



Saint Vincent de Paul Parish  
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One of the South Battersea Churches

## Newsletter

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## Easter Week

19 – 27 April 2025

### Services and Mass Intentions for the coming week

#### The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Saturday 19 April 9pm All Parishioners

#### Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Sunday 20 April 9am Bernadette Austen (Birthday Intention)

11am John & Julia Galligan RIP

*NO Evening Mass*

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> 7pm Mass for Pope Francis RIP

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> 10am Mass for Pope Francis RIP

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 9.30am Canon John O'Toole RIP (Robinson)

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Inezz Palmer RIP (Pennant)

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Deceased Relations of Fr Tim

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> *NO Confessions*

Sunday 27 April 9am Antonio (RIP) and Rosa Antonini

*Second Sunday of Easter* 11am Our Confirmation candidates **[Confirmation Mass]**

6pm All Parishioners

**Time, Talents, and Treasure:** In response to your participation, we are beginning to share the names and contacts of any new volunteers with those who organise activities in which you could start immediately. We will then contact those (such as Readers) who will need to arrange practices; and others who may need to get a Diocesan DBS clearance. Thank you again.

**'Easter Offering':** please take an envelope from the back of Church; or use the option available on our Card Reader.

**Gabriele Sedda** is urgently looking for a room to rent by the end of April. If you can help, call 07909 596401

**The Easter Celebration of Christ's Resurrection** begins with the **Easter Vigil at 9pm**. This is **the great Easter Service**. As night begins to fall, the light of Christ risen (symbolised by our Paschal Candle) guides us into the darkened Church towards new life. By the light of the Paschal Candle we will pray, sing and keep silence, reliving the great story of how God prepared his chosen people for wonders that are surpassed by the Resurrection of Our Lord from the dead.

**On Easter Day** there are **two** Masses, at the usual morning times (9am and 11am), but **NO EVENING MASS**.

## 'On Pilgrimage' from Easter to Pentecost in our Parish and Diocese

- **Next Sunday, 27 April**, Canon Gerard Bradley will be **Confirming our 11 candidates**. **PRAY FOR THEM**.
- **On Thursday May 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm: we are holding a Reconciliation Service (Confessions)** – it is available for all, but especially the children who will receive their first Holy Communion.
- A local **Jubilee Walking Pilgrimage** with people from neighbouring parishes **on Saturday 10 May**, starting here or at Holy Ghost Parish Church. A sign-up sheet is available at the back of Church. *En route* there will be Mass at Holy Ghost at 10am, Adoration at Sacred Heart, Lunch at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, and Evening Prayer and Refreshments here in the early afternoon.
- **First Holy Communions** will be celebrated at 11am Mass on **Sunday 11 May**.

As part of the Jubilee Year in our Southwark Diocese, there will be a big outdoor Celebration for the whole diocese, a **Jubilee Day at The Friars, Aylesford on Saturday 7 June** from **10.30 am - 4.30 pm** in the grounds of the Priory. **Sign Up now at the back of Church: A coach has been reserved by our Parish in the hope that sufficient people wish to go, so you must book early** - cost £30 for adults and £10 for children/under 18s. For further details please contact [kristinabcooper@gmail.com](mailto:kristinabcooper@gmail.com) or 07972119252.

**Please PAY NOW by bank transfer to the parish account** (see below\*\*). As the 'reference' put YOUR SURNAME followed by followed by the number of places, followed by Aylesford: e.g. GALLIGAN1AYLESFORD. Get as much of the word Aylesford in as possible but don't worry if it is not complete as space for your reference may be limited.

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**Account Name: RCAS Battersea Altenburg Gardens**

**If you wish to pay by cash please give it to Kristina Cooper or Fr Tim.**

**June 7<sup>th</sup> will be a day of fun and faith for all the family:** talks, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the Rosary, Confessions, Prayer for Healing, exhibitions and fun activities for children, as well as the joy of just being outside relaxing in this beautiful historic place.

People are encouraged to bring your own picnics, but food, including a barbecue, a tea room and ice creams will be available on site (though probably with long queues). The day will culminate in a **concelebrated Mass led by Archbishop John**, who will pray a special blessing on all those present and on the whole diocese.

**In the weeks of preparation between Easter and Pentecost**, our Diocese is offering a **six-session course 'Pilgrimage to Pentecost'**, to help deepen our understanding of the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Sessions will comprise pre-recorded talks, a faith testimony, and music accessible via YouTube, and an opportunity to share with others online or in person. We hope the course booklet will be available very soon. If you would like to set up a group, please let us know.

The booklet will have meditations for every day between Divine Mercy Sunday until the week after Pentecost. You can follow this course on your own at home, join a group in the Parish, or join an Online Group. Currently, two groups at St Vincent's have been proposed, but if you would like to host another please see Father Tim. One group will be meeting on Wednesday evenings (contact Stuart Edwards [ste7474@icloud.com](mailto:ste7474@icloud.com)) and another on Wednesday mornings 9.30 am - 11 am (contact Kristina Cooper, as above). For further details of the speakers and to order booklets see <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/p2p>

## Intentions for our Prayer

**Pray for Peace.** For a just end to the Ukraine war. For peace in the Middle East, where Israel has begun the war in Gaza again, and is also carrying out a campaign of destruction to intimidate and annex the Palestinian people of the occupied West Bank. For the DRC, where Rwandan sponsored 'rebel' troops are killing thousands in a bid to acquire precious minerals. So many innocents go on suffering. **Pray fervently for lasting peace with justice for all**, for an end to the starvation, killing, wounding, and trauma of innocents, and the utterly unnecessary destruction of people's homes and livelihoods.

*I wish you and your loved ones every Easter Blessing, Fr Tim*