

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Is. 58: 7-10; Ps. 111; 1 Cor. 2: 1-5; Matthew 5: 13-16	
Saturday 7th February 2026 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Renato Petrino and Luigina Guala RIP	Sunday 8th February 2026 Day for victims of trafficking 8:30am: Thanksgiving (Uchendo) 10:30am: People of the Parish
Mon. 9th Feb. 2026 (Feria) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Fr. Wenna Henry Tiku RIP n/s 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom Sr. Maureen Gainey RIP (LSU)	ST. SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN Tuesday 10th February 2026 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Rev. Edmund Carroll RIP FM
OUR LADY OF LOURDES Weds. 11th February 2026 World Day for the Sick 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Brian McKie RIP FM	Thurs. 12th Feb. 2026 (Feria) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Nuala Spitty (PJ McGrath)
Fri. 13th February 2026 (Feria) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Bernard Glazier RIP (Hughes)	STS. CYRIL, MONK AND METHODIUS, BISHOP, PATRONS OF EUROPE Saturday 14th February 2026 (ST. VALENTINE, PRIEST AND MARTYR) 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Eccclus. 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

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH
Peg Wills, Daniel Dunning, Brian McKie, Thomas Bolger, Violet Hughes, Kathleen Josephine Jordan, Robert Russell, Rev. Edmund Carroll, Thomas Coligan, Winifred Joyce, Patricia Ann Daniel, William Leahy, Patrick Leahy, Hildegard Bertram, John William Milburn "Bill", Kitty Clemas, James Durkin, James Talty, Frederick Talbot, Kathleen Gillespie, Jimmie Gately, Mavis Toomey, John O'Brien.

SALT OF THE EARTH AND LIGHT OF THE WORLD!
Jesus calls us to be the salt of the earth and gives us an example in His own crucifixion. We are also, through our good works, a light shining in the darkness so that others may be guided on their journey to God.

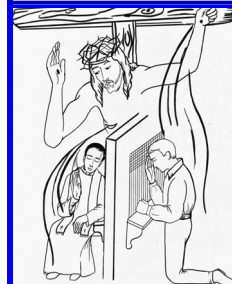


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"You are the light of
the world. A city set on a
hill cannot be hidden.



In the same way, let your
light shine before others, so
that they may see your good
works and give glory to your
Father who is in heaven."



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5PM TO 6PM**
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ON REQUEST*

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SUNDAY OFFERINGS 31ST JANUARY/1ST FEBRUARY 2026:

**Gift Aid: £284.50; Card: £171; Loose Plate: £154.27 ATTENDANCE: 212
Racial Justice: Card: £33.00; Loose Plate: £187.32**

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

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

This weekend: for THE **BUILDING FUND.**

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

14th/15th February: 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.

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Christ has placed His Gospel into our hands and it depends on us whether or not it is proclaimed. His message is seen for what it is when we put it into practice in our lives. Truly good people who take their religion seriously may be quite unaware of the effect they have on others, but their influence does not go unnoticed. There is a warmth about those whose good deeds and actions reflect the image of Jesus, the light of the world. The presence of a genuine Christ-like character enriches the community and enables the best in others to come forth.

We can celebrate the presence of God at home and at work without going out of our way to do anything exceptional—it is evident in ordinary things.

THE SEASON OF LENT

We will begin the Season of Lent 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

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>

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

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 Private Prayer and Holy Mass.

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**

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

100 CLUB

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.

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?