



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

**15<sup>th</sup> March 2026: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent -Year A**



**Office Hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays: 10:30am – 1:30pm**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a. **Psalm** 23:1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6. **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Ephesians 5:8-14. **Gospel:** John 9:1-41.

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection:

**NEXT: Poor Parishes (22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026)**

**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		
Saturday:14/03	18.30		I Confess	p.8
Sunday:15/03	09.00	People of the Parish	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	p. 165
	11.00		Resp. Psalm	p.166
Monday:16/03	NO MASS		2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	p.166
Tuesday:17/03	09:30		Gospel	p.167
Wednesday:18/03	09.30		I believe in	p.11
Thursday:19/03	09.30		Our Father	p.56
Friday:20/03	09.30			
Saturday:21/03	18.30	Martin Kate Folan-RIP		
Sunday:22/03	09.00	Deceased Members of Ogbolu's Family -RIP		
	11.00	People of the Parish		

**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



**OFFERTORY COLLECTION – 08/03/2026**

Gift Aid	Loose	Total
£173.50	£173.93	£347.43

**PARISHIONERS' BIRTHDAYS**

Micah A. G. Patterson/15<sup>th</sup>. Alba Garcia/17<sup>th</sup>. Florence Nwohia/17<sup>th</sup>. Henok Hibabu/18<sup>th</sup>. Josephine Jasper/19<sup>th</sup>. William Appiah/20<sup>th</sup>.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**UNDERSTANDING LENT: A JOURNEY OF RENEWAL AND LISTENING:** Lent is a special time in the Church when we are invited to refocus on God's mystery and renew our faith. It encourages us to quiet our busy lives and listen deeply to God's word with open hearts. This season prepares us to follow Jesus more closely, especially as we walk with him toward Jerusalem, embracing the mystery of his passion, death, and resurrection.

This Lent, a key invitation is to practice listening—not just hearing, but truly opening ourselves to God and one another. By learning to listen as God does, we create space for transformation in our hearts.

Fasting also takes on a new meaning: beyond food, it means choosing our words carefully. Letting go of harsh, hurtful speech allows kindness and respect to flourish in our families, communities, and even online. Through this, words of hatred give way to words of hope and peace.

Lent is not just personal but communal. Our parishes and families are called to journey together, responding to God's word and the needs of the poor and the earth with shared fasting and sincere repentance. May this season open our ears, soften our words, and build communities rooted in love and compassion.

**LEO PP. XIV**

**CONFESSION:** There is confession schedule on every Saturday from 5:45pm -6:15pm. Please take this opportunity to go to confession. It is always good to confess frequently to receive communion worthily. Receiving communion for too long without confession is not good for our soul.

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES:** Parishioners who are gift Aid donors and whose envelopes are not among those printed for 2026 Tax year are advised to see the Parish Priest or contact the Parish office.

**COME AND STUDY WITH THE MARYVALE INSTITUTE:** The Maryvale Institute offers a full range of programmes for every ability, from easy short courses to a five-year PhD programme. Want to deepen your faith? Thinking about getting more involved with your parish, Catholic organisation or Diocese? Would you like to teach in Catholic institutions? One of these courses may be for you.

**Website:** <https://www.maryvale.ac.uk>

**Courses offered:** Contact Maryvale for the following courses, all of which are distance learning:

**PhD by research** – (Deacon Dr Harry Schnitker – [harry.schnitker@stmarys.ac.uk](mailto:harry.schnitker@stmarys.ac.uk))

**MA** – (Dr Catherine Knowles – [catherine.knowles@stmarys.ac.uk](mailto:catherine.knowles@stmarys.ac.uk))

**Licence in Catechesis** – (Fr Dr Richard Aziati – [richard.aziati.maryvale@oscott.org](mailto:richard.aziati.maryvale@oscott.org))

**Bachelor of Divinity** – (Mrs Viktoria Meszaros – [undergrad@maryvale.ac.uk](mailto:undergrad@maryvale.ac.uk))