

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) Acts 2: 14. 22-28; Ps. 15; 1 Pet. 1: 17-21; Luke 24: 13-35	
Saturday 18th April 2026 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Healing of Hillary Coelho (Family)	Sunday 19th April 2026 8:15am: Divine Mercy Chaplet 8:30am: People of the Parish 10:10am: Divine Mercy Chaplet 10:30am: Baby Sam RIP (Fiona) 12:30pm: Baptism Cillian Michael Kerrane - Frogley
Mon. 20th April 2026 (Feria) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Wellbeing Bernie Francis (Francis)	ST. ANSELM, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH Tuesday 21st April 2026 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Holy Souls (Gjoni)
Weds. 22nd April 2026 (Feria) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Mgr. Canon John O'Toole RIP n/s 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom Leslie and Brian RIP, Martin and Anthony missing and Victor	SOLEMNITY OF ST. GEORGE, MARTYR AND PATRON OF ENGLAND Thursday 23rd April 2026 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Francisca M Fernandes RIP
Friday 24th April 2026 (Feria) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Holy Souls	ST. MARK, EVANGELIST Saturday 25th April 2026 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) Acts 2: 14, 36-41; Ps. 22; 1 Pet. 2: 20-25; John 10: 1-10	
Saturday 25th April 2026 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Mri Rrok Nica RSP	WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE Sunday 26th April 2026 8:15am: Divine Mercy Chaplet 8:30am: Thanksgiving for journey mercies (B. Ukwunnah) 10:10am: Divine Mercy Chaplet 10:30am: People of the Parish 12:30pm: Baptism Asher Fernandes
ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH	
Edith Hitchin, Michael Murphy, Julia Howard, Francis van Mechelen, Mary Kemp, Doris Dimes, P. Phair, Anne Canneaux, Agnes James, Jose, Colin Ryall, Kathleen Yeo, His Holiness Pope Francis I, Agnes Cox, Ben Jones, Pat Bourke, Constance Lord, William Looker, Harry Biginton, Terence Connolly, Seamus Magee, Eileen Snelders, Ellen Walsh.	
CHRIST FEEDS US.	
Christ is our daily Eucharist—a day's food for a day's journey. We meet Him as pilgrims and strangers and recognise Him in the breaking of bread. He is our ransom and our gift.	



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They said to each other,
*'Did not our hearts burn
within us while
He talked to us on the road,*



*while He opened to us
the Scriptures?'*



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

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SUNDAY OFFERINGS 11TH/12TH APRIL 2026:

Gift Aid: £304.50; Card: £72; Loose Plate: £158 ATTENDANCE: 240

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.

Next weekend: 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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

On the way out of the city, the two forlorn disciples were joined by a stranger who listened sympathetically to their sorry tale and helped them to see the meaning in all that had happened.

At every step of their troubled journey Jesus was in their midst but they did not recognise His presence until the breaking of bread at Emmaus. Their faith was restored and they returned to Jerusalem with new-found enthusiasm.

All the time we forge that Jesus is walking with us, at our side ready and anxious to help us if only we would turn to Him for guidance, in these moments of quiet desperation. This is an opportunity to reflect on the importance of recognising the Lord's presence in our lives. One way we do this is by growing closer to Him through daily prayer and scripture reading.

**PART-TIME CARETAKER VACANCY
AT ST. MARY OF THE CRAYS,
CRAYFORD: Please see notice
board for further information
and application details.**

**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)

**ST. JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
VACANCIES for**

**SCHOOL OFFICE MANAGER and
SCHOOL PREMISES MANAGER**
Please see the adverts on the notice board for further information and details on how to apply.

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

CHURCH FLOWERS: We have a collection box by the Sacristy to help us to continue to have the beautiful flowers in our Church throughout the year. Any contributions you could make are appreciated and gratefully received. Thank you.

Of your Charity, please pray for the repose of the Soul of

WILLIAM JOSEPH MCGAGH, who died on the 11th April 2026

RECEPTION OF HIS BODY INTO CHURCH: Tuesday 5th May at 4pm

REQUIEM MASS: Wednesday 6th May at 10:30am

COMMITTAL: Eltham Crematorium at 12:15pm

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO HIM, O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HIM. MAY HE REST IN PEACE. MAY HIS SOUL, AND THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD REST IN PEACE. AMEN.

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:

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.

SATURDAY 23RD MAY at 7.30PM - ANDY'S QUIZ. Teams of 6 max., entry form from the bar or turn up and join a team on the night.

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

**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

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 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?