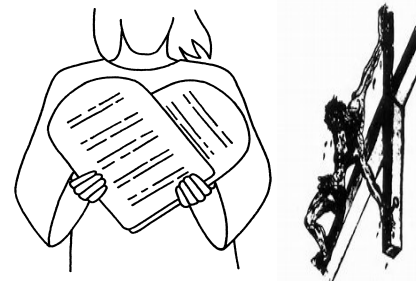


SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Ecclus. 15: 15-20; Ps. 118; 1 Cor. 2: 6-10; Matthew 5: 17-37	
Saturday 14th February 2026 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Holy Souls	Sunday 15th February 2026 8:30am: Bridget Antony RIP 10:30am: People of the Parish
Mon. 16th Feb. 2026 (Feria) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Elizabeth and Alexander Greatorex RIP (Homer)	Tues. 17th Feb. 2026 (Feria) (THE SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS OF THE SERVITE ORDER) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Deceased Barker and Streatfield Families
ASH WEDNESDAY DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE Weds. 18th February 2026 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Fr. John Lawrence RIP n/s and Stations of the Cross 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom In thanksgiving (Sr. Marie LSU) 7:30pm: Deceased Clergy n/s	Thurs. 19th Feb. 2026 (Feria) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Selvi Jeyaseelen Novena of the Miraculous Medal
Fri. 20th Feb. 2026 (Feria) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Holy Souls 7:30pm Stations of the Cross	Sat. 21st February 2026 (Feria) 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (A) Gen. 2: 7-9, 3: 1-7; Ps. 50; Rom. 5: 12-19; Matthew 4: 1-11	
Saturday 21st February 2026 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Blessed 11th wedding anniversary Vicky Ellen & Lee Clark	Sunday 22nd February 2026 8:30am: Monica Murrell RIP (Loretta Ives) 10:30am: People of the Parish
ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH	
Paul Ward, Francis Murray, Eva Austin, William and Emily Field, Terence Picking, Teresa Lynch, Josef Michael Baker, Angelina Adoh, Patrick Connolly, Christopher Delieu, Catherine McSweeney, Bert Kemp, Geraldine Cascarini, Elizabeth Gohery, Dennis Hughes, Christine Florence Hand.	
THE LAW OF GOD IS FOR MAN'S HAPPINESS.	
God's ways are other than ours. When we try to penetrate deeper into the meaning of His laws we realise that I is only His Spirit which will help us to plumb the depths of what He commands us. Jesus by His lifestyle is the fulfilment of the law. If we follow Him we will keep God's Word.	

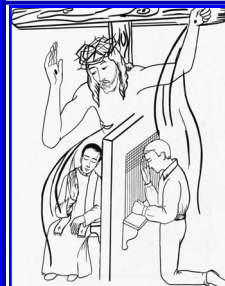


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At that time:
Jesus said to His disciples,
*"Do not think that I have
come to abolish
the Law or the Prophets;
I have not come to abolish
them but to fulfil them.*



*For truly, I say to you,
until heaven and earth pass
away, not an iota, not a dot,
will pass from the Law until
it is accomplished.*



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SUNDAY OFFERINGS 7TH/8TH FEBRUARY 2026:

Gift Aid: £220.50; Card: 125; Loose Plate: £254.04 ATTENDANCE: 211
Building Fund: Gift Aid: £448.85 ; Card: £85; Loose Plate: £130.52
Crib Collection £391.00

Thank you for your continuing generosity in these difficult times, *Fr. David.*

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

This weekend: for the **Clergy Support Fund.**

This collection enables the Archdiocese of Southwark to care for clergy in their retirement, old age, and at their time of ill health, after their lifetime of service and devotion to Christ, His Church and His people.

Gift-aiders please use one of the envelopes from your box/bundle.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Jesus is telling us in this Gospel that getting by within the letter of the law is not what He has in mind for His followers and spells out clearly what He expects of all those who profess to believe in Him.

He does not lay down rules and regulations for every situation in life but He asks us to keep a check on our inner attitudes, on our motivation. Thoughts are just as important as deeds. What we say and do must express what is in our hearts because good attitudes produce sincere actions.

THE SEASON OF LENT

We begin the Season of Lent this week on Ash Wednesday, 18th February, and this is a penitential period when we prepare for Easter. It is a time to renew our lives. The things we are to do are to pray, fight evil, fast and help the poor, sick and lonely. In the first place we pray to ask God to give us courage to turn away from sin and believe in the Gospel.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Stations of the Cross: Wednesdays after 9.15am Holy Mass and **Fridays** at 7.30pm. **Why not visit the social club afterwards on Friday evening, where soft drinks and hot drinks compliment the alcoholic offering. Something for everyone.**

Novena to Our Lady Immaculate - The Miraculous Medal:

Thursdays after 9.15am Holy Mass during Lent

SPIRITUALITY COMMISSION LENTEN REFLECTIONS

The Spirituality Commission will be sending daily reflections during Lent featuring Scripture, thoughts and prayers. You can sign up to receive them directly into your inbox each morning: visit <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/lent>

**100 CLUB WINNERS:
FEBRUARY 2026: £50.00**

79: SAMARIAN ROGERS;

101: AYESHA LUIS

Come and 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 always appreciated. Thank you.

**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 **£150.00**, which is greatly appreciated. Thank you very much. Alex.

ST. MARY OF THE CRAY'S COMMUNITY SOCIAL CLUB

The next **BINGO SESSION** will be on **SUNDAY 1ST MARCH** 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.

POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY 2026
invites us to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

**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**

CLERGY SUPPORT FUND

The clergy in our Archdiocese have given us so much. They have been there for us in our happiest moments and comforted us when we have lost loved ones. Supporting priests in their retirement is one way to show your appreciation for all they have one for parishes.

You make supporting our clergy in retirement possible, find out how to donate to the Clergy Support Fund at www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/CSF.

You can also donate via telephone office hours Mon-Fri 020 7960 2504 or by using the Clergy Support Fund envelopes available this weekend at the back of Church. Please continue to keep our Priests in your prayers.

**THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY IS DEDICATED TO THE
HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH**

Here is a bedtime prayer to prepare us to see God "face to face" in glory, through the intercession of the Holy Family of Nazareth:

V/: Jesus, Mary and Joseph:

R/: I give you my heart and my soul.

V/: Jesus, Mary and Joseph:

R/: Assist me in my last agony.

V/: Jesus, Mary and Joseph:

R/: May I sleep and take my rest in peace with You.

Amen.

**OUR REPOSITORY
SHOP**

Come and visit our Repository. We have Mass Cards, Prayer Books and many other items. The shop can be open throughout the week before and after Holy Mass.

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?