



# ST ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Newsletter for the week commencing 9th March 2025

### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

**Entrance Antiphon:** When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

**First Reading:** Deuteronomy 26: 4-10

**Psalm 91 Response:** Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

**Second Reading:** The Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans 10: 8-13

**Acclamation:** Glory and praise to you, O Christ. One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth the mouth of God. Glory and praise to you, O Christ

**Gospel:** Luke 4: 1-13

#### Father Behr writes:

Dear Parishioners

#### Hope in Adoration

As part of the Jubilee Year, Archbishop John is encouraging people to turn to the Lord Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration and have their hopes "fulfilled by Christ".

The campaign, Hope in Adoration, will share testimonies from parish priests and laity

throughout the year on how Eucharistic Adoration has helped them build a closer

relationship with the Lord Jesus. Resources will also be made available for free and there is a comprehensive list of times of Eucharistic Adoration in parishes across the Archdiocese. Find out more about the campaign at

<https://rcaos.org.uk/news-events/news/prayers-for-eucharistic-adoration>

We have two opportunities for Adoration in our parish. On Thursday mornings from 9am and on Friday mornings from 10.30am.

Fr Behr

#### Your Prayers are asked for:

**Recently deceased:** Paul Rumball RIP, Robert Hyam RIP

**Those ill or infirm:** Lady Wyn McWilliams, Michael Payne, Brian Lawrence, Roger Styles, Mary Basher, Paul Lane, Mara McDermot, June Munton, Ailish Cantwell (Jones), Joe Adams, Ellie Lawrence, Patricia Hook, Josie Payne, Pat Holland and all those who are unwell and in need of our prayers.

**Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time:** Sally Cudator, Marie Josee Masters, Naomi Mitchell, Alfred Holmesdale, Philip Goodwin, Peter Cox, Mary Hastings, John Bryant and John-Paul Beirne..

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<b>Sunday 9th March</b> <b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (C)</b>	10am Mass <i>People of the Parish</i> <b>Reader: Brian</b> 12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass
<b>Monday 10th March</b> Feria	10am Mass <i>Catherine Escott</i> 10.30am Stations of the Cross
<b>Tuesday 11th March</b> Feria	10am Mass <i>Donor's Intention</i> 10.30am Coffee Morning with a film
<b>Wednesday 12th March</b> Feria	10am Service of the Word and Communion 10.30am Stations of the Cross
<b>Thursday 13th March</b> Feria	9am – 10am Adoration and Rosary 10am Mass <i>Sarah, Julia, David, Denise and Liz</i>
<b>Friday 14th March</b>	10am Mass <i>Liz and Family Living and Departed.</i>

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<b>Saturday 15th March</b> Feria	<b>No public Mass am</b> 6pm Vigil Mass <i>People of the Parish</i> <b>Reader: Liz</b>
<b>Sunday 16th March</b> <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (C)</b>	10am Mass <i>Basil Williams RIP</i> <b>Reader: Frances</b> 12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass
<b>No flowers during Lent</b>	

### **Tuesday Coffee Morning**

We have a Tuesday Coffee Morning during Lent, followed by a film on the Catholic faith. This is a relaxing and informative way to grow in our faith. Coffee from 10.30am.

**Confession** Fr Behr is available for Confession every Saturday from 10.30am - 11am. He is also happy to visit those who are not able to come to church.

### **Children's Liturgy**

Children's Liturgy at the 10am Mass is on the first Sunday of every month. All children who have not made their First Holy Communion are welcome to attend. The next lesson with Lorraine is **this Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

### **Parish WhatsApp**

Our parish has a WhatsApp group. We will post parish events including social events, special occasions and requests for help in the parish as well as general parish news.

If you would like to join please get in touch. Fr Behr.

### **Events planned for 2025 - add these dates to your diary!**

**Friday 4 April - we are planning a Fish, Chip & Quiz night. Details to follow shortly.**

**Saturday 15 November will see the return of our Advent Fair**

**Saturday 29 November we will host a 'Pot Luck Supper' to celebrate the feast day of St Andrew**

### **Lifts for Events**

As you will have seen, we have a Quiz Night with a Fish n' Chips supper on Friday 4th April and then over the weekend of 12th and 13th July, there's a celebration and thanksgiving for Jolyon's service as Deacon of St. Andrew's. If you would like to attend either, or both, of these events but need a lift - or if you know someone in this situation - please let a member of the Social Committee know, and we'll try to arrange a lift to the event/s. The list of Social Committee members is on the Social Committee notice board in the porch.

### **Lent Evening Retreat for Catholic Men**

On Friday 14th March at St Michael's parish, Chatham there will be an evening retreat for Catholic men. Starting at 7pm with parish stations of the Cross, then Eucharistic adoration, two preached meditations, time for Confession, silent prayer,

Rosary, a tea break and Benediction. The evening is led by Fr Peter Murphy, an experienced spiritual director and parish priest in Southwark Archdiocese. Chatham train station next door, car park available. For questions, email

[MedwayCatholicMen@outlook.com](mailto:MedwayCatholicMen@outlook.com).

### **Called to Bear Fruit**

Below you finds details of an important initiative from our diocese. I encourage you to take part.

### **Help Shape the Future of Our Archdiocese**

The Archbishop invites you to play a vital role in shaping the future of our Archdiocese. In today's pastoral letter, he encourages everyone to reflect on the themes in the *Called to Bear Fruit* booklet and participate in small group discussions over the coming weeks. Here's how you can get involved:

- **Form a group:** Gather 4–12 people.
- **Choose your schedule:** Discuss all six themes across six sessions or combine them into fewer meetings—whatever works best for you.
- **Share your insights:** Submit your group's reflections via our online form or as a typed hard copy.

The more people who take part, the richer our understanding of the needs of our archdiocese will be. Let's work together to shape our future! Thank you for your involvement.

**Save the date: Archdiocesan Jubilee celebration - 7 June 2025.** On Saturday 7 June 2025, there will be an Archdiocesan Jubilee celebration at Aylesford Priory. This event will also mark the 60th anniversary of the Archdiocese of Southwark. We will be sharing more details about this exciting event in due course.

**Disability Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome in 2025.** Kairos Forum and Bishop Paul Hendricks are leading a Disability Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome in 2025. It is taking place on 26 April 2025 to 1 May. Mass will be celebrated every day,

along with activities such as visiting the Holy Door and a meeting with the Holy Father in St Peter's Square. Email Cristina Gangemi at: [kairosforumevents@gmail.com](mailto:kairosforumevents@gmail.com) or visit here for more details: <https://tinyurl.com/mrxj7s99>.

**Catechetical Institute.** Thanks to the generosity of the [Archbishop's Appeal](#) and the Franciscan University, every parishioner, catechist, parent and teacher in our schools and parishes will now have **free access** to over 120 high-quality workshops from the Catechetical Institute. Each parish features on the [Franciscan platform](https://franciscanathome.com/southwark) (<https://franciscanathome.com/southwark>). It's simple to sign-up, with a short video on the Agency page (<https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/franciscan>) to guide you through. This offering is free to everyone until September 2025.

#### **Building a Better Marriage (BABM) – Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope**

To celebrate Jubilee 2025 a one day Building a Better Marriage opportunity will be held in the following 9 Southwark deaneries during 2025.

The day starts at 9.30am and finishes at 4.30pm and is free to attend. The day will be open to other deaneries in 2026 who have not experienced the event

To join one of these day's please contact Carole on 07983 524 727 or email [mflkent@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflkent@rcaos.org.uk)

15 March - Our Lady Queen of Peace, East Sheen

12 April – St Mary Church, Croydon West

28 June – St Raphael Church, Kingston Upon Thames

5 July - St Thomas More, Dulwich

13 September – Southwark Cathedral, London

4 October – Holy Cross, Catford

1 November – St James the Great, Petts Wood

**Grief in Loss, Hope in Christ retreat** for the bereaved - Aylesford Priory 21-23 March 2025 and 10-12 Oct 2025

#### **The Search for Truth: Edith Stein, 14 – 16 March 2025**

Fr Matthew Blake, OCD will offer a weekend exploring the life and teachings of Edith Stein, or St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, and her indomitable search for truth that led her to the Catholic faith.

For more information and to book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-search-for-truth-edith-stein/>

**Songs of Praise at St George's Cathedral.** St George's Cathedral is delighted to be working with Songs of Praise for their 2025 Easter Programme. If your parishioners would like to be a part of it, they can [apply for free tickets here](#), which will take place on Saturday 15 March 2025 from 1-4pm.

<https://lostintv.com/tv-show?id=1359>.

#### **Baby Basics**

Thanks to everyone for their continued generosity in our official collection box.

#### **Food Bank**

Regrettably post-Christmas and New Year, the need for this collection continues and again many thanks to all the generous donors

#### **Christian Meditation**

On the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6pm (45 minutes) and for the foreseeable future in Saint Andrew's Church, because of the Saint Mildred's refurbishment

**Parish Magazine** This publication is now an ecumenical publication with contributions from the Catholic, Baptist and Church of England denominations. **Please purchase this month's copy, only £1, and leave your donation in the wall safe.**

### **St Andrew's Social Committee invites you to a**

**FISH, CHIPS & QUIZ NIGHT** on Friday 4 April at 7pm  
in the Parish Centre

**£15 per head (payable by 28 March)**

to include fish 'n' chips (with 2 alternative meal options)

**PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN DRINK!**

6 - 8 people per table. Either sign-up as a team or just add your name to a table.

QUIZ MASTER - BRYAN MASTERS

The evening will include a raffle

**Funds raised will go to St Andrew's Church maintenance**

**Sign up sheets in church porch, or email [greendavidjeffrey@gmail.com](mailto:greendavidjeffrey@gmail.com) or call 07727 607458**