

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

Acts 2: 42-47; Ps. 117; 1 Pet. 1: 3-9; John 20: 19-31

<p>Saturday 11th April 2026 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Thanksgiving (Amelia Gonsalves)</p>	<p>Sunday 12th April 2026 8am: Divine Mercy Chaplet 8:30am: Monica Murrell RIP (Coward) 10:30am: People of the Parish 12:30pm: Baptism Rukia Thomas</p>
<p>Monday 13th April 2026 (Feria) (ST. MARTIN I, POPE AND MARTYR) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Patrick Fernandes RIP 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom</p>	<p>Tues. 14th April 2026 (Feria) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Fr. John Ryan RIP (V. Hull)</p>
<p>Weds. 15th April 2026 (Feria) (8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Holy Souls</p>	<p>Thursday 16th April 2026 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Ian Hambleton (Jeyaseelan) 11:00am Holy Mass at Shalom</p>
<p>Friday 17th April 2026 (Feria) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Elizabeth Smith RIP FM</p>	<p>Sat. 18th April 2026 (Feria) No Holy Mass at Shalom</p>

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

Acts 2: 14. 22-28; Ps. 15; 1 Pet. 1: 17-21; Luke 24: 13-35

<p>Saturday 18th April 2026 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Healing of Hillary Coelho (Family)</p>	<p>Sunday 19th April 2026 8:30am: People of the Parish 10:30am: Baby Sam RIP (Fiona) 12:30pm: Baptism Cillian Michael Kerrane - Frogley</p>
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ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

Gladys Keens, Monica O'Neill, Robert Leo Cooper, Rose Locke, Violet O'Neil, James Taylor, Nancy Lester, Dennis Kenneally, Audrey (Trixie) Leonard, Cyril Jenkins, Lilian Bryan, Bennie Curran, Eileen McMahon, Baby Bridie Stuchbury, Sr. Isabel Montero, Ivan Taylor, Edward Cox, Tom Byrne, Ada and Frank Daletta, Henri Tierlinck, Margaret Coligan, James Stewart, Jim Keenan, Bruce Dixon, Robina Coughlan, Michael Deen.

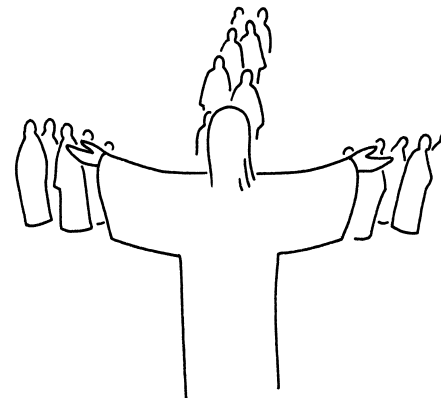
WE DO NOT SEE YET WE BELIEVE.

God has created a new human family through His raising of Jesus Christ from the dead. It is our belief in the resurrection of Jesus Christ which becomes the source of Christ's life within us. We do not see yet we believe. Our faith overcomes our doubts and we acknowledge the power of the risen Christ.

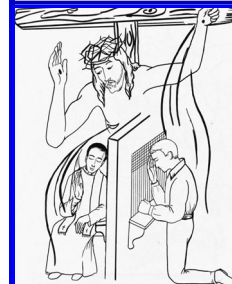


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'Peace be with you.



As the Father has
 sent me, even so
 I am sending you.'



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

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SUNDAY OFFERINGS 4TH/5TH APRIL 2026:

ATTENDANCE: MAUNDY THURSDAY: 121; GOOD FRIDAY: 168;

EASTER SUNDAY: 435

Easter Offering: Gift Aid: £904; Card: £191; Loose Plate: £930

Mary's Meals: Card: £45; Loose Plate: £216.10

Holy Places: Card: £63; Loose Plate: £384.60

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

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

Next weekend: for THE **BUILDING FUND**

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

25th/26th April: for **PRIEST TRAINING FUND.**

This collection helps to meet the costs of training students for the permanent diaconate and students for the priesthood. It also supports certain forms of ongoing formation of the clergy.

Gift-Aiders: please use the Diocesan envelopes provided

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During life, faith is an ongoing struggle and there are moments of crisis when our minds are darkened and our vision of God is blurred by clouds of doubt. There is nothing comfortable about believing as it challenges us to change our lives as a result of our encounter with Jesus. The risen Christ is present in our midst as much as He was with the early Christians and we are called to live our lives in His name. It is through believing that we enter into a relationship with Christ and enjoy the new life which He offers us.

Faith is our meeting with God and there will come moments in life when all else fails and we have nothing to fall back on except our faith: Lord, help us all.

"I believe, help thou my unbelief."

100 CLUB

WINNERS: APRIL 2026

2: RICHARD WASH;

17: MARY TITE

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.

PART-TIME CARETAKER VACANCY AT

ST. MARY OF THE CRAYS, CRAYFORD

Please see notice board for further information and application details.

POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR

APRIL 2026 invites us to pray for

the use of the new technologies.

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

MASS IN CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE AT ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL ON 11TH JULY 2026

If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th+ wedding anniversary this year, please let us know as soon as possible, and no later than the middle of May, providing the following details: your names in the format John and Mary Smith, your home address, your parish, and the anniversary you are celebrating, so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during Mass. Spaces are limited. Contact us at mflse@rcaos.org.uk. As the title of your email, please write your parish location e.g. Clapham, Beckenham.

Marriage and Family Life South East RC Archdiocese of Southwark

ST. MARY OF THE CRAYS' COMMUNITY SOCIAL CLUB

For you and your families enjoyment the following events will be held over the next few weeks:

SATURDAY 18TH APRIL at 7.30 PM - DVD HORSE RACE. Fun for all the family with 50p tote betting on 8 races with 8 horses in each race. Own a horse for £3 with £12 to the winning horse.

SUNDAY 3RD MAY at 12.15PM - BINGO with the snowball still growing and now standing at £101.

SATURDAY 16TH MAY at 7.30PM - CARIBBEAN FOOD NIGHT- tickets for the food available from the bar.

Please join us at these events, help the Parish and enjoy the social life of the Parish.

Membership renewal of the club is now due. If you are not a member please consider joining and making use of the club serving soft drinks, coffee, beer, wines and spirits at low cost. Membership renewal is £10 for two years.

The social club committee gives notice that the AGM of the club will be held on Friday 8th May 2026 at 7pm and all are welcome.

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.

NEW CLUB OPENING HOURS FROM 1ST MAY 2026:

FRIDAY 8:30PM-11PM; SATURDAY 7:30PM-9:30PM; SUNDAY 1PM-3PM

NEW DAWN CONFERENCE IN MANCHESTER

3rd - 7th August 2026

Come to the 40th Catholic

Conference organised by the Prince of Peace Community with excellent speakers from UK and abroad, daily Mass, praise and worship, healing service. For more info/booking

<https://princeofpeace.org.uk>

or speak to Eileen, Anne-Marie, Tina or Angela (Folk Group)

CHURCH FLOWERS

We have a collection box by the Sacristy to help us to continue to have the beautiful flowers in Church throughout the year.

Any contributions you could make are appreciated and gratefully received.

Thank you.

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

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

Anita Claridge, Anna Idahosa, Barry Alfred Colville, Bernie Francis, Billy McGagh, 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 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?