

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) - THE WORD OF GOD SUNDAY
Is. 8: 23-9: 3; Ps. 26; 1 Cor. 1: 10-13, 17; Matthew 4: 12-23

Saturday 24th January 2026
5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS
6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY
 6:30pm: Holy Souls

*(THE CONVERSION OF
 ST. PAUL, THE APOSTLE)*
Sunday 25th January 2026
 8:30am: People of the Parish
 10:30am: Jim and Helga Connors
 RIP (A. Gillespie)

STS. TIMOTHY AND TITUS, BISHOPS
Monday 26th January 2026
8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration
 9:15am: Pauline Cornell RIP
 (Jim Saunders)

Tuesday 27th Jan. 2026 (Feria)
(ST. ANGELA MERICI, VIRGIN)
8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration
 9:15am: Alfonso Santana RIP (Clark)
 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom
 Sr. Rita 105th Birthday n/s

**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST AND
 DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**
Weds. 28th January 2026
8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration
 9:15am: Thanksgiving Gedvilas
 Family

Thurs. 29th Jan. 2026 (Feria)
8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration
 9:15am: Monica Murrell RIP
 (Clemas)

Fri. 30th January 2026 (Feria)
8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration
 9:15am: Holy Souls

ST. JOHN BOSCO, PRIEST
Saturday 31st January 2026
 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
Zeph. 2: 3, 3: 12-13; Ps. 145; 1 Cor. 1: 26-31; Matthew 5: 1-12

Saturday 31st January 2026
5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS
6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY
 6:30pm: Rita Pearce RIP (V. Hull)

Sunday 1st February 2026
 8:30am: People of the Parish
 10:30am: Dennis Murphy RIP
 (Galibardy)

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

Hannah Dwyer, Maureen Corbett-Smith, Mary Mathews, Winifred Challis,
 Elizabeth Jane Johnson, Margaret Hoey, Kathleen Mitchell,
 Thomas Patman Cox, Con Murphy, Paul Walker, Norah Holmes,
 William Looker, Elsie and Herbert Parker, Harry Murrell, Charles Foley,
 Laraine Selwood Taylor.

CHRIST IS OUR LIGHT AND OUR HELP!

Christ lightens our darkness and helps us to see the real meaning of life. When He calls us to follow Him we must learn to put aside our differences. It is in true Christian charity that we are able to proclaim the Good News of the kingdom, and it is for this purpose that Christ calls us to follow Him.

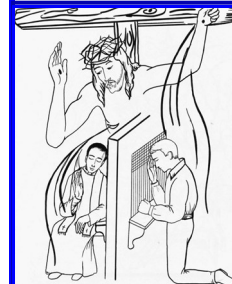


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And He (*Jesus*)
 said to them,



**"FOLLOW ME,
 and I will make you
 fishers of men."**



**SACRAMENT OF
 PENANCE -
 CONFESSION -**
**SATURDAYS
 5PM TO 6PM**
 also, **WHENEVER
 THE CHURCH
 IS OPEN, and
 ON REQUEST**

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SUNDAY OFFERINGS 17TH/18TH 2026:

Gift Aid: £326.30; Card: £100; Loose Plate: £258.25 ATTENDANCE: 237
Thank you for your continuing generosity in these difficult times, *Fr. David.*

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

This weekend: for **St GEORGE'S R. C. CATHEDRAL, SOUTHWARK**, the Mother Church of our Archdiocese of Southwark.

Gift-Aiders - please use the Diocesan Envelopes provided.

Next weekend: for **RACIAL JUSTICE.**

This collection supports the work of the Catholic Church to promote racial justice in our schools, parishes and in wider society.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

The invitation is direct and simple, **"Come, follow me"** with no hint as to where they are going or what is in store for them. Nothing is promised. There is no suggestion of any hesitation or regret on their part at letting go or leaving their boats behind. Only one thing matters - to follow Christ and become fishers of men. This encounter between Jesus and the apostles takes place during the first moments of His ministry and reflects the humble origins of the Church.

As followers of Christ we are called to be servants of God and to struggle in the task of enlarging the Church by spreading the Good News of the kingdom. This is not possible unless we have begun living the new life we have received at baptism.

Right now we stand at a point of opportunity. Christ alone gives us life and hope and we should not be side-tracked in the work of our own conversion by earthly pursuits. We are the hands of God. The power of God is released upon the world by men and women like ourselves in every walk of life.

AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST: A CATHOLIC APOLOGETICS RESOURCE.

The Archdiocese of Southwark has launched an exciting apologetics project to provide evidence-based answers to questions such as "Is Jesus God?" or "does prayer work?" **AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST** is designed to equip you with a deeper understanding of your faith, so you can confidently answer questions and be a joyful witness for the Lord Jesus and his Church. **Every Monday**, a new video will be posted on **YouTube**, along with a worksheet to enable parishes, schools, youth groups and families to use them as part of their faith formation. To watch the videos and take part in this exciting project, please visit:

rcaos.org.uk/ambassadorsforchrist.

**GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK
ST. VALENTINE'S DAY BALL**

The Good Counsel **BLACK TIE BALL** will take place at 6pm on St Valentine's Day, **Saturday 14th February 2026** in Kensington, London. 5 Star; 3 Course Meal; Dance with live band; Silent Auction. Please see notice board for further details

EXAM INVIGILATORS

St Catherine's Catholic School for Girls in Bexleyheath is seeking to appoint Examination Invigilators to maintain the integrity and security of both internal and external examinations, and to support and guide students calmly during their examination period. For more information and to apply, please visit <https://www.stccg.co.uk/Support-Staff-Vacancies>

**PALMS FOR ASHES
FOR**

ASH WEDNESDAY
Please bring in your Palms from last year's Palm Sunday so that we can burn them and create the Ashes for **ASH WEDNESDAY: 18TH FEBRUARY 2026**

ST. MARY OF THE CRAY'S COMMUNITY SOCIAL CLUB

The next **BINGO SESSION** will be on **SUNDAY 1ST FEBRUARY** at **12:15PM**.
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.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE SOUTH-EAST LONDON

The 2026 Sycamore Growing in Faith together (GIFT):

The Sycamore Growing in Faith Together (GIFT) for married and engaged couples is an ONLINE course, which has been developed in collaboration with the Southwark Marriage and Family Life team, the Agency for Evangelisation and Sycamore, a programme about the Catholic faith by Fr Stephen Wang, Growing in Faith Together consists of four one hour-long sessions via Zoom and is a wonderful opportunity for: married couples to enrich their friendship and love and engaged couples who want to continue exploring their faith together. The 2026 Sycamore Growing in Faith together (GIFT) dates are:

10th, 17th, 24th and 31st March; 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th May;

8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th Sept. Contact Carole on: mflkent@rcaos.org.uk

The 2026 dates for 'Rooted in Love' - Growing in Faith Together (GIFT).

It's an online monthly meet up to hear a scripture reading and discuss ideas relevant to married Catholic couples/couples where one is RC/or an individual RC spouse meeting once a month for 1 hour at 8.30pm - 9.30pm.

Thursday 26th February and Thursday 26th March Contact Carole on: mflkent@rcaos.org.uk

**RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY:
1ST FEBRUARY 2026**

Archbishop John Wilson will celebrate Mass for Racial Justice Sunday at St George's Cathedral on **Sunday 1st February 2026, at 10am**. You are warmly encouraged to attend in person, but if you cannot make it you can watch the livestream through the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/fdmGwmESSgI>

**A THANK YOU MESSAGE FROM
THE BETHLEHEM NATIVITY GROUP
Christian greetings and**

the Peace of our Lord be with you always.

We would love to thank you by allowing our group to come to your church and sell the olive wood religious articles, the result of which was very beneficial and rewarding for our needy Christian families which raised £2102. Your help is a great support for us, and for our Christian families in the Holy Land. We don't have enough words to thank you and your parishioners but make sure that you are always in our prayers. If anyone has missed the carvings display, you can place an order online at www.tbng.co.uk God bless you all. Love and blessings from The Bethlehem Nativity Group.

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

Anita Claridge, Anna Idahosa, Barry Alfred Colville, Bernie Francis, Bridget Whitaker, Carmella "Nina" Stafford, Catherine Edmeades, Chandra Rawal, Chloe Mutimer, Christina Redmond, Clare Cooney, 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 and Sean Tansey.

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