



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



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**23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025: Third Sunday of Lent (Year C)**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Exodus 3: 1-8a, 13-15 Psalm: 103:1-2. 3-4. 6-7. 8. 11 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12 Gospel: Luke 13:1-9.  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: **Poor Parishes** **NEXT: 18<sup>TH</sup> April: Holy Places of Palestine**

DAY	TIME	INTENTIONS
Sat-22 <sup>nd</sup>	18.30	Martin, Kate Folan-RIP
Sun-23 <sup>rd</sup>	09.00	People of the Parish
	11.00	Anonymous- Protection for self & family
Mon-24 <sup>th</sup>		
Tues-25 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	<b>NO MASS</b>
Wed-26 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	<b>NO MASS</b>
Thur-27 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	<b>NO MASS</b>
Fri-28 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	<b>NO MASS</b>
Sat-29 <sup>th</sup>	18.30	
Sun-30 <sup>th</sup>	09.00	People of the Parish
	11.00	

**PARISHIONERS' BIRTHDAYS**

22<sup>nd</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> Sylvia Dacres/26<sup>th</sup>, Geraldine Lisa Odamtey-Bowrin/27<sup>th</sup>, Menelik N-O'Comor/27<sup>th</sup> Harat Berhane/28<sup>th</sup>, Francedsca Nkwokara/28<sup>th</sup>

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

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

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION – 16/03/25**

Gift Aid	Loose	Total
£294.70	£176.22	£470.92

**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**

**THE SEASON OF LENT:** Stations of the Cross: Every Friday during Lent @ 7pm.

**MATRIMONY IN THE PARISH:** Marriage preparation is a process that take some time to complete the process. Parishioners who would like to receive the sacrament of matrimony in the Church are advised to start discussion with the Parish Priest at least 6 months prior to any preparations.

**THE NEW PARISH MASS BOOKS AND HYMN BOOKS**

The New Parish Mass books and Hymn books are solely the properties of the Parish. They are not to be taken away or removed from the Parish.

**GRATITUDE**

Thank you very much to all those who have generously donated towards the buying of the new Parish Mass books. Your generosity is highly appreciated. God bless you.

**PRAY FOR POPE FRANCIS**

We continue to pray for Pope Francis who is making a slow but sure recovery.

**HOLY EUCHARIST CELEBRATION**

There will be no Mass from 25<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> March 2025. Please keep the date in your calendar.

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	p.160
Mrs Catherine Biney: Finance	Resp. Psalm	p.161
Mrs Folasade Onile-Ere: Catechist	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	p.161
Mr Patrick Sanniez: Sacristan	Gospel	p.162
<b>Office Hours:</b>	I believe in	p.11
Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:30am– 1:30pm	Our Father	p.56

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**APPEAL FOR NEW GIFT AID DONATION:** We encourage Parishioners who are not yet using the Gift Aid envelopes to consider signing up for it. Remember, for every £1 you donate, the Church can claim an extra 25p. Note that you must be a Tax Payer to the UK before you can be eligible.

Please fill the Gift Aid Declaration form and let us know how you are supporting the parish by renewing your Gift Aid declaration via: <https://forms.rcaos.org.uk/giftaid/> or by scanning the QR code with your phone camera.

If you are not signed up to Gift Aid and planned giving, please do so via the link above or contact the Parish Priest/Office.



**DONATION REFERENCE FOR HALL REFURBISHMENT:** Parishioners who wish to donate towards the Hall refurbishment should use as reference '*Hall Refurbishment*' as they make their generous donation. Thank you very much.

**PRAYER FOR THE SANCTITY OF ALL HUMAN LIFE, SPECIFICALLY CONCERNING ASSISTED SUICIDE:** Parishes and religious houses are invited to offer a Holy Hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament for the sanctity of all human life on either Passion Sunday (13 April), or the Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday of Holy Week (14, 15, 16 April).

On Maundy Thursday, parishes are also invited to add a specific intercession for the sanctity of all human life to the Universal Prayer at the Mass of the Lord's Supper.

**MASS IN CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:** If you are celebrating your 1<sup>st</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>/40<sup>th</sup>/50<sup>th</sup>/60<sup>th</sup> + wedding anniversary this year, please let us know as soon as possible, **and no later than the middle of May**, providing the following details: your names in the format John and Mary Smith, your home address, your parish, and the anniversary you are celebrating, so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during Mass on **12<sup>th</sup> July, 2025 at St. George's Cathedral**. Spaces are limited. Contact us at [mflse@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflse@rcaos.org.uk). As the title of your email, please write your parish location e.g. Clapham, Beckenham.