

ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC PARISH NEWSLETTER

13th April 2025 Palm Sunday (C)

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



Hosanna in the highest

WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS: To Ann, Jade, Dhalya, Hanna, Jennifer, Paul, Francis and Danielius who will be fully received into the Catholic Church at our Easter Vigil through the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. We continue to keep them in our prayers and give thanks to God for this glorious celebration.

RECONCILIATION: Please remember that the best way we prepare ourselves for the celebration of Easter is by renewing our lives with God's forgiveness with the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We are providing various opportunities to celebrate this precious Sacrament:

Tuesday 15th April: 6.00pm – 7.00pm (with visiting priests)

Saturday 19th April: 9.30am – 11.00am; 1.00pm – 2.00pm

OFFERING: The collection for Easter Sunday is your personal offering to the priests of the parish. There are envelopes available at the end of the pews for you to take home in preparation for the collection.

HOPE IN ADORATION: We have been encouraged by Pope Francis, echoed by our Archbishop John Wilson, during this Jubilee Year of Hope to make time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament part of our prayer life during this holy year of 2025. You can see on the newsletter the times we provide Adoration in this parish which is usually very well attended – but plenty of room for more. Please click on this link to see a personal message from our Archbishop himself.

[Hope in Adoration: Archdiocese of Southwark](#)

Parishes have especially been invited to offer a Holy Hour of Adoration during Holy Week for the Sanctity of all Human Life. Therefore, we shall hold an hour of Adoration on Monday 14th April 9.15am-10.15am and 6pm – 7pm. On Tuesday 15th April from 9.00am – 10.00am.

GIFT AID: Thank you to all who have joined our parish Gift Aid Scheme. The new envelopes are now ready for collection in the Church porch. We are truly grateful for the people who organise our parish Gift Aid Scheme for us.

TREATS FOR EASTER: As per our usual tradition, if any of our very kind parishioners would like to donate any Easter treats of eggs, cakes, biscuits etc to give to those who are struggling, you would help to give a little Easter joy along with our usual donations. Many thanks in advance.

MASS IN CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th + wedding anniversary this year, you are especially welcome to come to a Mass at St. George's Cathedral at 3pm on Saturday 13th July celebrated by Archbishop John Wilson. 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. Spaces are limited. Contact Carole at mflkent@rcaos.org.uk. As the **title of your email**, please **write your parish location** e.g. Maidstone, Dover.

A GREAT DAY FOR US ALL: Archdiocesan Jubilee Celebration Day at The Friars, Aylesford 7th June 2025. Led by Archbishop John Wilson, we will gather as an Archdiocese at The Friars, Aylesford for a

day of prayer, reflection, celebration, and fun. There will be lots of activities, for children as well as for adults. This will be the centre-piece event of the 2025 Jubilee in the Archdiocese of Southwark. There will also be a walking pilgrimage from St George's Cathedral in Southwark to The Friars (2-6 June 2025). **The event itself is free.** You can find out more about the event and the wider Jubilee Year plans in the Archdiocese at rcaos.org.uk/jubilee2025.

WHY NOT WALK?: Also on the Diocesan Jubilee Day, please consider joining the parish pilgrimage to Aylesford for the Diocesan Jubilee Day on Saturday 7th June, walking from St Francis Church to Aylesford together.

CHURCH SHOP: Open every Sunday 9 am to 11.30 am and then half an hour before and after Sunday 6.00pm Mass. The Jubilee Booklet, 'Pilgrims of Hope' are now available for £1.50 each. Also, plenty of items and resources to guide you through Lent.

COLLECTION:

First collection last week (cash)	£ 1,155.34
Second Collection last Sunday Parish Development Fund	£ 200.49
Second Collection this Sunday DEW Association	
Collection Good Friday Holy Places	
Collection next Sunday Easter Offering for the Priests	

Standing Orders for March

Standing Order Gift Aid	£3,220
Standing Order Non-Gift Aid	£881.96
Collection Card	£2404.05
Collection On-Line	£372.54
TOTAL	£6,878.55

Parish Lottery	Week 15	No.241	£20
	Week 16	No.222	£25

We remember in our prayers those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Lily O'Cock, Ellen Carter, Joseph Saegar, John Fenn, Thomas O'Connor, Patrick O'Neill, Fred Brennan, Agnes Urmson, Thomas Fitzgerald, Genevieve Collins, William McKee, Norman Bell, Richard Freeman, Margaet Przyjemski, Michael Deery, Sid Powell, Ted Shannon, Cissie Glew, Elsie Fitzgerald, Raymond Decker, Basil Hinds, John Edgeworth, Gregory Shepherd, Yvonne Scott, Krzysztof Wrona, Michael Moran, William Larkin, Nelson Bowles, Leda Carter, Thomas Duffy, Sybil Collie, Thelma Burke, Maria Martignetti, John Januir, Terence Baldock, Bernard Chater. Fr George Le Bosquet, Peter Pugliese, Teresa Crawford, Kathleen Rowe, Alan Everett, Elizabeth Campbell, Freya Marsh, Peggy Norfolk, Martin Cody, Margaret O'Malley Ward, Clara Collins, Derek Hopkins, Rose Storer, Kathleen Homewood, Erminia Hoare, Vincent Gryszan, Sarah Flaherty, Josephine Luscombe, Dorothy Thorne, Peggy Cronk, Bernard Kennedy, Jim Banyard, Florene Best, Aubrey Sidwell, Robert Greer, Catherine Quinlan, Ashley Hampson, Dorothy Rogers, Carmel Hart, End Swan, Morello D'Souza, Sister Helen, Patrick Heaney, Elizabeth Tunks, Cecilia Hart-Davies, Wendy O'Hara, Gerald Shephard, James Kenny, David Barrett, Rosa Bestwick, Ernest Shea, Patrick Fitsimons, Edward Lowes, Eric Cheeseman, Lilian French, John Ascott

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 13th April PALM SUNDAY	6.00pm (Sat)	
	8.30am	Private Intention
	9.00am (PH)	Mary Woods RIP
	10.00am	People of the Parish
	11.45am	God's Blessing and Protection
	6.00pm	Yelena Sherwood Jenkins RIP
Monday 14th April	10.30am	Kevin Paul Ruaux RIP
Tuesday 15th April	10.30am	Requiem Mass of Finbar Mitchell
Wednesday 16th April	8.00am	Lola & Pablo Navarro RIP
Thursday 17th April <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	8.00pm	In reparation for abortions from Brewer St
Friday 18th April <i>Good Friday</i>	3.00pm	SOLEMN LITURGY
Sunday 20th April THE RESSURECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST	8.30pm Easter Vigil (Sat)	D.Boddington RIP & Family
	8.00am	Sara RIP
	9.00am (PH)	Bernard Tyler RIP
	10.00am	Susan G. Simmons RIP
	11.45am	Fin Mitchell RIP
	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Monday 21st April	10.30am	Mary Tansey RIP
Tuesday 22nd April	10.30am	In reparation for abortions from Brewer St
Wednesday 23rd April	10.30am	Sidney West RIP
Thursday 24th April	10.30am	Health & Wellbeing
Friday 25th April	10.30am	James Philip RIP
Saturday 26th April	10.00am	In reparation for abortions from Brewer St
Sunday 27th April	6.00pm (Sat)	A.K Joseph RIP
	8.30am	Maria Milagros Casas RIP
	9.00am (PH)	Michael Broderick RIP
	10.00am	Health & Wellbeing
	11.45am	Len Watson RIP
	6.00pm	Margaret Cartwright RIP

PLEASE NOTE: Mass Wednesday 16th April is an earlier time of 8.00am so the clergy can attend the Chrism Mass at St. George's Cathedral that day.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Monday 14th April 9.15am – 10.15am; 6.00pm – 7.00pm
Tuesday 15th April 9.00am – 10.00am

No Adoration Good Friday 18th April or Easter Friday 25th April

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Good Friday 18th April 7.30pm

REST IN PEACE: The Requiem Mass for Finbar Mitchell will be celebrated Tuesday 15th April 10.30am. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.