

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
MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH Bank Holiday Monday 25th May 2026 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Elena Maria Chachi RIP (Beatriz)	ST. PHILIP NERI, PRIEST Tuesday 26th May 2026 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Maureen Saunders RIP (Jim Saunders)
ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, BISHOP, APOSTLE OF ENGLAND Wednesday 27th May 2026 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Fr John Smethurst RIP n/s 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom Jubilee Mass (20/9/25) LSU	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST Thursday 28th May 2026 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Holy Souls
ST. PAUL VI, POPE Friday 29th May 2026 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Wellbeing Lorraine Bradley (Francis)	Sat. 30th May 2026 (Feria) 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (A) Exod. 34: 4-6, 8-9; Dan. 52-56; 2 Cor. 13: 11-14; John 3: 16-18	
Saturday 30th May 2026 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Gordon Dodson RIP (Foy)	Sunday 31st May 2026 8:30am: People of the Parish 10:30am: Wellbeing Trombetti and Arahamian Families

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH
Elizabeth Cerutti, Joe Kirby, George Davidson, Sr. Brigid McDonagh, Helen Manley, John Gohery, Austin McGann, Mary Richards, Lillian Donovan, Phyllis Bastone, Lianne Dwyer, George Galibardy, Michael Hogan, Margaret Lucas, Holly Sharp, Margaret Connolly, Albert Callen, Lawrie Nobbs, Michael Buttifant, Elizabeth Mitchell, Patrick Joseph "Joe" Staunton, Gladys Bigwne, Kathleen Margaret Day, Marion Gillespie.

THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ON THE CHURCH

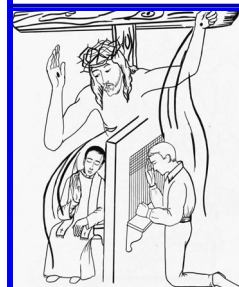
The message "Jesus is Lord" must be preached to every corner of the earth. We cannot do this unless we receive the Holy Spirit. Today we pray that we may be open to the power of the Spirit and that He will come and fill the hearts of the faithful.



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Jesus said to them again,
'PEACE BE WITH YOU.
As the Father has sent me,
even so I AM SENDING YOU.'

And when He had said this,
HE BREATHED ON THEM
and said to them,
'RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT.'



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

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SUNDAY OFFERINGS 16TH/17TH MAY 2026:

Gift Aid: £228.60; Card: £65; Loose Plate: £99.60 ATTENDANCE: 201
WORLD COMMUNICATIONS: Card: £25; Loose Plate: £96.17
Thank you for your continuing generosity in these difficult times, *Fr. David.*

PENTECOST (A)

With this feast we celebrate the birthday of the Church because it was on the first Pentecost Sunday that the Church was launched and took on its missionary role. Scripture tells us that while the apostles were at prayer with Mary in the upper room, suddenly there was a roaring wind and the Holy Spirit descended on them in the form of tongues of fire and have these men the courage to rush into the street and fearlessly preach the Word of God to friend and foe alike. The Spirit of the Lord which was poured out and transformed the apostles to courageous men announcing the Good News about the mighty acts of God, was nota one-off happening which only took place at the beginning of the Church. Ever since the Holy Spirit has been a permanent presence and a tower of strength in guiding, guarding and directing its course.

**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

**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 **07704-550 748.**
Thank you.

MATHS TUITION

Are you looking for some extra help/ tuition for you child? Primary or Secondary. Please contact Doreen (or Adedoyin) on **07887 918 245.**
Thank you

**CATHOLIC
LEGACY WEEK**

24th to 30th May
Catholic Legacy Week is a time when Parishes and Catholic charities such as CAFOD celebrate the work made possible in the life of the Church through gifts in Wills. Find out more about the week at

Cafod.org.uk
CatholicLegacyWeek

100 CLUB

Please 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 greatly appreciated.

**St. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

VACANCIES
for **SCHOOL PREMISES
MANAGER** and
CATERING ASSISTANT.

Adverts on the notice board with further information on how to apply.

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.

**CARETAKER VACANCY
AT ST. MARY OF THE
CRAYS**

See notice board for further information.

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

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

FRANCO TROMBETTI, who died on the 15th May 2026.
FUNERAL: details to follow.

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 CRAY'S COMMUNITY SOCIAL CLUB

Thanks to all who supported the Caribbean Food Night, it was a great Parish event. Special mention and thanks to Sue and Dex and Simone and Memphis for providing and preparing the food, and for all those who helped clear up after.

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

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.** Tickets are available from the Club and cost £11 for cod and chips or £6 for sausage and chips. Payment must be in cash and **FINAL SALES** are on **SUNDAY 7TH JUNE.**

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.

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.

SUMMERTIME 2026: 11th - 14th August

Altar Servers Trip to Westminster Pastoral Centre, £199. For aged 11-15.

We commend this excellent residential trip for altar servers and those who regularly attend Mass on the weekend. It is a few days for deepening one's catholic faith, in a great social atmosphere, including football, sports and visit to Thorpe Park. For more details of how to get to the venue, with a coach laid on at St. Anselm's Dartford, see your Parish Priest for a form, or contact Fr. Stephen Boyle, Chaplain to the Guild of St. Stephen: Dartford@rcaos.org.uk, Tel:01322 220075.

**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

**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.

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?