



ST THOMAS MORE CHURCH

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PARISH DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

Parish activities are in *italic*

Masses are held at the remaining times

Sun 31 December – New Year's Eve

08.30 People of the parish

10.00 Vera Pollock RIP

11.15 *Parish tea and coffee in JPC*

12.00 John and Florrie Campbell, Bridie Cannon and Baby Anthony RIP

17.30 Tamara and Anthony, Francis Anthony RIP

Mon 1 January – Mary, the Holy Mother of God

09.30 Adriana Hutchinson and her family in honour of Our Lady

Tue 2 January (St Basil and Gregory Nazianzen)

09.30 Christine Caulfield and Kevin her brother RIP

Wed 3 January (The Most Holy Name of Jesus)

09.30 Catherine and Daniel Keane RIP

19.00 *Adoration and Confession*

Thu 4 January (The Beatified Martyrs of the Diocese)

09.30 Jimmy Duffy RIP and Duffy family – living and deceased

Fri 5 January

09.30 Gilroy Hutchinson RIP

Sat 6 January

08.30 *Adoration and Confession*

09.30 Ellis family – living and deceased

17.00 *Confession*

17.30 People of the parish

Sun 7 January – The Epiphany of the Lord

08.30 Eamon Cusack RIP

10.00 Safety and wellbeing of Olivia Sequeira

11.15 *Parish tea and coffee in JPC*

12.00 Kieran McGoldrick RIP

17.30 Michael Cunningham RIP

Thank you to everyone who helped with the celebration of Christmas: our church cleaners, choir members and our organist, St Anthony's choir and Mr Croft, flower and decoration arrangers, stewards, altar servers, readers and ministers of the Eucharist and everyone who participated in making this a special celebration. Many thanks for your generosity in supporting us with the Christmas offering. It is greatly appreciated. Fr Bart and Fr Joseph

Christmas Crib offerings: if you donate any gifts, these can be placed under the Christmas tree and will be distributed to disadvantaged children and families via the Catholic Children's Society. No need to wrap them.

Epiphany of the Lord with blessing of incense and chalk will be celebrated at the Vigil Mass on Saturday 6 January and at all Masses on Sunday 7 January.

Dates for your calendar: The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks the end of the season of Christmas which this year is 8 January. This year, Ash Wednesday falls on 14 February and Easter Sunday on 31 March.

Confirmation 2024: Enrolment for young parishioners to the 2024 Confirmation Programme will commence in January. Please keep an eye on the Parish weekly Newsletter for further announcements as to deadlines for enrolment.

Please support us where possible. Please donate online through our yellow donate button at the bottom of our website (by card or paypal). There is also an option to set up a monthly standing order. Alternatively, our bank details are St Thomas More Church, NatWest, account 44136757, sort code 60-23-19 or we have contactless card/phone readers in the church.

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).

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Help with the cost of living for pensioners: Southwark Service Development Officer asked our parish last week to inform everyone about their campaign to promote greater take-up of Pension Credit. It is a state benefit that tops up the pension of older low-income households – more important than ever in the context of the Cost of Living Crisis. More information can be found on the leaflets at the back of the church and the poster in the porch.