



ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

ST FRANCIS DE SALES & ST GERTRUDE CHURCH

26 LARKHALL LANE, STOCKWELL, LONDON, SW4 6SP

PHONE: 020 7622 1621 E-MAIL: stockwell@rcaos.org.ukParish Website: www.stfrancischurch-stockwell.org.uk

The Weekly Newsletter is available in our Parish Website

30th November 2025: First Sunday of Advent (Year A)1st Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5. Psalm 122:1-2. 4-5.6-7. 8-9. 2nd Reading: Romans 13:11-14a. Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44.2nd Collection:

DAY	TIME	INTENTIONS
Sat-29 th	18.30	People of the Parish
Sun-30 th	09.00	Family Dooknah, Iron Family, Dansant Family, Sanyade Family & Friends-Family Intention
	11.00	Rita Nwanze & Family-Thanksgiving
Mon-1 st	09:30	
Tues-2 nd	09.30	
Wed-3 rd	09.30	
Thur-4 th	09.30	
Fri-5 th	09.30	
Sat-6 th	18.30	
Sun-7 th	09.00	Family Dooknah, Iron Family, Dansant Family, Sanyade Family & Friends-Family Intention
	11.00	People of the Parish
PARISHIONERS' BIRTHDAYS		
29 th -5 th	Naiomi Tamakloe/29 th , Rita Donkor/30 th , Yafet Zemichael/1 st , Oluwakemi Onile-Ere/2 nd , Elizabeth Cudjoe/3 rd , Heidi Tamakloe/4 th , Charlotte Tamaulve/4 th , Dasia Osei-Kesse/4 th .	

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sarah Madden, Crystal L, Andrew O'Neill, Patrick Idama, Marie Kallon, Michael McGrath and all our housebound.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION – 23/11/2025		
Gift Aid	Loose	Total
£135.00	£157.00	£ 292.00

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 th December	10.30pm	Christmas Carols
	11pm	Midnight Mass
Thursday, 25 th December	10 am	Christmas Day Mass
Wednesday, 31 st December	11pm	+ Midnight Mass
Thursday, 1 st January 2026	10 am	New Year's Day Mass

VISIT BY CHRISTIAN MOTHERS: Christian Mothers will be visiting our Parish on the 7th December, 2025 and will lead in the Liturgy at the 11am Mass.

GRIEF IN LOSS RETREAT 2026: 20-22 March 2026. For anyone who has experienced bereavement, either recently or some time ago. Grieve, remember, hope and give thanks for your loved ones in the light of the Resurrection of Jesus. Call 01622 717272 or email reception@thefriars.org.uk to book and find out more.

RETURN OF RED BOXES: The deadline for the return of FULL MISSIO red boxes is 1st December 2025. Please return these boxes and complete the white counterfoil at the bottom of each box. If this is not completed then a receipt for your donation cannot be sent to the Parishioner. Thank you all for your continued support.

NEXT:

PASTORAL TEAM		ORDER OF MASS
Fr Michael Faneye, MSP: Parish Priest	I Confess	p.8
Mr Charles Madden: PPC Chair	1 st Reading	p.82
Mrs Catherine Biney: Finance	Resp. Psalm	p.83
Mrs Sade Onile-Ere: Safeguarding, Catechist	2 nd Reading	p. 83
Mr Patrick Sanniez: Sacristan	Gospel	p.84
Office Hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:30am– 1:30pm	I believe in	p.11
	Our Father	p.56

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT: Advent is a four-week season dedicated to reflective preparation for the arrival, "advent", of Jesus Christ's Nativity at Christmas time as well and Christ's expected return in the Second Coming. During this important event on the church calendar, each week of Advent focuses on a different theme - **hope, peace, joy, and love, as symbolised by the candles in the advent wreath.**

ARCHBISHOP JOHN'S ADVENT 2025 REFLECTION: This Advent, Archbishop John is calling us on to reflect on the "astonishing truth" that the "Lord Jesus is, and always will be, Emmanuel: God with us, God beside us, God within us". In a video reflection, Archbishop John said that: "to say God is with us is not poetry but power. It means that the Lord Jesus stepped into our humanity so that we might step into his divinity. It means that God is no distant deity, but one who draws near; who shares our joys and carries our sorrows; who opens heaven to earth, and earth to heaven". You can watch his full reflection at rcaos.org.uk/advent2025

ADVENT 2025- FROM NAZARETH TO BETHLEHEM: Bible Reflection will begin in the Convent from this **1st Sunday of Advent** and **3rd Sunday of Advent**. Come and participate as this year's format will be slightly different and the various characters in the Biblical Story will be presented to us by our lay Holy Family Members. At the beginning of each session tea will be offered at 3.30pm and the session will end with a short period of silence and prayer and celebrating together. The venue is at the Holy Family Convent, 36 Albert Square, SW8 1BZ. Please contact Sr. Irena at: Irena.hfe@gmail.com or call 02077354751

CONFESSON 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.**