

Mass Times

31 Dec Saturday 5.00 pm	<i>Vigil Mass</i> William and Mike King
1 Jan Sunday 11:00 am	Mary, The Holy Mother of God (A) <i>Sunday Mass</i> Wellbeing of John Irwin
2 Jan Monday —:—	<i>No Mass</i>
3 Jan Tuesday 10:00 am	<i>Daily Mass</i> Alfred & Sarah Tolhurst R.I.P. & descendants
4 Jan Wednesday —:—	<i>No Mass</i>
5 Jan Thursday 10:00 am	<i>Daily Mass</i> David Osborn R.I.P.
6 Jan. Friday 9:00 am 10:00 am 7:00 pm	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD <i>Daily Mass</i> Adoration St. Joseph's School at Mass, <i>in the Church</i> People of the Parish
7 Jan Saturday 5.00 pm	<i>Vigil Mass</i> Mary & Michael Boyle
8 Jan Sunday 11:00 am	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (A) <i>Sunday Mass</i> Douglas Platel R.I.P.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday's 4:30 pm till 4:50 pm
.. or call for an appointment

*If you would like a Mass said on a particular day;
Please, give enough notice.
Intentions will be as close as possible to request.

Collections

(last week)

1st gift aid £

2nd loose £

This does not include offerings received online or by standing order.



With GIFT AID your £20 becomes £25

Special Collections

If you feel it may be more convenient to make your offertory collection online, or by standing order, please use following details:

Bank sort code - **600910**

A/c no - **71502122**

Name - **RCAS Our Lady of the Assumption**

Anniversary of the Dead

Cardinal Francis Bourne	Thomas O'Sullivan
Patricia McNight	Jean Tester
Catherine Rogan	Veronica Imelda
Frederick Henry	Laura Bright
Geoffrey Clements	Francis Barber
Fr Joseph Sheridan	Catherine Kelly
Sophia Breslin	May Olga Mars

Mary, The Holy Mother of God (A)

1st Jan. 2023



Our Lady of the Assumption

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Welcome!

REPOSITORY

The church repository is open after 11:00 am Mass every Sunday, for the sale of cards and other religious items.

ROSARY FOR WORLD PEACE

We will be praying the Rosary, to Our Lady of the Assumption, for World Peace at 10.30 am every Sunday in the church before the 11am Mass.

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed every Sunday, immediately after 11:00 am Mass

Please come and pray with us if you can.

***There is a great selection of rosary beads in the Repository.*

BECOMING CATHOLIC

There is a parish course for anyone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. Sessions will last for one hour, beginning immediately after the 11.00am Mass. There will be opportunities to explore the teachings of the Catholic Church, and to discern what God may be calling you to. Please speak to one of the clergy team if you would like to know more.

BAPTISM

Parents wishing to have their child baptised will first need to attend the Parish Baptism preparation course. Both parents must attend the course, godparents are also very welcome. If you wish to go to the next session, the next session will be on Saturday 7th January 2023. Please contact the catechists, Johnny and Rumela, by Tuesday 3rd January at the email address in the directory on the front of the newsletter. Important note: Parents wishing to have a child above the age of two baptised must first speak to one of the clergy team before applying to join the course. Thank you.

LITURGY FOR CHILDREN

Children from 3 years of age up to those who are in year 3 at school are welcome. The children will leave the main congregation just after the beginning of Mass, and return in time for the offertory procession. Please speak to one of the catechists, or to one of the clergy team, if you have any questions.

NB: There will be a winter break for this ministry, resuming on Sunday 5th February 2023.

SCHOOL FORMS

Parents and carers who require my verification and signature for school application forms should please note the following procedures, which apply until further notice.

Forms for: St. Joseph's Catholic primary school: Your completed forms should be returned to the school office. The school will forward the forms to me for my verification and signature.

Forms for: All other schools: Please put your completed forms, with any supporting documentation, eg baptism certificate, in an envelope marked "school forms". Place the envelope through the presbytery letter-box, 3 The Hill. I will contact you, by phone, when the forms are ready for you to collect. Thank you. Father Michael.



WELCOME OLIVER!

We welcome Oliver Bil to our parish community. Oliver was baptised recently. Congratulations.

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

This Friday, 6th January, is the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. It is a holy day of obligation, so a day on which Catholics are expected to attend Mass. Children and staff from St Joseph's school will be present at the 10.00am Mass, which will be in the church. Parishioners are very welcome to attend. There will also be a Mass at 7.00pm

MEMORIAL CARDS

There are some memorial cards for Father Robert Ellis RIP at the back of the church, a limited number, which are available for parishioners to take. Father Robert was the parish priest here from 2009 until 2016. May he rest in peace.

CRIB OFFERING 2022

This Christmas our Crib Offering will be donated to the Catholic Children's Society's Southwark Crisis Fund. This fund provides emergency grants for children and families in our Archdiocese who are facing a crisis in their lives. Every single penny donated to the crib will be given out via these grants. There are envelopes available for those who wish to gift aid their donation. Thank you.

1ST HOLY COMMUNION 2023

Children in primary school year 3 and above, who are baptised Catholics and attend Mass in this parish, are invited to prepare to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. Information sheets and course Registration forms can be collected from Father Michael at Saturday evening and Sunday morning Mass. They will only be issued to the parent or primary carer of the child or children in question.

CONFIRMATION 2023

We are running a course, beginning in January, for young parishioners who are in school year 8 or above, who would like to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. The

enrolment form needs to be completed by 31st December 2022. Please go to: <https://forms.gle/XBxpdYKQZqokpntnZ7>. Thank you.

THANK YOU

A sincere thank you to all parishioners for your generous Christmas Offering. I wish you all a happy and peaceful New Year. Father Michael.

HEALTH REMINDER

This is a time of year when, as we all know, coronavirus and other easily transmissible respiratory infections are doing the rounds. The advice is that, if we are unwell, we should stay at home and avoid crowded spaces, including during church services, until symptoms have abated. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

DECORATIONS

Thank you to everyone who helped to decorate the church and arrange the flowers for the Christmas celebrations. I am very grateful to you all. Father Michael.

SOUTHWARK DIRECTORY

There are a few copies of the Southwark Catholic Directory 2023 available for sale at the repository. They are £5 each.

