



Saint Vincent de Paul Parish
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One of the South Battersea Churches

Newsletter

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The Catholic Church in England and Wales: www.cbcew.org.uk



Year C

Third Week of Easter

4 – 11 May 2025

Services and Mass Intentions for the coming week

Sunday 4 May <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	9am	All Parishioners
	11am	Francis Jayamanne RIP (Lorna)
	6pm	Living & Deceased Members of Pope Family
Monday 5 th	No Public Mass	
Tuesday 6th	9.30am	
Wednesday 7 th	No Public Mass	
Thursday 8th	9.30am	
Friday 9th	No Public Mass	
Saturday 10th	11am	Confessions
	3pm (Approx)	Evening Prayer with Walking Pilgrimage Participants
Sunday 11 May <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	9am	
	11am	First Communion Mass
	6pm	All Parishioners <i>Followed until 7.15 by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>

Second Collection NEXT Sunday - to support the training of your Future Priests

The next Family Mass is on **Sunday 18 May at 11am**; we would love you to come 5 minutes early and help get the children involved. Thank you!

We had a wonderful celebration of Confirmation last Sunday. Many thanks to our musicians, florists, but especially to Fiona, Gabrielle and Paulin who assisted me with the Programme of Preparation.

Next Teenagers' Get-Together: Sunday 11 May, 7pm - 8.15pm.

We will start the evening with a time of quiet Adoration in Our Lady's Chapel, 7pm-7.15pm, before chilling out downstairs as usual with games, food and good company. **All 13-18yrs olds from the parish are warmly invited!**

Please contact Marina (07568133368) or Br Paulin for any queries.

Young people aged 10-14.

You are invited to a special Youth Day at Saint George's Cathedral, Southwark, on **Saturday 24 May**. It will be a fun and faith-filled day of activities, prayer, and friendship with other young Catholics from across the diocese. If your child or a group would like to attend, please sign up using this link:

🔗 www.tinyurl.com/yday24may

They would love to see as many young people there as possible — it's a great opportunity to grow in faith and community. If you have any questions, feel free to get in touch.

Cathedral Mass Celebrating Marriage

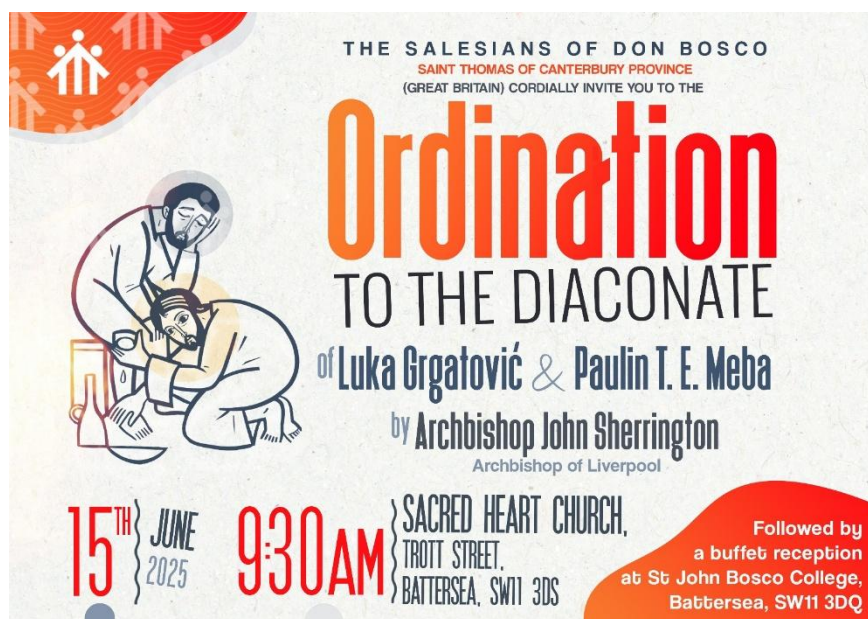
If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th or any later wedding anniversary this year, you are invited to **renew your marriage vows at a Mass to be celebrated at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, at 3pm on July 12**. Close family members can attend with you.

In order to receive a personal invitation from Archbishop John, email to mflsw@rcaos.org.uk the following details: your full names, address, phone number, anniversary being celebrated and parish.

The deadline for applying is the middle of May.

Ordination as Deacon of Brother Paulin – 15 June at Sacred Heart Church, Battersea

The presence and ministry of Brother Paulin in our Parish since September has been a great blessing for many, not least



myself. He has thrown himself into our parish life, assisting in many ways – notably with our Confirmation preparation, our young people, and our sevens. He will be with us until the final weekend of June, when he will be sent to his next ministry in Cheshire.

On Sunday 15 June, along with Brother Luka, he is going to be ordained a Deacon, at the Salesian Church in Battersea. You will be welcome, if you wish to attend. But, in any case, please pray for him in the coming weeks as he prepares.

We hope to hold a Parish Picnic on Sunday 29 June, at which we will also be able to say 'thank you' to him.

Mass for Migrants Monday 5 May

In this special Jubilee Year, you are warmly invited to join the three 'London' Dioceses of Brentwood, Southwark and Westminster for the annual Mass for Migrants on **Bank Holiday Monday, 5 May 2025 at Westminster Cathedral, starting at 2.00pm with a procession of banners**.

This year the Mass is hosted by the Diocese of Westminster at Westminster Cathedral.

The Mass is prepared by the Justice & Peace Commissions, Caritas and Ethnic Chaplaincies of the three Dioceses and celebrates the contributions made to faith, life and work in the UK by all those who come from other countries to make a home here. Music will be provided by musicians from the Lourdes Mass and a variety of Ethnic Chaplaincy choirs. We will also be joined by community organisers from [London Citizens](#)

Everyone is invited to wear national dress. Those taking part in the procession are invited to arrive from 1.30pm where light refreshments will be provided and a locked space in which to leave possessions during the Mass. Do come along and bring the family, whether you are from a migrant background or not! It is always a colourful and a lively occasion.

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

NEXT Saturday 10 May, join in a local **Jubilee Walking Pilgrimage** with people from neighbouring parishes, starting here or at Holy Ghost Parish Church. **PARTICIPANTS LEAVE HERE AT 9.15AM**. *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 mid-afternoon.

First Holy Communions will be celebrated **NEXT Sunday 11 May** at 11am Mass.

Our Diocese is offering a six-session course '**Pilgrimage to Pentecost**' course, to help deepen our understanding of the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Sessions comprise pre-recorded talks, a faith testimony, and music, and are accessible via YouTube, plus an opportunity to share with others online or in person. The course booklet is now available. The booklet has meditations for every day 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. One group is meeting on Wednesday evenings (contact Stuart Edwards 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>

LAST CHANCE

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 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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June 7th 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.

For our Prayer



Pray for the Cardinal Electors assembled in Rome and implore the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

The Conclave begins next Wednesday, and the first ballot will take place that evening.

For more information about the Conclave Process and the Election visit:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/conclave-to-elect-new-pope-to-begin-on-7-may/>

Pray for Peace. For a just end to the Ukraine war. For peace in the Middle East, and an end to Israel's war in Gaza, and

campaign of destruction to intimidate and annex the Palestinian people of the occupied West Bank. For peace in Sudan. And in 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.

Pray for Peace in the many other troubled places across our world including: Afghanistan, Armenia and Azerbaijan, Cameroun, Chad, China, Colombia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Haiti, Hong Kong, Mali, Myanmar, Nigeria, Russia, Sudan, Thailand, Yemen.... and all the other places where the innocent are caught up in the violent power struggles of others.

And for the many Christians who in so many parts of the world continue to face persecution for their faith in Jesus Christ, the incarnate Son of God.

For our children preparing for First Holy Communion next Sunday; and that, now and in the future, their families will support their growth in faith and attendance at Mass.

For all who are sick and housebound, particularly: Rosa Antonini, Mario and Mariana Cassar, Brian and Bridie Connolly, Rose Egan, Ethna Ezechie, George Giannoukakis, Lorna Jayamanne, Joy Joseph, Betty Kilkelly, Becky Kumoji,

Giuseppe and Giuseppina Morreale, Lorna Phaure, Iris Ramsey, Gus Twycross-Hills, Angela Wells, Monica Wisdom, and all other sick or housebound parishioners; and for parishioners' elderly parents and sick relatives.

A Parish Online Prayer Group meets weekly on Wednesday evenings - would you like to join them?

Parishioners join together for about half an hour on Zoom. Please contact Marina for the Zoom link on 07568 133368.

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Thank you for your recent donations to your parish and in the Easter Offering

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God Bless you all during this Holy Easter Season, Fr Tim