



ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK  
**ST FRANCIS DE SALES & ST GERTRUDE CHURCH**

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## 28<sup>th</sup> December 2025: Holy Family Sunday (Year A)

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Sirach 3:3-6, 12-14. **Psalm** 128:1-2. 3. 4-5. **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Colossians 3:12-21. **Gospel:** Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23.

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection:

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

| DAY                   | TIME  | INTENTIONS   |
|-----------------------|-------|--|
| Sat-27 <sup>th</sup>  | 18.30 | Bridget Kelly-RIP  |
| Sun-28 <sup>th</sup>  | 09.00 | Fatima Balogun Ndukwo-RIP<br>Catherine Biney and Family-Thanksgiving |
|                       | 11.00 | People of the Parish   |
| Mon-29 <sup>th</sup>  | 09:30 |  |
| Tues-30 <sup>th</sup> | 09.30 |  |
| Wed-31 <sup>st</sup>  | 23:00 |  |
| Thur-1 <sup>st</sup>  | 10:00 |  |
| Fri-2 <sup>nd</sup>   | 09.30 |  |
| Sat-3 <sup>rd</sup>   | 18.30 | Jamesy & Teresa Kearney-RIP  |
| Sun-4 <sup>th</sup>   | 09.00 | People of the Parish   |
|                       | 11.00 |  |

### PARISHIONERS' BIRTHDAYS

27<sup>th</sup> -2<sup>nd</sup> Feven Woldemarian/30<sup>th</sup>, Kenechi Nwokoro/31<sup>st</sup>, George Manu/31<sup>st</sup>, Femi E. Adekpoe/2<sup>nd</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 – 21/12/2025

| Gift Aid | Loose   | Total    |
|----------|---------|----------|
| £182.00  | £180.92 | £ 362.92 |

### 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**

**DONA-** Please use DONA Contactless device in the Atrium, or scan this QR Code



### 2025 CHRISTMAS LITURGY SCHEDULE

| Date                                   | Time  | Mass                |
|--|-------|---------------------|
| Wednesday, 31 <sup>st</sup> December   | 11pm  | Midnight Mass       |
| Thursday, 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2026 | 10 am | New Year's Day Mass |

### UPCOMING FEASTS

| DATE     | FEAST  |
|----------|--|
| 28/12/25 | The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph ( <b>Feast</b> ) |
| 29/12/25 | St. Thomas of Canterbury ( <b>Feast</b> )                  |
| 1/01/26  | Mary, the Holy Mother of God ( <b>Solemnity</b> )          |
| 6/01/26  | The Epiphany of the Lord ( <b>Solemnity</b> )              |
| 11/01/26 | The Baptism of the Lord ( <b>Feast</b> )                   |

### PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2026

**SOUTHWARK DIOCESE:** Join our pilgrimage to Lourdes travelling overnight by luxury coach from 9<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> February 2026. Leaving Slough and Ealing Broadway on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026 and departing Lourdes on 13<sup>th</sup> February for a visit to the Shrine of the Miraculous Medal in Rue de Bac, Paris on 14<sup>th</sup> February morning and arriving in London later on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2026. Travel, full board and program cost £590. Call Millie on 07957594646 for more info.

### PASTORAL TEAM

Fr Michael Faneye, MSP: Parish Priest  
 Mr Charles Madden: PPC Chair  
 Mrs Catherine Biney: Finance  
 Mrs Sade Onile-Ere: Safeguarding, Catechist  
 Mr Patrick Sanniez: Sacristan

### Office Hours:

Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:30am– 1:30pm

### ORDER OF MASS

|                         |        |
|-------------------------|--------|
| I Confess               | p.8    |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading | p.106  |
| Resp. Psalm             | p.107  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading | p. 107 |
| Gospel                  | p.108  |
| I believe in            | p.11   |
| 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.

### WORLD DAY OF PEACE MESSAGE 1 JANUARY

**2026 FROM POPE LEO XIV:** The World Day of Peace is observed each year on January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Since its establishment in 1967 by Pope St Paul VI, the Popes have taken the occasion to offer magisterial reflections in Messages for the day, dealing with topics such as the United Nations, human rights, diplomacy, and economic development. Please scan the QR Code below to read the full message.



**NEW YEAR GREETINGS:** Happy New Year to each one of you our beloved Parishioners. We wish you joy, prosperity, fresh starts, and good health in this coming year 2026.

**CATHOLIC EVENTS:** Please find and stay connected to your Catholic community. Discover retreats, talks and events near you, all in one place! Scan the QR Code to get more details.



**ATTENTION:** The piano in the Church is not in good condition. We appeal that the door to access it be kept closed. Please do not force to open it. Thanks for your understanding.

**NOTICE TO ALL READERS:** Readers are kindly encouraged to **announce** the Response to the Psalm **two/three** times to the congregation for them to be able to follow.

**ORBITUARY:** We regret to announce the passing away of Bridget Kelly on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2025 at the hospital. Let us pray for the repose of her soul.