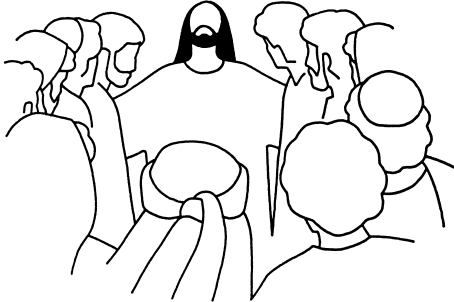


SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) Acts 1: 12-14; Ps. 26; 1 Pet. 4: 13-16; John 17: 1-11	
Saturday 16th May 2026 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Alan Armfield RIP (Carol Dunne)	Sunday 17th May 2026 8:30am: Mick Buttifant RIP (Coward) 10:30am: People of the Parish
Monday 18th May 2026 (Feria) (ST. JOHN I, POPE AND MARTYR) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Blessed 10th Birthday Harry Clark	Tues. 19th May 2026 (Feria) (ST. DUNSTAN, BISHOP) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Holy Souls 5pm: Reception and Mass at Shalom: Sr. Mairead Mulligan RIP
Weds. 20th May 2026 (Feria) (ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA, PRIEST) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Thanksgiving Freda Coelho 11am: Requiem Mass at Shalom Sr. Mairead Mulligan RIP	Thursday 21st May 2026 (ST. CHRISTOPHER OF MAGALLANES, PRIEST, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: All GCSE students especially Mariam Thomas
Friday 22nd May 2026 (ST. RITA OF CASCIA, RELIGIOUS) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Wellbeing Franco Trombetti (Francis)	Sat. 23rd May 2026 (Feria) 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom
PENTECOST (A) Acts 2: 1-11; Ps. 103; 1 Cor. 12: 3-7, 12-13; John 20: 19-23	
Saturday 23rd May 2026 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Holy Souls (Gjoni)	Sunday 24th May 2026 8:30am: People of the Parish 10:30am: Brothers of Susan Pereira
ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH	
William Dann, Eric Morley, Michael O'Sullivan, Sheila Tomkin, James Hughes, Joseph and Catherine Duggan, Pauline Cornell, Catherine Cain, Ben Jones, Kathleen Goodhind, Kathleen Baines, Margaret Foster, James Brennan.	
CHRIST OUR MODEL OF PRAYER AND SUFFERING.	
Prayer is the birthright of every Christian. It is natural to us as the air we breathe. The early Christians were people of deep prayer and suffered for their faith. Prayer and suffering are two sides of the same coin by which Christ gives glory to God in me.	



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Jesus raised His eyes to heaven
and said:



“Father, the hour has come:
glorify your Son so that your
Son may glorify You;
and, through the power of all
mankind that you have given him,
let Him give eternal life to
all those you have entrusted to Him.

And eternal life is this:
to know you, the only true God,
and Jesus Christ
Who You have sent.



**SACRAMENT OF
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CONFESSION -**
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5PM TO 6PM**
also, **WHENEVER
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SUNDAY OFFERINGS 9TH/10TH MAY 2026:

Gift Aid: £292.10; Card: £128; Loose Plate: £168.27 ATTENDANCE: 110+
Building Fund: Gift Aid: £275.69; Card: £73; Loose Plate: £96.81
Thank you for your continuing generosity in these difficult times, *Fr. David.*

SECOND COLLECTION:

This weekend: for **World Communications.**

This collection supports the work of the Catholic Communications Network (CCN) the media office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

Getting to know the will of the Father is never easy and can only be achieved if we become people of prayer. Prayer is an admission of dependence on God's friendship and a realisation that we cannot live fully without His help. When we pray we talk to God and we express our deepest desires, our hopes and our worries. He is a friend who listens, understands, shows concern and accepts us fully as we are. Every time we pray we strengthen our friendship with God who gives us the courage to calmly face the troubles of life. Prayer is the breath of the soul and the lifeline of every believing community. Time spent in prayer helps us to realise that we are carrying on the work of Jesus.

**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

100 CLUB WINNERS MAY 2026

34: MARY FLYNN;

88: HEATHER GALIBARDY

Come and join our 100 Club. Please see Jim Saunders. It is a great way to raise Parish funds and for the Building Fund.

**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 mf1se@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*

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.

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

SR. MAIREAD MULLIGAN (LSU) OF SHALOM who died on the 24th April 2026.
RECEPTION OF BODY INTO SHALOM CHAPEL AND MASS: Tuesday 19th May 11 5pm
REQUIEM MASS: Wednesday 20th May at 11am.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO HER, O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HER. MAY SHE REST IN PEACE. MAY HER SOUL, 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:

ANDY'S QUIZ is on **SATURDAY 23RD MAY** at **7.30PM.**

Teams of 6 max., entry form from the bar or turn up and join a team on the night.

The next **BINGO SESSION** is on **SUNDAY 7TH JUNE** at **12.15PM.**

WHIST/BEETLE DRIVE with fish and chips on **SATURDAY 13TH JUNE** at **7.30PM.**

OPEN MIC NIGHT with **BEN AND DEXTER** on **SATURDAY 20TH JUNE** at **7.30PM**

Book a spot with Dexter or just come and perform on the night if you're feeling courageous

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 club is open 8.30pm to 11pm on Friday, 7.30-9.30pm on Saturday and 1pm-3pm Sunday. We look forward to seeing you and your family there.

ELECTRIC CARECO POWER CHAIR

Would anyone be interested in an electric CareCo power chair, only used three times, so in mint condition. It would be good to know it will be useful to someone or organisation. Please contact Mary Cox on 07704550748. 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 **£100.00.**
Thank you very much. Alex

**CARETAKER VACANCY AT
ST. MARY OF THE CRAYS**
See notice board for further information.

**APPLICATIONS TO BE
RECEIVED BY 22ND MAY**

MATHS TUITION

Are you looking for some extra help/tuition for your child?
Primary or Secondary
Please contact Doreen (or Adedoyin) on 07887918245
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 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?