

Saint Vincent de Paul Parish
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One of the South Battersea Churches

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 C*Christmas & New Year***22.12. 2024 – 5.1. 2025**

Wherever you will be celebrating Christmas, I wish you a holy and blessed time. On behalf of everyone, I thank so many of you who build up our parish life in a variety of ways by your generous involvement and service. Our special thanks to Brother Paulin who has thrown himself into our parish life over the last three months.

Services and Mass Intentions for the Christmas period

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| Sunday 22 December <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> | 9am | Mass | Douglas Sherwood RIP | | |
| | 11am | Mass | All Parishioners | | |
| | 6pm | Mass | Douglas Wilson RIP & Family | | |
| Monday 23rd | <u>9am</u> | Mass | Holy Souls | | |
| Christmas Eve | 6 pm | Mass | Fr Tim’s Intentions | <i>Christmas Family Mass</i> | |
| Tuesday 24 December | <u>10pm</u> | Mass | All Parishioners | <i>Mass during the Night with Carols</i> | |
| Christmas Morning | <u>10am</u> | Mass | John & Julia Galligan RIP | <i>Christmas Morning Mass</i> | |
| Wednesday 25 December | | No Evening Mass | | | |
| Thursday 26 th | | No Mass | | | <i>Saint Stephen</i> |
| Friday 27th | <u>10am</u> | Mass | Michael Hanley & Family | <i>Saint John the Evangelist</i> | |
| Saturday 28 th | | No Services | | | <i>The Holy Innocents</i> |
| Sunday 29 December <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i> | 9am | Mass | Ina and Michael Cronin and Family | | |
| | 11am | Mass | All Parishioners | | |
| | | No Evening Mass | | | |
| Monday 30 th | | No Mass | | | |
| Tuesday 31 st | | No Mass | | | |
| Wednesday 1 January 2025 <i>Mary, the Holy Mother of God</i> | <u>10.30am</u> | Mass | John Galligan RIP | <i>New Year’s Day</i> | |
| Thursday 2nd | 9.30am | Mass | Holy Souls | <i>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</i> | |
| Friday 3rd | 9.30am | Mass | Deceased Cronin & Beechinor family | | |
| Saturday 4 th | 11am | Confessions | | | |
| Sunday 5 January <i>The Epiphany of The Lord</i> | 9am | Mass | Welfare Members of Cronin & Beechinor families | | |
| | 11am | Mass | All Parishioners | | |
| | 6pm | Mass | | | |

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Intentions for our Prayer

Pray for Peace. There is no end to the horrific onslaught on the people of Gaza and the West Bank. 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 in so many parts of the world this Christmas are facing persecution for their faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Join with the Pope's Prayer Intention for December that we may become Pilgrims of Hope:

'Let us pray that the coming Church Jubilee Year 2025 strengthens us in our faith; helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.' Pray along with Pope Francis himself by clicking [on the Pope Video](#).

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

parishioners' elderly parents and sick relatives.

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- When you **SHOP ONLINE** and start first 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 during this Holy Season, Fr Tim