



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



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**2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025: The Presentation of the Lord (Year C)**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Malachi 3:1-4. Psalm: 24:7. 8.9.10. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18 Gospel: Luke 2:22-40.

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection:

**NEXT: Missionary Society of St. Paul: 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2025**

DAY	TIME	INTENTIONS
Sat- 1 <sup>st</sup>	18.30	Elizabeth Clarey-RIP
Sun-2 <sup>nd</sup>	09.00	People of the Parish
	11.00	
Mon-3 <sup>rd</sup>		<b>NO MASS</b>
Tues-4 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	Mass
Wed-5 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	Mass
Thur-6 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	Mass
Fri-7 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	Mass
Sat-8 <sup>th</sup>	18.30	Michael McDonagh-RIP
	09.00	People of the Parish
	11.00	

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	
Mrs Catherine Biney: Finance	Resp. Psalm	
Mrs Folasade Onile-Ere: Catechist	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	
Mr Patrick Sanniez: Sacristan	Gospel	
Mrs Olanike T. Onikosi: Maintenance	I believe in	p.11
<b>Office Hours:</b> Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:30am– 1:30pm	Our Father	p.56

**PARISHIONERS' BIRTHDAYS**

1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Eugene Mensah-Arhinful/3<sup>rd</sup>, Vivian Boakye/5<sup>th</sup>, Natalie Tang/7<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 – 26/01/25		
Gift Aid	Loose	Total
<b>£182.00</b>	<b>£357.11</b>	<b>£539.11</b>

**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**

**MISSIONARY OF ST. PAUL SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATION**

The Missionary Society of St. Paul, UK Region, would celebrate its 25 Years of dedicated service to the Catholic Church in UK; You are all cordially invited to join us to celebrate this Silver Jubilee. The Venue will be at the St. George's Cathedral, Southwark, Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7HY on **Friday 14th February 2025** at 6.30pm. Please come and support us on this epic celebration of our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS TO CLEAN THE CHURCH**

We are appealing for more volunteers to join in the cleaning of the church. The cleaning of the Church is done every fortnight on a Saturday morning between 8:30/9:00am and 11 am. Person(s) willing to join, please kindly speak with the Parish Priest. We use this opportunity also to express our gratitude to those who have been doing it for years. May God continue to bless you for your service.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PARISH HALL REFURBISHMENT**  
 Total Donations to date: **£ 2,210.00**  
 Thanks for your generosity.

**CLEARING OF THE HALL**  
 All those, person(s) and group(s), who have property in the store at the far right of the hall including the cupboards are to be emptied and left open, kitchen, and the storage at the rear end of the hall are kindly requested to remove them as soon as possible.

**DONATION TOWARDS REFURBISHMENT OF THE HALL**  
 We appeal to donors towards the hall refurbishment to state/include (donor's) name for record purposes and appreciation. Thank you for your understanding and generosity.

**EVANGELISATION**  
 It means sharing of the "Good News" (Gospel) and life of Jesus with others. Pope Paul VI, in *Evangelii Nuntiandi* stated that to evangelise means bringing the Good News of Jesus into every human situation and seeking to convert individuals and society by the divine power of the Gospel itself. In its essence this is through the work of the Holy Spirit. "There is no true evangelization if the name, the teaching, the life, the promises, the Kingdom and the mystery of Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of God are not proclaimed." As baptised members of the Body of Christ, each of us is vocationally mandated to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ with our lives in a society that rejoices in its increasing pluralism and secularity, the Christian message can seem out of place. It is our duty and our joy. Locally, the Good News is passed on through the Mass, Sacraments, and other Parish events.

**PARISH CHOIR**  
 Singing is an important aspect of the mass; and **adequate preparation with choir practice is imperative with devotion and faith.** We appeal for volunteers to join the parish choir especially the 11:00 am mass on Sunday, and **be available to attend choir practice on a regular basis as agreed by members.** 'He who sings prays twice'. 'Singing is a form of prayer that adds to our worship of God'. Let us use our voices to sing his praise in prayer.