



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

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The Weekly Newsletter is available in our Parish Website

23rd August 2026: Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time-Year A



1st Reading: Isaiah 22:15, 19-23. **Psalm:** 138:1-2a, 2bc, 3, 6, 8bc. **2nd Reading:** Romans 11:33-36. **Gospel:** Matthew 16:13-20.

2nd Collection:

NEXT: (13th September-Catholic Education Service)

PASTORAL TEAM

Fr Michael Faneye, MSP: Parish Priest;

Mr Charles Madden: Chair PPC / Mrs Catherine Biney: Finance; Mrs Sade Onile-Ere: Safeguarding, Catechist / Mr Patrick Sanniez: Sacristan

WEEKDAY AND WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE			ORDER OF MASS	
DAY	TIME	INTENTIONS	I Confess	p.8
Saturday:22/08	18.30		1 st Reading	p. 120
Sunday:23/08	09.00	Justice & Catherine Biney- 30th Anniversary & Thanksgiving	Resp. Psalm	p.120
	11.00	People of the Parish	2 nd Reading	p.121
Monday:24/08	NO MASS		Gospel	p.121
Tuesday:25/08	09:30		I believe in	p.11
Wednesday:26/08	09:30		Our Father	p.56
Thursday:27/08	09:30			
Friday:28/08	09:30			
Saturday:29/08	18.30			
Sunday:30/08	09.00	People of the Parish		
	11.00			

STANDING ORDERS/DIRECT DEBIT

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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION – 16/08/2026

Gift Aid	Loose	Total
£190.00	£220.94	£410.94

PARISHIONERS' BIRTHDAYS

Elijah L. Leppla/22nd, Maria C. Onyejiaka/23rd, Eugene Emeka Duroha/23rd, Maria Chizoba Onyjiaka/23rd, Jodie Jolo Ogechi Duroha/23rd, Abel Buafu/25th, Sally Folan/25th, Yonas Mehari/26th, Anne Lumumba/29th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ARCHBISHOP'S CERTIFICATE: Do you have parishioners who express a desire for formation, a desire to confidently share their faith with others? The Archbishop's Certificate (ArchCert) is a two-year online course for all in Southwark who wish to understand their faith in a more profound way and be able to share it with both confidence and joy. The course begins online on 10 October 2026 from 2pm to 4pm. The total cost of the 2-year course is £800, £400 is payable before the start of each academic year. Registration must be completed in advance and there is a non-refundable registration fee of £50. Would you like to know more? Join our 'Come and See' Evening on Monday 14 September at 7pm. A link to register can be found here - <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert>

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA: Monday 28th September – Thursday 1st October Cost £419. This cost includes flights from Stansted, half board accommodation, and transfer from Lisbon airport to Fatima. Led by Fr. Stephen Boyle, these excellent few days will include visiting the homes of the seers, attending mass at the apparition chapel and the beautiful way of the cross. There are only a few places left. Closing date is 13th September. Email Fr. Stephen dartford@rcaos.org.uk or phone him, 07504518262 for more details. Single supplement is £100. Insurance is not included on the trip, and we ask that attendees are insured

DAY FOR CATECHISTS: Our annual Day for Catechists is on Saturday 3 October 2026. Registration for this event is now open at - <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/day-for-catechists-2026>. On behalf of the Archbishop, we invite you to attend our twelfth annual Diocesan Day for Catechists on Saturday 3 October 2026 at the Amigo Hall and St George's Cathedral, Southwark, SE1 6HU. This Day is for all the catechists of the diocese, including those involved in Liturgy of the Word for Children and the RCIA process. Booking and further details here - <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/day-for-catechists-2026>. The theme is year is: Truth and Beauty in Catechesis in the Age of AI. We expect this event to be fully booked once again so please book early to avoid disappointment.

COLLECTION OF OLD AND BROKEN GLASSES: A Charity Organisation is collecting old and broken glasses for a transformation into good use. So, if anybody has old and broken glasses, kindly donate them to this Charity Organisation by the back of the church. For further information kindly contact Mary Joseph.

EDUCATION SUNDAY: Education Sunday is marked this year on 13 September - just after the new academic year starts. The theme for 2026 is drawn from its Gospel reading of Matthew 18:21-35: I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.