



Saint Vincent de Paul Parish  
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*One of the South Battersea Churches*

## Newsletter

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 The Archdiocese of Southwark Website: [www.rcaos.org.uk](http://www.rcaos.org.uk)  
 Our Diocesan Directory: [www.rcaos.org.uk/directory](http://www.rcaos.org.uk/directory).  
 The Catholic Church in England and Wales: [www.cbcew.org.uk](http://www.cbcew.org.uk)



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*4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Weeks of Easter*

11 May – 1 June 2025

### Services and Mass Intentions for the coming weeks

<b>Sunday 11 May</b> <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	9am 11am 6pm	For Blessings on Pope Leo All Parishioners <span style="float: right;"><b>First Communion Mass</b></span> Paolo Antonio da Cruz RIP (Duhappart) <b><i>Followed until 7.15 by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i></b>
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Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	11am	<b><i>Funeral Service</i></b> for Bernard Ramsey RIP. <b><i>Burial at 2pm</i></b> in Streatham Cemetery, Garrett Lane.
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*Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>: No Services*

<b>Sunday 18 May</b> <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i> <i>['Safeguarding Sunday']</i>	9am 11am 6pm	Family Mass
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*Monday 19<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>: No Services*

<b>Sunday 25 May</b> <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	9am 11am 6pm	
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Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	No Public Mass	John Galligan (Birthday) <span style="float: right;"><b><i>Saint Philip Neri</i></b></span>
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Deceased Relations of Fr Tim <span style="float: right;"><b><i>Saint Augustine of Canterbury</i></b></span>
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	No Public Mass	

<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Ascension Day</i>	9.30am 7pm	All Parishioners <span style="float: right;"><b>[Holyday of Obligation]</b></span> Holy Souls
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Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Deceased Parishioners
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup>	11am	Confessions

<b>Sunday 1 June</b> <i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i>	9am 11am 6pm	All Parishioners Holy Souls
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- Sunday 11 May: Second Collection to support the training of your Future Priests
- Sunday 1 June: Second Collection for World Communications Sunday



Let us all pray for Pope Leo XIV, as he undertakes the Petrine ministry in succession to Pope Francis. Pray especially next Sunday, when he will preside at his official Installation Mass in Saint Peter's Square. I hope very much to be at it myself, as I shall be in Rome.

If you wish to read information about who he is, click [here](#).

If you would like to read a Statement from our Archbishop, click [here](#)

**The next Parish 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!

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

We will start the evening with a time of quiet Adoration, 7pm-7.15pm, in Church, before chilling out downstairs as usual with games, food and good company. **All parish 13-18yrs olds 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](http://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.

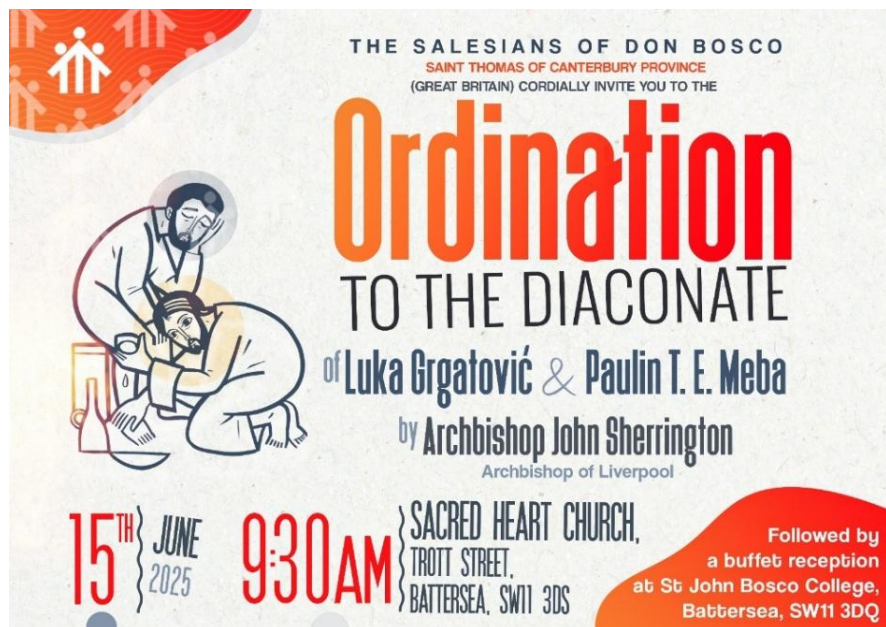
**'Safeguarding Sunday' 2025 - 18 May.**

Sunday 18 May is Safeguarding Sunday and Archbishop John has issued a pastoral letter. In his letter, Archbishop John said "Safeguarding is not the work of a few; it is a shared responsibility. Each of us — clergy, volunteers, parents, parishioners — is called to remain vigilant, informed, and committed to the well-being of every member of our community". You can find out more about Safeguarding Sunday, including accessing the full pastoral letter, at [rcaos.org.uk/safeguardingsunday25](http://rcaos.org.uk/safeguardingsunday25) or via the QR code below.



**Cathedral Mass Celebrating 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> 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](mailto: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 severs. 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, with Brother Luka, he will be ordained a Deacon, at the Salesian Church in Battersea. You will be welcome to attend. But, in any case, please pray for him in the coming weeks as he prepares. **If you hope to attend you must EMAIL HIM – to allow planning of refreshments.**

We are planning a Parish Picnic on Sunday 29 June, which will be his last Sunday with us; on that day, we will be able to say 'thank you' to him.

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

Our Diocese is offering a '**Pilgrimage to Pentecost**' course, to help deepen our understanding of the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. You can follow this course on your own at home, join a group in the Parish, or join an Online Group. One is 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>

**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 for the coach reserved by our parish** - 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 IMMEDIATELY by bank transfer to the parish account** (see below\*\*). As your payment 'reference': put YOUR SURNAME followed by followed by number of places, followed by Aylesford: e.g. SMITH2AYLESFORD. Get as much of the word Aylesford in as possible but don't worry if it is not complete as your reference space may be limited.

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If you need to pay by cash please give it to Kristina Cooper.

**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. 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 end with 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 Pope Leo XIV** and for an outpouring of all the graces of the Holy Spirit he will need for his ministry for the whole Church.

**Pray for Peace.** At this time, when Europe has been recalling the huge sacrifice of the second World War, that ended eighty years ago, pray that today's leaders may not forgot the lessons, and all those whose experience led them to pray 'never again'.



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.

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 so 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 the youngsters who receive their first Holy Communion at this time; and for Max de Lisle and all our teenagers who were recently confirmed.

For all our young parishioners who are taking public exams over these weeks that their study will be blessed.

**Make sure to pray for the defeat of the Assisted Dying Bill which returns to the House of Commons on 16 May.** It is shocking to read of the official Government assessment, which quantifies the money 'saved' on end of life care, but puts no value on the lives killed.

**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.

### **Your Parish needs your generous support**

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

- **The most efficient way to donate regularly is with A GIFT-AIDED BANK STANDING ORDER.** Please ask us for details, or use the **Parish Pledge Form on our website [using this link](#).** To **GIVE DIRECTLY FROM YOUR BANK ACCOUNT** (please use your surname as the reference, particularly to ensure Gift Aid), you require these **BACS** details:

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- There is a **'DONATE BUTTON' on our website** allowing you to donate directly online. **This, too, lets you Gift-Aid.**
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*God Bless you all during this Holy Easter Season, Fr Tim*