



ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

## ST FRANCIS DE SALES &amp; ST GERTRUDE CHURCH

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14<sup>th</sup> December 2025: Third (Gaudete) Sunday of Advent (Year A)1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a. 10. Psalm 146:6c-7. 8-9. 9b-10. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: James 5:7-10. Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11.2<sup>nd</sup> Collection:

DAY	TIME	INTENTIONS		
Sat-13 <sup>th</sup>	18.30			
Sun-14 <sup>th</sup>	09.00	People of the Parish		
	11.00			
Mon-15 <sup>th</sup>	09.30			
Tues-16 <sup>th</sup>	09.30			
Wed-17 <sup>th</sup>	09.30			
Thur-18 <sup>th</sup>	09.30			
Fri-19 <sup>th</sup>	09.30			
Sat-20 <sup>th</sup>	18.30			
Sun-21 <sup>st</sup>	09.00	People of the Parish		
	11.00			
PARISHIONERS' BIRTHDAYS				
13 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup>	Noreen Power/15 <sup>th</sup> , Jane Wright/16 <sup>th</sup> , Isaiah Adomako/17 <sup>th</sup> , Raymond Wright/18 <sup>th</sup> , Yohanas Girmay/19 <sup>th</sup> , Enock Obeng Jnr./19 <sup>th</sup> .			
PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS				
Sarah Madden, Crystal L, Andrew O'Neill, Patrick Idama, Marie Kallon, Michael McGrath and all our housebound.				
OFFERTORY COLLECTION – 30/11/2025				
Gift Aid	Loose	Total		
£213.90	£418.42	£ 632.32		

## STANDING ORDERS/DIRECT DEBIT

Offerings can be made by envelope, contactless machine, direct debit or standing order.

NATWEST ACCOUNT: RCAS STOCKWELL.  
NO: 28975553; SORT CODE 60-20-31

## 2025 CHRISTMAS LITURGY SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Mass
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	10.30pm	Christmas Carols
	11pm	Midnight Mass
Thursday, 25 <sup>th</sup> December	10 am	Christmas Day Mass
Wednesday, 31 <sup>st</sup> December	11pm	+ Midnight Mass
Thursday, 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2026	10 am	New Year's Day Mass

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT:** On this 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent, we are invited to rejoice at the rebirth of Jesus in our lives as we are preparing for our annual Christmas celebration.

Today is called **Gaudete Sunday** because today's Mass begins with the opening antiphon: "Gaudete in Domino semper," i.e., "Rejoice in the Lord always." So, to express our joy in the coming of Jesus as our Saviour into our hearts and lives, we light the rose candle in the Advent wreath, and the priest may wear rose-coloured vestments.

**REPORT ON 'CALLED TO BEAR FRUIT':**

Thousands of parishioners across the Archdiocese took part in the Called to Bear Fruit consultation, offering honest, hopeful and practical reflections on the life and mission of our Church in Southwark. People spoke with gratitude for their parish communities and also expressed a desire for deeper formation and ongoing opportunities to grow in faith.

NEXT: Maintenance of St. George's Cathedral (25/1/26)

PASTORAL TEAM	ORDER OF MASS
Fr Michael Faneye, MSP: Parish Priest	I Confess p.8
Mr Charles Madden: PPC Chair	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading p.88
Mrs Catherine Biney: Finance	Resp. Psalm p.89
Mrs Sade Onile-Ere: Safeguarding, Catechist	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading p. 89
Mr Patrick Sanniez: Sacristan	Gospel p.89
<b>Office Hours:</b>	I believe in p.11
Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:30am– 1:30pm	
Our Father	p.56

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SILENCE IN CHURCH:** This is a **SPECIAL APPEAL** to all: Out of **REVERENCE** for the presence of the Holy Eucharist in the Tabernacle and for the sake of those who want to pray and/or are praying, we gently appeal that all conversation/chatting, etc. after mass should take place at the **Atrium** not inside the **Church or in front of the Altar/Tabernacle**. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

**APPRECIATION TO THE CHRISTIAN MOTHERS:**

We thank the Christian Mothers for their presence and participation in our Liturgy last Sunday. May God continue to bless them and their families.

**CONFESION TIME:** Is every Saturday from 5:45-6:15pm. Please take this opportunity to go to confession. It is always good to be reconciled with God, self and your neighbour, and to go to confession frequently. This is necessary in order to receive communion worthily. Receiving communion for too long without confession is not good for the soul.

**THE NEW PARISH MASS BOOKS:** The New Parish Mass books are solely the properties of the Parish. They are not to be taken away or removed from the Parish. **THIS IS AN APPEAL.**

**CHRISTMAS DECORATION:** We need help on 21<sup>st</sup> December after 11am mass to mount the Christmas tree and other decorations. Thank You.

**APPEAL FOR NEW GIFT AID DONATION:** We continue to encourage Parishioners who are not yet using the Gift Aid envelopes to consider signing up for it. Remember, for every £1 you donate, the Church can claim an extra 25p. Note that you must be a Tax Payer to the UK before you can be eligible.

**A NEW BISHOP INSTALLED AT PLYMOUTH:** The Right Reverend Nicholas Hudson was installed as the Bishop of Plymouth at the Cathedral Church of St Mary & St Boniface, Plymouth on the Patronal Feast Day of St Cuthbert Mayne, Saturday 29 November 2025. The St. Francis de Sales and St. Gertrude Parish wish Bishop Hudson God's guidance in his new ministry.