



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

7th December 2025: Second Sunday of Advent (Year A)1st Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10. Psalm 72:1-2. 7-8. 12-13. 17. 2nd Reading: Romans 15:4-9. Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12.2nd Collection:

DAY	TIME	INTENTIONS
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
Mon-8 th	09:30	
Tues-9 th	09.30	
Wed-10 th	09.30	
Thur-11 th	09.30	
Fri-12 th	09.30	
Sat-13 th	18.30	
Sun-14 th	09.00	People of the Parish
	11.00	

PARISHIONERS' BIRTHDAYS

6th -12th Hurui Hibabu/9th, Mehati Tekai/12th.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION – 30/11/2025		
Gift Aid	Loose	Total
£219.80	£200.18	£ 419.98

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

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. Today, the second candle is lit which is called the Bethlehem Candle or Candle of Peace.

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.

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.85
Mrs Catherine Biney: Finance	Resp. Psalm	p.86
Mrs Sade Onile-Ere: Safeguarding, Catechist	2 nd Reading	p. 86
Mr Patrick Sanniez: Sacristan	Gospel	p.87
Office Hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:30am– 1:30pm	I believe in	p.11
	Our Father	p.56

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENCE IN CHURCH: This is a **SPECIAL APPEAL** to all: Out of REVERENCE for the presence of the Holy Eucharist in the Tabernacle and for the sake of those who want to pray and/or are praying, we gently appeal that all conversation/chatting, etc.. after mass should take place at the **Atrium** not inside the **Church**. Thanks for your understanding.

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.**

APPEAL FOR NEW GIFT AID DONATION: We continue to 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.

REPORT ON 'CALLED TO BEAR FRUIT': Thousands of parishioners across the Archdiocese took part in the Called to Bear Fruit consultation, offering honest, hopeful and practical reflections on the life and mission of our Church in Southwark. People spoke with gratitude for their parish communities and also expressed a desire for deeper formation and ongoing opportunities to grow in faith. Parishioners are encouraged to take a copy from the Atrium and read this very important document regarding the Local Church in Southwark.

WELCOME TO THE CHRISTIAN MOTHERS: On behalf of the Parishioners, we welcome the Christian Mothers who are here today to worship with us. We thank them for sharing the Eucharist with us and animating the Liturgy.