY OF THE CRAY'S COMMUNITY SOCIAL CLUB

Please dress up and join us in the Social Club for a

LAST NIGHT AT THE PROMS CELEBRATION

on **SATURDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER** at **7.30PM** and wave the flag.

The next **BINGO SESSION** will be on **SUNDAY 5TH OCTOBER**

with the rollover still rolling over and standing at £123.

The club is open 7.30pm to 11pm on Friday and Saturday nights and 12noon to 4pm on Sunday.

We look forward to seeing you and your family there.

CELEBRATORY DAY OF PRAISE, WORSHIP AND THANKSGIVING
AS WE OFFER OURSELVES TO THE LORD AS 'LIVING SACRIFICES
- EVENTCATHOLIC.COM

Join the Archdiocese of Southwark for a special celebratory day, as we continue our Jubilee journey. **SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, 4th October 2025**

LOCATION: St George's Cathedral, Southwark (SE1 7HY)

More details will be coming. **Go to link below to register:**

<https://eventcatholic.com/event/celebratory-day-of-praise-worship-and-thanksgiving-as-we-offer-ourselves-to-the-lord-as-living-sacrifices/>

Once registered, for anyone interested in travelling together contact

Eileen Colman on 07748-690 823 or

Tina Saunders on 07947-184 212.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2025,

21st – 25th October Cost £399:

A Kent half term trip with a number of places left.

Costs include return flights from Stansted

half board accommodation, transfer from/to Lourdes.

£70 single supplement. Children under 16 go for **£199.**

For more details contact Fr. Stephen Boyle,

dartford@rcaos.org.uk, Tel: **01322 220 075.**

Fr. Henry Mukasa will also be leading the pilgrimage.

POPE LEO XIV's PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER
invites us to pray 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.

Please pray for the members of our Parish Family who are sick:

Anita Claridge, Anna Idahosa, Barry Alfred Colville, Bernard Glazier, Bernie Francis, Bridget Whitaker, Carmella "Nina" Stafford, Catherine Edmeades, Chandra Rawal, Chloe Mutimer, Christina Redmond, Clare Cooney, Clare Gummatt, Erin, Fr. Morty O'Shea, Felicity Dyer, Jackie Dawson, Joan Veronica McCormack, Linda Rawlinson, Liz Algar, Luc Fitzpatrick, Margaret Harrington, Marie Rogerston, Pat Goodwin, Pat McGrory, Patrick Taylor, Pauline White, Richard Hilsden, Rita Pearce and Sean Tansey.

PLEASE, DO YOU KNOW OF ANY ONE ELSE WHO, WITH THEIR PERMISSION, OUGHT TO BE ON THIS LIST?