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Newsletter

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The Archdiocese of Southwark Website: www.rcaos.org.uk

Our Diocesan Directory: www.rcaos.org.uk/directory.

The Catholic Church in England and Wales: www.cbcew.org.uk



Year B

The Last Week in Ordinary Time

24.11 – 1.12.2024

Services and Mass Intentions for the coming week

Sunday 24 November	9am Mass	All Parishioners
<i>Our Lord Jesus Christ</i>	11am Mass	All Holy Souls in our November Lists
<i>King of the Universe</i>	6pm Mass	Dom Edward Corbould OSB RIP
Monday 25 th	NO Mass	
Tuesday 26th	9.30am Mass	Holy Souls
Wednesday 27 th	NO Mass	
Thursday 28th	9.30am Mass	Holy Souls
Friday 29th	9.30am Mass	
Saturday 30 th	<i>11am Confessions</i>	Saint Andrew
Sunday 1 December	9am Mass	Holy Souls
<i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	11am Mass	
	6pm Mass	All Parishioners



'FLAME 2025' the largest Catholic youth event in England and Wales. It will take place on Saturday 15 March 2025 at the OVO Wembley Arena. Filled with inspiring speakers, incredible live music, prayer, adoration and young people from across England and Wales, it's an event like no other!

We are organising a group from the Parish and call out to all young people aged between 14 and 25 to join us. Please let Fr Tim or Brother Paulin know that you are interested and we will keep you informed about the arrangements. Do check out the website for more details: <https://cymfed.org.uk/flame/>

On the Feast of Christ the King, you are asked to pray especially for all our Catholic Youth. They are the future of the Church. A special **Second Collection to support youth work, especially through the diocesan Catholic Youth Service**, will be taken. Please give it your generous support. For more information, visit www.tinyurl.com/scys1 or join the Southwark Catholic Youth Network at www.tinyurl.com/scysnetwork. Leaflets will also be distributed giving information about diocesan activities for youth and young adults.

- [Thank you](#) from the Spiritan Fathers for the [£1094](#) raised in response to Fr Fabian's Appeal.
- [Thank you](#) from the SVP Society, to all who baked, gave, bought and ate the products in their Cake Sale. You raised [£555.50](#) for the SVP's work.
- [For Offerings](#) for Holy Souls' List Masses, enabling 74 to be offered now and through the year.

ADVENT - starting out afresh as 'Pilgrims of Hope'

Rosary Prayer Project in our Diocese for the Holy Year

At the end of Mass this weekend, Kristina Cooper will tell you about a new initiative in which you could all join: the Archdiocese Rosary Prayer Project. Join hundreds of people across the diocese praying a decade of the Rosary each day for our local parishes and priests. This will reach its climax when the whole Diocese comes together at Aylesford Priory in June next year. There is more information attached to this Newsletter, and on the Church Noticeboard.

Start Advent with the Sacrament of Reconciliation - Adoration and Reconciliation Service

On Friday 6 December at 7pm, we are holding another **Advent Service of Adoration Prayer and Reconciliation**. We invite you and your family and children to join us: come and adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in prayer, receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and enjoy some time of peace, prayer and music. This Service is for all, and *particularly for our First Holy Communion and Confirmation families*. This is an **ideal moment to prepare as we start out on our Advent journey towards Christmas**, and just ahead of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. **Note the date and time and come along.**

Parish Families Journeying with 'Mary, Joseph, and the donkey' in Advent

Our parish has a longstanding Advent tradition whereby families (particularly those with smaller children) offer 'hospitality' in your homes to representations of Mary and Joseph and their donkey, journeying to Bethlehem for the birth of Christ. It's a devotional way to mark your families' Advent journey and prepare for Christmas, and a simple focus for praying together as a family. A family signs up for one (or more) nights, and takes responsibility for passing the figures on to the next family on the list. Simple prayers are provided which might be useful while the images are in your home. Maggy Miclot is coordinating. **Sign-up sheets are at the back of Church.**

Carols Around the Crib by Candlelight: Saturday 14 December at 4pm

Our annual Carol Service will take place on Saturday 14th: Candlelit Carols and readings will be followed by refreshments. Everyone is welcome to take part in singing, playing, reading and presentation, behind-the-scenes organising and serving refreshments. We are blessed to have several talented musicians and singers, and **if you would like to join in the performance with them**, please contact Catherine Warren: catherine.warren@btinternet.com, 07866 365882. **If you would like to help with setting up and refreshments**, please contact Kristina Cooper, kristinabcooper@gmail.com, 07972 119252. Otherwise, just **SAVE THE DATE** and join in the Carol-singing!

Praying the Mass

Archbishop Wilson wants to encourage us to see better how to 'pray the Mass'. An introductory short Talk is available at: <https://youtu.be/xHnZXrlbvtw>

Pope Francis calls a Jubilee Year: 'Pilgrims of Hope'



Every 25 years (and sometimes on other occasions) **the Church celebrates a 'Holy Year'** – a year-long period of renewal. Next year will be such a Jubilee Year, and Pope Francis has given it a theme: **'Pilgrims of Hope'**. He is concerned that, in the difficult times in which we live, we rekindle this great Christian virtue in our individual lives, and in the Church as a sign of hope for humanity. He writes: *'The Jubilee of 2025, a holy year that I wanted to dedicate to the theme "Pilgrims of Hope", is a propitious occasion to reflect on this fundamental and decisive Christian virtue – especially in times like the ones we are living, in which the third world war being fought "piecemeal"*

that is unfolding before our eyes can lead us to assume attitudes of gloomy discouragement and ill-concealed cynicism.

'Hope, on the other hand, is a gift and a task for every Christian. It is a gift because it is God who offers it to us. Hoping, in fact, is not a mere act of optimism, like when we sometimes hope to pass an exam at university ("Let's hope we make it") or when we hope for good weather for the trip out of town on a Sunday in the spring ("Let's hope for good weather"). No, hoping is waiting for something that has already been given to us: salvation in God's eternal and infinite love. That love, that salvation that gives flavour to our lives and that constitutes the hinge on which the world remains standing, despite all the wickedness and nefariousness caused by our sins as men and women. To hope, then, is to welcome this gift that God offers us every day. To hope is to savour the wonder of being loved, sought, desired by a God who has not shut Himself away in His impenetrable heavens but has made Himself flesh and blood, history and days, to share our lot.

'Hope is also a task that Christians have a duty to cultivate and put to good use for the sake of all their brothers and sisters.' Read the full text [here](#)

There will be events in our diocese, and in our parish too.

'Assisted Suicide' - LAST CHANCE: Please Contact your MP NOW, if you have not yet done so

Please take a card from the back of Church and use it to CONTACT YOUR MP and make your Catholic view about Assisted Dying known. MPs have been given almost no time to scrutinise such a major Measure before they first vote **on Friday**. Further information is available [here](#). **VIEW THIS VIDEO:** <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/assisted-suicide-documentary/>

As I explained at Mass last Sunday, the fact that the MP of most of us, Marsha de Cordova, is going to vote against the proposals is **NOT** a reason not to write. MPs want and need to know the strength of feeling among their constituents. Watch actor and disability rights advocate Liz Carr's BBC documentary on assisted suicide, *Better Off Dead?* where she examines the impact of one of the world's most extreme assisted suicide laws in Canada. **Watch for free online** (you do not need a TV licence): righttolife.org.uk/betteroffdead

CAFOD (the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development) invites you to take part in their Nativity Fun Run on Clapham Common on **Saturday 7 December at 11am**. A festive walk, run or stroll around Clapham Common, where you can dress up, have fun, and take part in an exciting family activity as Christmas approaches, while also helping to raise vital funds for overseas communities. To learn more, sign up, and participate, please visit our website: <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Sponsored-challenge-events/Run-for-CAFOD/Nativity-Fun-Run>

Intentions for our Prayer

Pray for Peace. The horrific onslaught on the people of Gaza and the West Bank and Lebanon continues. The wars in Ukraine and other places are deadlocked, but the innocent still go on suffering. Pray fervently for lasting peace with justice for all, for an end to the starvation, killing, wounding, and trauma of innocents, and the unnecessary destruction of people's homes and livelihoods.

Pray for Peace in so many other troubled places across our world including: Afghanistan, Armenia and Azerbaijan, Cameroun, Chad, China, Colombia, Ethiopia, Haiti, Hong Kong, Mali, Myanmar, Nigeria, Russia, Sudan, Syria, Thailand, Yemen.... and all the other places where the innocent are caught up in the violent power struggles of others. **And for the many Christians who face persecution today in so many parts of the world.**

Join with the Pope's Prayer Intention for November 'for those who have lost a child': We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit. Pray along with Pope Francis himself by clicking [on the Pope Video](#).

For our young People - those who have begun to prepare to be Confirmed next April, that they may persevere in deepening their following of Our Lord; for the younger children who have already begun their preparations for their First Holy Communion next May; for young adult members of our parish community.

For the people of Scotland, around the time of Saint Andrew's Day.

For all the Faithful Departed, particularly those loved ones named in our November List of Remembrance.

Pray particularly for Bishop John Hine. He was an Assistant Bishop in our diocese from 2001, especially caring for Kent parishes. He died peacefully on Saturday 16th.

For all who are sick and housebound, particularly: Rosa Antonini, Rosemary Awere, Ambrose Caldecott, Mario and Mariana Cassar, Brian Connolly, Rose Egan, George Giannoukakis, Lorna Jayamanne, Joy Joseph, Betty Kilkelly, Becky Kumoji, Giuseppe and Giuseppina Morreale, Lorna Phaire, Bernard and Iris Ramsey, Vincenzo Robilotta, Gus Twycross-Hills, and all sick or housebound parishioners; and for our parishioners' elderly parents and sick relatives.

Your Parish needs even more generous support from all

Thank you for your donations to our parish last Sunday. *We need to tell you the total has fallen recently by about £250 a month, since some generous parishioners moved away.*

- **The most efficient way to donate regularly is with A GIFT-AIDED BANK STANDING ORDER.** Please ask us for details, or use the **Parish Pledge Form on our website [using this link.](#)**
To **GIVE DIRECTLY FROM YOUR BANK ACCOUNT** (please use your surname as the reference, particularly to ensure Gift Aid), you require these **BACS details:**
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- **Use the CONTACTLESS CARD READERS** as you enter or leave Mass, but PLEASE also **Gift Aid each Card you use.** Register your card the first time. Use the same card in the future, and you usually need only register once.
- You can **DONATE DIRECTLY using the Parish [JustGiving page](#)** (also on our website); **please Gift Aid the donation.**
- There is a **'DONATE BUTTON' on our website** allowing you to donate online. **This, too, lets you Gift-Aid.**
- If you **SHOP ONLINE** and start out from our [Easyfundraising Page](#) you can raise donations for the parish from some 4700 online retailers. There is *no additional cost to you.*

May God bless you and all your loved ones, Fr Tim