

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 A

The Fifth Week of Ordinary Time

8 – 15 February 2026

Services and Mass Intentions for the coming week

Sunday 8 February <i>The Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time</i>	9am Holy Mass 11am Holy Mass 6 pm Holy Mass	For all Victims of Trafficking Welfare of Anthony Awere (Lilian) All Parishioners	
Monday 9th	9.30am Holy Mass	Deceased Relations of Gladys	
Tuesday 10th	9.30am Holy Mass	Women Religious friends of Fr Tim	Saint Scholastica
	10 – 11am:	Coffee Morning in Hall	
Wednesday 11th	No Public Mass	Sick Members of our Parish	Our Lady of Lourdes
Thursday 12th	9.30am Holy Mass	Andrew Woolston RIP & Family	
	7 – 8pm	Parish Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament	
Friday 13th	9.30am Holy Mass	Fr George Winham RIP (F)	
Saturday 14th	NO Confessions		
Sunday 15 February <i>The Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time</i>	9am Holy Mass 11am Holy Mass 6 pm Holy Mass	Mgr Patrick Keaveny RIP (F) All Parishioners	

Please continue to pray for Teresa Woolston and her family. Her husband Andrew's funeral will take place next Thursday in St Michael's Church, Wandsworth Common at 2.30pm.

Please support your Sick and Retired Clergy next Sunday in the Clergy Support Fund Second Collection

The clergy in our Archdiocese have given us so much. They have been there for us in our happiest moments and comforted us when we have lost loved ones. Supporting priests in their retirement is one way to show your appreciation for all they have done for parishes.

You make supporting our clergy in retirement possible, find out how to donate to the Clergy Support Fund at www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/CSF or scan this QR code. You can also donate by telephone in office hours (Mon-Fri **020 7960 2504**), or by using the Clergy Support Fund envelopes offered to you this weekend and at the back of Church.



Please continue to keep our Priests in your prayers.

Lent draws close - Ash Wednesday is 18 February. We will be holding a **Parish Service of Adoration and Reconciliation on FRIDAY 27 FEBRUARY, STARTING AT 7PM.** As usual, there will be some visiting priests also available for Confessions. **The whole Parish is invited to use this opportunity.** It is **OBLIGATORY** in the Calendar for the families preparing their children for their First Holy Communion, and for Confirmation.

NEW: A Coffee Morning: each Tuesday 10 - 11am after Mass. Our first parish coffee morning, held last Tuesday, was attended by eight people and it was decided that there was enough interest to proceed on a weekly basis. **Please come and join us after the 9.30 Mass next Tuesday.**

Next Teenagers' Gathering, this Sunday evening (8 February): all our **teenagers** (13-18 years) are warmly invited to the next gathering **from 7pm – 8.15pm** in the Church Hall for an early 'Pancake Night', and games, food and fun together.

Update about Brother Dieudonné: You have not seen him here for several months. He injured his leg in the autumn and could no longer get here easily. At the start of the year, his Superior decided it was best to assign him to something he could manage in their adjacent parish. We wish him well. And we continue to be very grateful for Brother Raphael's assistance in the Parish each week.

Pray the Romero Rosary at St George's Cathedral. Join Archbishop John Wilson and the Cathedral clergy in praying the rosary **every Friday at 5pm** throughout Lent. This is a beautiful opportunity to draw closer to the Lord Jesus in prayer. Archbishop John will personally lead the devotion at the National Shrine of St Oscar Romero at St George's Cathedral (SE1 6HR) on **Ash Wednesday (18th February) at 5pm**, and again on **Friday 6th** and **Friday 27th March**. On all other Fridays during Lent, the Cathedral clergy will lead the rosary, followed by the Stations of the Cross at 6pm. Let the rosary connect you to the Lord Jesus this Lenten season. Find out more at: rcaos.org.uk/romerorosary

Come and learn about the '40 Days for Life' peaceful prayer vigil happening this year near the abortion centre in Brixton.

With the recent release of the shocking statistics of 299,614 abortions in the UK in one year, let this be the year you come and join us.

TUESDAY 10th FEBRUARY at 6:30pm we will hear the Testimony of a **MOTHER WHO CHANGED HER MIND** and kept her baby because she met people praying outside an abortion clinic. She will be accompanied by her daughter.

Venue: Our Lady of the Rosary Church Hall, 364 Brixton Road, London, SW9 0TH

For more details visit the website: <https://www.goodcounselnetwork.com> Or contact Jacinta on 07503 151419

'Imagine' - Monthly Online Guided Prayer Sessions: The Jesuits in Britain offer you a free monthly guided prayer session every **first Wednesday of the month at 8pm** via Zoom, *available later on Vimeo*. [Click to get the Zoom link >>](#)

Unity and Hope - where can Pope Leo lead the Church? Thursday 5 March

Join Christopher Lamb, CNN's Vatican Correspondent and the Reverend Erin Clark, writer, poet and parish priest of St Mary's C of E Church, Battersea, to discuss Pope Leo XIV's leadership in the context of world events and the importance of faith in turbulent times.



Where: **Sacred Heart Church, Trott Street, Battersea**, London SW11 3DS

Time: 7.00 – 8.30 pm Thursday 5 March (doors open at 6.30 pm)

Refreshments available afterwards.

This is a free event, but please register at [Eventbrite](#) or scan the QR code

Pray for Peace in Troubled Times

Pray for Peace along with Pope Leo and all people of good will:

- For a humane end to the violent civil war in Sudan.
- For a just and peaceful end to the Ukraine war and to all Russian aggression; and to America's new-found love of aggression.
- For a lasting peace in the Middle East: a real end to Israel's war on the people in Gaza, and of its campaign of intimidation and destruction aimed at annexing the occupied Palestinian West Bank; and to all provocations of Israel by Hamas and similar armed terror groups.
- 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 and Tigray, Haiti, Hong Kong, Mali, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nigeria, Russia, Sudan, Thailand, Yemen.... and all the places where the innocent are caught up in the violent power struggles of others.

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.

And for numerous Christians in so many parts of the world who still face persecution for their faith in Jesus Christ, the incarnate Son of God, especially Christians in the Holy Land, the occupied West Bank, Gaza, and Nigeria.

Other Intentions for our Prayer

Join Pope Leo in his Prayer Intention for February, the month of Our Lady of Lourdes and Prayer for the Sick - For children with incurable diseases: *Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.* Pray along with Pope Leo by clicking on: <https://www.popesprayer.va/praywiththepope/>

Please pray for Archbishop-Elect Ricard Moth who will be installed as the next Archbishop of Westminster next Saturday.

Please pray for our young parishioners preparing for their first Holy Communion, for those preparing to be Confirmed at Easter and in May, and for Craig Sinclair who will be received into the Catholic Church at Easter. The Confirmation Candidates have requested your prayers and posted their intentions on the Prayer Notice Board at the back of Church.

For integrity in public life.

For those who are sick or housebound, particularly: Rosa Antonini, Brian and Bridie Connolly, Rose Egan, Ethna Ezechie, George Giannoukakis, Betty Kilkelly, Becky Kumoji, Gina de Lorenzi, Giuseppe and Giuseppina Morreale, Lorna Phaure, Robina Rafferty, Gus Twycross-Hills, Angela Wells, Monica Wisdom, and any other sick or housebound parishioners; and for our parishioners' elderly parents and sick relatives.

Your Parish needs generous financial support

Thank you for last Sunday's Donations to our Parish.

Last weekend a network problem during the 11am Mass affected the use of our Card Readers to make donations – this was outside our control. Please note: there is a QR Code on a poster behind the large Card Reader, that also allows parish donations. You can also donate through a 'button' on the Front Page of our Parish Website.

- **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:
Sort Code: 50-21-01 Nat West, Clapham Junction Branch
Account Number: 82117209
Account Name: RCAS Battersea Altenburg Gardens
- **GIFT AID YOUR OFFERING please.** Gift Aiding by UK taxpayers makes an indispensable contribution for it adds 25% to your donations from tax you already pay - [use this link to register](#). **ANY DONATION to the Parish can be GIFT AIDED, including Offerings for Masses.** Indicate your wish to do so by using the special Gift Aid envelopes (in the boxes on the right-hand Church wall), and include your contact details.
- **Use the CONTACTLESS CARD READERS** as you enter or leave Mass, but remember you should **Gift Aid each Card you use** the first time used. If you use the same card in the future, you need usually only register once.
- You can **DONATE DIRECTLY using the Parish JustGiving page** (also on our website); **please Gift Aid donations.**
- There is a **'DONATE BUTTON' on our website** allowing you to donate directly online. **This, too, lets you Gift-Aid.**
- When you **SHOP ONLINE**, start first from our [Easyfundraising Page](#), and you will find you can raise donations for the parish from some 8000 online retailers. There is **no additional cost to you.**

*God Bless you all,
Fr Tim*