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Newsletter

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



Year C

The Third Week of Lent

23 – 30 March 2025

Services and Mass Intentions for the coming week

Sunday 23rd March <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>	9am Mass Marianne Kreftner RIP (Row) 11am Mass All Parishioners 6pm Mass Noelene and Sean McMahon RIP
Monday 24th Tuesday 25th Wednesday 26 th	10am Mass Helen Sillitoe & Catherine Refoy RIP (F) 9.30am Mass Deceased Relations of Fr Tim <i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i> No Mass
Thursday 27th Friday 28th	9.30am Mass Thomas Hardy RIP (F) 9.30am Mass Deceased Parishioners <i>After Mass: Stations of the Cross</i> 7.15pm – 8pm: Adoration and Silent Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 29th	11am Confessions
Sunday 30th March <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>	9am Mass All Parishioners 11am Mass Elvina, Agatha & Lawrence Jones RIP 6pm Mass Michael O'Shea RIP

Time, Talents and Treasure (2): in the second of our three Presentations, as we reflect about our Parish at our Sunday Masses, members of our excellent Parish Finance Committee will inform you this Sunday about how our Parish stands financially.

As we reflect on the wonderful fact that, by Christ's will, we are **the Body of Christ in this place**, you are asked to consider whether you are able to give greater financial support to our Parish. You will again be given a special Reflection Sheet on Sunday.

Over these three weeks, we invite every parishioner to consider the degree of your participation and support: would you feel able to give more of your time, talents and treasures to building up our Parish so that it may become what you hope it to be?

This Sunday (23 March): Please give generously in the **Second Collection to support the Poor Parishes** of our diocese.

Next Sunday (30 March) there will be a voluntary **retiring collection for Easter Flowers**

'Lenten Alms' collection for the homeless: you can donate throughout Lent to De Paul UK, to help young people out of homelessness. Lenten Alms can be donated via our Card Readers: £168 raised so far.

Did you know?

- You can now use our Card Readers to pay for Candles, and for Booklets and Newspapers.
- Our Church is normally open each day from early morning until dusk – for private prayer, Stations of the Cross etc. Should I be away, or returning late, it may exceptionally be sometimes closed.

St Anselm's Parish, Tooting Bec: Lenten Concert on Friday 28 March in aid of The Passage.

An evening of prayerful and meditative music performed by the musicians and choir of the parish as part of our Lenten experience and adding to Wandsworth's Year of Culture takes place on Friday 28 March at 8.00pm. The event is free, but we are suggesting a token donation per person/ family which will be donated to the Charity known as *The Passage*, a charity patronised by all the main religious groups in the country and under the Royal Patronage of HRH Prince William.

The Passage works at the forefront of the homelessness crisis and welcome hundreds of people through the doors each day. With your support, we help those who have experienced or have been at risk of homelessness, to change their lives. Everyone deserves a place to call home. By donating you help this invaluable work. Thank you!

Lent and Lenten Devotions

Holy Week and Easter are the climax of the Christian year. In the Services, the Liturgy of the Word is particularly important and rich. If you are one of our regular Readers, or might like to volunteer to assist, **please sign up on the sheets at the back of Church.** You are asked to **sign your name next to EVERY Service you will be attending,** and you will be allocated where the need is greatest, and be notified.

Next Friday from 7.15pm until 8pm: A Lenten time of Silent Prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Do come along to pray for the many needs of the world at this time.

On Saturday 5 April at 4pm for all in the Parish: Stations of the Cross will take place followed by a short period of **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament,** finishing at around 5pm.

Please take advantage of this opportunity to meditate on the Passion of our Lord as we approach the end of Lent. As in previous years we will be asking different people to read one of the Stations as we process around the church.

Our Pilgrimage from Easter to Pentecost with our Parish and Diocese

Easter to Pentecost in this Holy Year will be a time of Prayer and Renewal across the whole Diocese and Keep Saturday 7 June Free in Your Diary for the Exciting Event below!

Pilgrimage to Pentecost - As part of the Jubilee Year in our Southwark Diocese, there will be a big outdoor Celebration for the whole diocese, a **Jubilee Day at The Friars, Aylesford on Saturday 7 June** from **10.30 am - 4.30 pm** in the grounds of the historic Priory. **A coach has been booked by our Parish but you will need to book early** - cost £30 for adults and £10 for children/under 18s. For details please contact kristinabcooper@gmail.com or 07972119252.

Some will also be joining a walking pilgrimage, for those want to walk the 50 miles from St George's Cathedral to Aylesford, from 2 – 5 June. Pilgrims will be staying in parish church halls along the way and arriving at Aylesford on Friday 6 June.

The 7th June will be a day of fun and faith for all the family. It will include talks, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the Rosary, Confessions, Prayer for Healing, exhibitions and fun activities for children, as well as the joy of just being outside relaxing in this beautiful historic place. There will be performances from local singers and musicians and other special surprises! People are encouraged to bring your own picnics, but food, including a barbecue, a tea room and ice creams will be available on site (though probably with queues). The day will culminate in a **concelebrated Mass led by Archbishop John,** who will pray a special blessing on all those present and on the whole diocese.

In preparation for the day, our Parish will be running **Pilgrimage to Pentecost, a six-session course to deepen our understanding of the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.** The sessions will comprise pre-recorded talks, a

faith testimony and music accessible via YouTube, as well as an opportunity to share with others online or in person.

An accompanying booklet will be available soon, with meditations for every day between Divine Mercy Sunday until the week after Pentecost. You can follow this course on your own at home, join a group in the Parish, or join an Online Group. Currently, two groups at St Vincent's have been proposed, but if you would like to host another please see Father Tim. One group will be meeting on Wednesday evenings (contact Stuart Edwards ste7474@icloud.com) and another on Wednesday mornings 9.30 am - 11 am (contact Kristina Cooper, as above). For further details of the speakers and to order booklets see the Southwark Agency for Catechesis and Evangelisation web site: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/p2p>

ALSO this Eastertide:

- At 11am Mass on **Sunday 27 April** Canon Gerard Bradley will be coming to **Confirm our 11 candidates.**
- We are organising a local **Jubilee Walking Pilgrimage** with people from neighbouring parishes on **Saturday 10 May**, starting here or at Holy Ghost Parish Church. A sign-up sheet should be available soon. *En route* there will be Mass at Holy Ghost at 10am, Adoration at Sacred Heart, Lunch at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, and Evening Prayer and Refreshments here.
- **First Holy Communions** will be celebrated at 11am Mass on **Sunday 11 May.**

It was great to see a joyful group of Parish young people leave for *Flame* last Saturday morning, and to see them return in the evening filled with the Spirit! Pray for them all.

And, on behalf of all, thank you to Brother Paulin, Marina and Fiona for accompanying them.

Read more here: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/bear-grylls-tells-sold-out-flame-2025-you-guys-are-unstoppable/>



Intentions for our Prayer

Pray for Peace. For an end to the Ukraine war, which is in its fourth year. Israel has begun the war in Gaza again, trying to avoid an extension of the ceasefire. It has also extended its campaign of

destruction to the Palestinian people of the occupied West Bank. Rwandan sponsored 'rebel' troops are killing thousands in the DRC in a bid to acquire precious minerals. The innocent 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 utterly unnecessary destruction of people's homes and livelihoods.

Pray for Peace in the many other troubled places across our world including: Afghanistan, Armenia and Azerbaijan, Cameroun, Chad, China, Colombia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Haiti, Hong Kong, Mali, Myanmar, Nigeria, Russia, Sudan, 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 continue to face persecution for their faith in Jesus Christ, the incarnate Son of God.

Pray for the recovery to health of Pope Francis, still in hospital. Join with his **Prayer Intention for March - for families in crisis**: 'Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.'

Pray for Survivors of Sexual Abuse especially those who have suffered through the actions of people in the Church.

For our youngsters preparing for Confirmation at the end of April, and **the children preparing for First Holy Communion** in May; and that in the future their families will continue to support their faith.

For all who are sick and housebound, particularly: Rosa Antonini, 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 Phaire, Bernard and Iris Ramsey, Vincenzo Robilotta, Gus Twycross-Hills, Angela Wells, Monica Wisdom, and all other sick or housebound parishioners; and for parishioners' elderly parents and sick relatives.

A Parish Online Prayer Group meets weekly on Wednesday evenings - would you like to join them?

Parishioners join together for about half an hour on Zoom. Please contact Marina for the Zoom link on 07568 133368.

Your Parish needs your generous support more than ever

Thank you for your recent donations to our parish.

- **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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Account Number: 82117209
Account Name: RCAS Battersea Altenburg Gardens
- **Always GIFT AID YOUR OFFERING please.** Gift Aiding by UK taxpayers makes an indispensable contribution for it adds 25% to your donations from tax you already pay - **[use this link to register](#).**
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- **Use the CONTACTLESS CARD READERS** as you enter or leave Mass, but remember to **Gift Aid each Card you use.** Register **each card** the first time. If you use the same card in the future, you usually need only register once.
- You can **DONATE DIRECTLY using the Parish [JustGiving page](#)** (also on our website); **please Gift Aid donations.**
- There is a **'DONATE BUTTON' on our website** allowing you to donate directly online. **This, too, lets you Gift-Aid.**
- When you **SHOP ONLINE**, and start first from our **[Easyfundraising Page](#)**, you can raise donations for the parish from some 8000 online retailers. There is *no additional cost to you*.

Whenever you're doing a food shop online, use #easyfundraising! You can raise regular donations for Saint Vincent de Paul Church, Battersea with popular supermarkets including Tesco, Morrisons, ASDA, Sainsbury's, Waitrose, Iceland and Ocado - at no extra cost to yourself! If you're not supporting us on easyfundraising yet, please sign up here: <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/saint-vincent-de-paul-church/x3ti3n/c2s/618TPvFU/CE024/facebook/>

Thank you to those who have recently used this.

God Bless you and all your loved ones, Fr Tim