

<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)</b> <b>Acts 2: 14, 36-41; Ps. 22; 1 Pet. 2: 20-25; John 10: 1-10</b>	
<b>Saturday 25th April 2026</b> 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Mri Rrok Nica RSP	WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS <b>Sunday 26th April 2026</b> 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
<b>Mon. 27th April 2026 (Feria)</b> 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Pauline Cornell RIP	<b>Tues. 28th April 2026 (Feria)</b> (ST. PETER CHANEL, PRIEST AND MARTYR) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Monica Murrell RIP (Jim Saunders)
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA, VIRGIN AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH, PATRON OF EUROPE <b>Wednesday 29th April 2026</b> 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Fr. Sunith Nonis RIP n/s 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom Wellbeing Fr. John McCluskey (LSU)	<b>Thursday 30th April 2026</b> (ST. PIUS V, POPE) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Holy Souls
ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER DAY OF PRAYER FOR GOD'S BLESSING ON HUMAN WORK FIRST FRIDAY <b>Friday 1st May 2026</b> 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Whitaker and Hotine Families RIP FM	ST. ATHANASIUS, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH FIRST SATURDAY <b>Saturday 2nd May 2026</b> 7:30am: First Saturday Devotions 8:30am: Private Intention (DG) 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom
<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)</b> <b>Acts 6: 1-7; Ps. 32; 1 Pet. 2: 4-9; John 14: 1-12</b>	
<b>Saturday 2nd May 2026</b> 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Billy McGagh RIP (Hull)	<b>Sunday 3rd May 2026</b> 8:15am: Divine Mercy Chaplet 8:30am: Carmella 'Nina' Stafford and Family (Galibardy) 10:10am: Divine Mercy Chaplet 10:30am: People of the Parish
<b>ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH</b>	
Mary Harrington, Bert James, Ted Lester, Alice Flynn, Joseph Redmond, Margaretta Ryder, M. Steel, Margaret Byrne, Tom Carter, Michael Keely, John Totman, Ann Bye, Mr. and Mrs. Lamb, Norman Grainger, Margaret Griffith, Kathleen Twomey, Thomas Keaveney, Sr. Doreen Shepherd, Ernest Rice, Kitty Geaney, Laura Jayne Roper, Catherine 'Kitty' Milburn, Ivy Taylor, Ellen Regan, May Irwin, Charles Hughes.	
<b>CHRIST THE SHEPHERD BRINGS US LIFE.</b>	
God has appointed Christ as the Shepherd of the whole human race. He has become our gateway to eternal life because He lays down His life for us. Even though we have gone astray through sin, nevertheless by His wounds we are healed and given a new direction in our lives.	

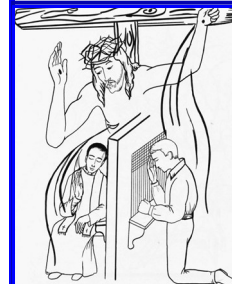


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Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.



If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.



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

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**SUNDAY OFFERINGS 18TH/19TH APRIL 2026:**

**Gift Aid: £251.50; Card: £50; Loose Plate: £252.22 ATTENDANCE: 267**  
**Building Fund: Gift Aid: £306.50; Card: £43; Loose Plate: £138.17**  
Thank you for your continuing generosity in these difficult times, *Fr. David.*

**SECOND COLLECTIONS:**

**This 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*

**GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY – SUPPORT OUR FUTURE PRIESTS**

The priesthood has always been at the heart of the Church. This Good Shepherd Sunday, we pray for vocations and support the Priest Training Fund, which forms men for service across our parishes, schools, hospitals, and communities. We currently have 9 seminarians, each costing around £30,000 per year over six years of formation. Your generosity helps make their calling possible.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)**

This story of the personal love of Jesus Christ for every individual and of His willingness to lay down His life for us, should prompt us to make some response in return for such lavish generosity. If we claim to be part of His family we should be eagerly following Him with enthusiasm and generosity. Our surest road to safety is to be alert and ready to answer His invitation to come and follow.

The caring acts of God are performed in hands that serve. Christ is dependent on you and me to be shepherds of His flock in a caring and loving service to others. There is no other way for the Church to be a beacon of hope, a light in the darkness and a sign of salvation for those in need of help.

**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](http://rcaos.org.uk/ambassadorsforchrist)

**NEW DAWN CONFERENCE IN MANCHESTER: 3rd - 7th August 2026**

Come to the 40<sup>th</sup> 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**

See the adverts on the notice board for further information and details on how to apply.

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

*Of your Charity, please pray for the repose of the Souls 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

**MARY JOSEPHINE LOUDON**, who died on the 28th March 2026.  
**REQUIEM MASS:** Tuesday 5th May at 11:30am  
**COMMITTAL:** Hillview Cemetery at 1:30pm.

**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM. MAY THEY REST IN PEACE. MAY THEIR SOULS, AND THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD REST IN PEACE. AMEN.**

**St. MARY OF THE CRAY'S 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**

**CHURCH FLOWERS**

We have a collection box near 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.

**St. JUDE, APOSTLE OF HOPE SUMMER CELEBRATION: 30 MAY 2026**

11am: Devotions with Anointing  
13:30pm: Open Air Mass; 14:30pm: Procession to the Shrine; Refreshments and piety stall available. All are welcome  
Shrine of St. Jude, 34 Tanners Street, Faversham ME13 7JW

**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, Sean Tansey and Tricia Farrelly.

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