



**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH – B**

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**School:** Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School + **Headteacher:** Mr Ben Martin

**MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS**

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**LIVESTREAM LINK:** <https://www.olionline.co.uk>

30 Sat – Vigil	18.30	Rosary Anthony – RIP
31 Sunday	09.00	Alex & Rosemary Maranzano
	11.00	Ryan Lynch – RIP ( <i>S Tremenheere</i> )
	18.00	Holy Souls

**NEW YEAR'S EVE**

22.00	Eucharistic Exposition with Benediction	
23.15	Holy Mass to welcome the New Year	

**CHRISTMASTIDE**

**EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.00am**

01 Monday <i>HM, Mother of God</i>	9.30	Tony Fazal – RIP ( <i>P Fazal</i> )
02 Tuesday <i>Ss Basil &amp; Gregory</i>	9.30	Suresh – Thanksgiving
	19.00	Victoria Greenyer – Sp. Recovery
03 Wednesday <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Yau Wong – RIP ( <i>J Wong</i> )
	19.00	Holy Souls
04 Thursday <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Holy Souls
	9.30	Luka Joseph – RIP ( <i>L John</i> )
05 Friday <i>Feria</i>	7.00	John Tumilty – RIP
	9.30	Maureen Saunders – RIP ( <i>Jim</i> )
06 Saturday <i>Feria</i>	9.00	Carlota Fernandes – RIP

**EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

06 Sat – Vigil	18.30	Maureen Richardson – RIP
07 Sunday	09.00	Elizabeth & Thomas Wilson – RIP
	11.00	
	18.00	

**OTHER SERVICES**

<b>Eucharistic Exposition</b>	Monday – Friday: 8am
<b>Morning Prayer (Lauds)</b>	Monday – Friday: 9am
<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	Saturday: 9.30-10am & 5.30-6.00pm
<b>Youth Mass</b>	Last Sunday: 6pm Mass
<b>St Anthony of Padua</b>	<b>Tuesday:</b> after morning and evening Masses
<b>Our Lady of Perpetual Help</b>	<b>Wednesday:</b> after morning and evening Masses
<b>Our Lady of Fatima</b>	1st Saturday of the month
<b>Syro Malabar Prayer Group</b>	1st Friday of the month: 7pm

**PRAYER TO THE HOLY FAMILY**

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love; to you we turn with trust.  
 Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches.  
 Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division; may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing.  
 Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer. Amen (**Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia*, §325**).



**ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK**  
**Pastoral Letter for the**  
**Solemnity of the Holy Family 2023**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

*A Saviour has been born for us who is Christ the Lord! (Lk 2:11)*  
 I am so pleased to be able to greet you with Christmas good wishes – for you and your family and friends – in this holy season of hope. Each year we rejoice in celebrating the changeless truth that God sent his Son into our world because he loves us. More specifically, in the Lord Jesus God loves you, in the reality of your life here and now, in your tears and in your smiles. This is why, individually and together, we can look to the future with confidence.

Dear friends, I pray that something of God's love touches your heart this Christmastime, even if you face challenge or suffering. In Christ, no one is ever alone. God really is with you. Whatever happens, God will never abandon you.

As the family of the Church, within all our relationships, it's so important that we try to make the love of God we have received, something tangible for others. We do this by imitating the example of the Holy Family: through sensitivity, kindness and generosity, and especially, through our faith. A famous song once declared *'love is all around us.'* This is true; but love can only be all around us if, first, it comes from within us. It is God's love in Christ, born into our hearts again this Christmas, which compels us to put love in action. Faith and love are inseparable. We seek to love others in faithfulness to Christ who was born, died, and rose again.

Loving relationship is at the heart of our faith: the loving relationship of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, who live eternally as one God in three persons; the loving relationship of the Father who sent his Son to take flesh in the womb of the Virgin Mary; the loving relationship of Our Blessed Lady and St Joseph to the Lord Jesus; the loving relationship, through the Holy Spirit, by which we share the gift of faith as disciples. According to God's plan for humanity, we are created in God's image and likeness for loving relationship. This is shown so beautifully in family life.

It was faith in God, and fidelity to God's word, that enabled Abraham and Sarah to believe God's promise. It was faith in God, and fidelity to God's word, that made Our Lady and St Joseph capable of cooperating so uniquely and beautifully with God's purpose for their lives and our salvation. It is our Catholic faith that gives identity and meaning to the Sacrament of Marriage and to family life as the domestic church. The family, in the closer and wider senses, remains the most important building block of the Church and of society. When the family flourishes, the Church flourishes. When the family flourishes, society flourishes. Catholic faith is intrinsic to our understanding of marriage and family life, supported by our parishes and schools.

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**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

<b>1ST READING</b>	Isaiah 60:1-6
<b>2ND READING</b>	Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6
<b>GOSPEL</b>	Matthew 2:1-12

## PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE



Please remember in your prayers all who have recently died, especially John (Jack) Hoey and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace. Amen.



Please remember and pray for the sick, the housebound and all who care for them, especially those in our parish community: Vanessa Andrew, Martin Dray, Pauline Ferrara, Ann Groves, Thomas Haley, George Trutwein, Frances Cox, Mary Ryan, Joan McGovern, Rita Reginald, Thomas O'Connor, Jimmy Simon, Sarah Mills, Samar Staussi, Annita Smith, Shirlene A., Kathleen McGuinness, Kathleen O'Connell, Claire Pender, Hazel D'Aguiar, Mary O'Mara, Elizabeth Jones, Ray Lewry, Wendy Cook, Tony Cook, Nivetheni Robert, Joe Ingrassi, Baby Freddie Page, Clare & Baby Polly, Gerry Hague, Maureen Stephens, Maureen Sellwood, Eric Powell, Tony & Mavis Fisher, Andy Moolman, Mary L Taylor, Ian Beard, Qiaochen Shi, Nee Collier, Ida Rebello, Ravenna Ahmed, Jesse Osborne, and Shirley Nicholson.

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS



### LAST WEEKEND

Non-Gift-aid: £534.72

Gift-aid: £338.16 Total: **£872.88\***

### CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Non-Gift-aid: £3,463.49

Gift-aid: £1,074.95 Total: **£4,538.44\***

**Thank you for your generosity to your parish.**

Kindly consider making your regular contribution to the Church via standing order (form available at [online.co.uk](http://online.co.uk)), or by online banking:

**RCAS Our Lady Immaculate Church, Account Number: 06467032; Sort Code: 60-21-05.**

**IMPORTANT:** Please include your Gift Aid number in your online instruction to your bank. Non-Gift Aid donors, please include the letters NGA.

Any queries? Please contact Lance Louis: [tolworthgac1@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:tolworthgac1@rcaos.org.uk) or 07851 070036.

\*Excluding standing orders & online payments – the monthly total of which will be published on or after the first weekend of every new month.

## BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE COURSE

As part of the preparation for the 2025 Jubilee year, the Southwark Marriage and Family Team will be running a *Building a Better Marriage Course* throughout the Archdiocese from February 2024. The one-day course is for married couples (whether married for one year, 60 years or anywhere in between). It seeks to help husbands and wives to make their marriage better and to improve their communication skills. There is no group sharing and private information remains private to each couple. Couples who have attended previously have found it enjoyable, informative, and uplifting.

For more information contact the Marriage and Family Life team through the Archdiocese of Southwark website:

<https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/marriage-and-family-life>

## WITH DEEPEST GRATITUDE

Dear friends in Christ, I want to thank all of you for your warm wishes and generous gifts during the Christmas festivities.

May the Lord bless and keep you and make his face shine upon you and all of yours now and always. Amen.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy New Year 2024.

**Father Ignatius Edet, PP**

## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

*Archbishop's pastoral letter continued ...*

I have been privileged over the past year to witness so many inspiring examples of husbands and wives, with their children and extended families, living and celebrating their Catholic faith, passing it on, and making it central to their day-to-day life. We know that every family has its difficulties. Sometimes, sadly, we also know there is breakdown, both in marriage and in family life. To anyone who is wounded by damaged or broken relationships, please know that the Church is your home, a compassionate 'hospital' of healing and mercy. I want to say a very sincere 'thank you' to every family which forms part of our Archdiocese. Thank you for your commitment to your faith and for making your homes holy places where the values and virtues of the Holy Family of Nazareth are put into practice.

Our relationships with each other matter. They matter in the family, in our Church, and in our society and world. It's so necessary that we take time to listen to each other and to walk beside one another as we journey on the way together with Christ in faith. As a child, in his family home with Mary and Joseph, the Lord Jesus grew in maturity. He was filled with wisdom and God's favour was with him. This is our desire for every disciple, for every family, and for our Church in the Archdiocese of Southwark.

As we look to all that 2024 will bring in God's providence, we commit ourselves to fulfilling our mission to share the Gospel of salvation in Christ through words and actions that build relationships in service of a civilisation of faith, love, and peace.

With every blessing for this Christmas Season and the New Year, and the assurance of my prayers and gratitude

Yours devotedly in Christ,

+ John Wilson

### PARISH OFFICE

The parish office is closed on New Year Day and will re-open on 2 Tuesday January 2024 at 10am. For urgent pastoral needs only (e.g., Sick Calls), please ring 0208 899 9550 ext. 2.

### NEW YEAR'S EVE (31 DECEMBER)

**18.00** – Normal evening Mass of Sunday

**22.00** – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**23.15** – Mass to welcome the New Year 2024

### CRIB OFFERING

Our parish Crib Offering this year will go to support the Catholic Children's Society's (CCS) Southwark Crisis Fund, which provides help for local families who are facing real hardship and have nowhere else to run to. You can donate at the Crib or via the CCS website [www.cathchild.org.uk/crib](http://www.cathchild.org.uk/crib).

### RECEPTION FOR OUR NEW DEACON ANTHONY SIMON

Our seminarian, Anthony Simon, who was ordained a deacon for the Syro-Malabar eparchy of Great Britain on 9 December 2023, will be received after the 11am Mass on 7 January. All are warmly invited to the reception in the Church Hall after the Mass.

## THE FEASTS OF CHRISTMAS

### 1. CHRISTMAS DAY

**2. 2ND DAY IN CHRISTMAS OCTAVE** (*St Stephen*)

**3. 3RD DAY IN CHRISTMAS OCTAVE** (*St John the Evangelist*)

**4. 4TH DAY IN CHRISTMAS OCTAVE** (*The Holy Innocents*)

**5. 5TH DAY IN CHRISTMAS OCTAVE** (*St Thomas of Canterbury*)

**6. 6TH DAY IN CHRISTMAS OCTAVE**

**7. 7TH DAY IN CHRISTMAS OCTAVE** (*The Holy Family*)

**8. 8TH DAY IN CHRISTMAS OCTAVE** (*Mary, The Holy Mother of God*)

## FOOD BANK DONATIONS

"Food banks are seeing more people than ever coming to them for help, many of whom need emergency support for the first time...across the UK, local food banks gave out close to 3 million emergency food parcels last year. Over a million of these parcels were provided for children." These are recent words of the Trussell Trust. Please continue to be generous with your food donations. All non-perishable food items are welcome. Thank you.