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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: MON – WED- FRI 09AM TO 2PM



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (A)

SAT 10 TH JAN	18:30	FITZROY HENRY & KEN MARTINDALE – RIP ANNIE BONNANS – RIP CHERYL YIU - RIP
SUN. 11 TH JAN. THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD FEAST	08:00	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
	09:30	TANG CHOOON FOONG - RIP
	11:00	
	18:30	FR VINCENT
MON. 12 TH JAN. SAINT AELRED OF RIEVAULX	08:00	
TUE. 13 TH JAN. SAINT HILARY	08:00	
	10:00	MICHAEL DOLAN - RIP
WED. 14 TH JAN.	08:00	
	10:00	KATHLEEN CONNEL & TONY GALLAGHER - RIP
	17:00	ADORATION
THU. 15 TH JAN.	08:00	
	10:00	
FRI. 16 TH JAN.	08:00	
	12:00	MARY DOLAN – BETTER HEALTH
SAT. 17 TH JAN. SAINT ANTHONY	08:00	
	09:00	ADORATION
	10:00	
	18:30	INTENTIONS FOR ST PEREGRIN
SUN. 18 TH JAN. PEACE DAY	08:00	
	09:30	
	11:00	BERNADETTE TIERNEY - RIP
	18:30	

Confessions: Saturday - 10.30 am to 11:15 am; 6pm to 6.25pm

Adoration Of The Blessed Sacrament:

Every day: 7am-8am

Wed.:5pm-8:00pm & Sat. 9am.

Fr Vincent:

Fr Vincent is having his annual vacation from 12th January to 13th February. Kindly keep him in your prayers.

Second Collection and Envelopes For Peace Sunday: 18th January

Next Sunday, is Peace Sunday. "The work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Our Vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, we work with all who share our values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice."

Envelopes are available at the back of Church for your donations to Pax Christi.



**YOUTH GROUP (Age: 11-17)- on Sunday 11th Jan.
12pm -2pm:**

FAITH, FOOD and FUN

Pizzas, salad, biscuits will be provided for lunch. Followed by games and quizzes. This session includes: table tennis, pool, magnetic darts, craft table etc.

Next sessions **22nd Feb and 15th March**

More info: Coordinator: Cherryl Howlett: carshaltonplf@rcaos.org.uk



BIBLE STUDY

Next Session will be on **Monday 27th Oct. at 7.30pm, Parish hall.** All welcome. For more information contact Cherryl carshaltonplf@rcaos.org.uk

Children's Liturgy Group – Sunday 9.30 am Mass

The Children's Liturgy Group will resume on 18th January 2026. Thank you for your support ! Please contact Esme through the Parish Office if you can contribute or volunteer, carshalton@rcaos.org.uk. Thank you for your support!

RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation for Children)

Is starting this weekend. If you have a **child age 7 to 17** who has not been baptised, or who missed receiving their First Holy Communion at the usual age, we invite them to join the programme. This is a beautiful journey to grow in faith. To register, please contact our Catechetical Baptism Lead: Natacha 079 2288 4692 Carshaltonbaptism@rcaos.org.uk

We Dare to Hope

Starts Monday 12th January, 7:30pm in the Upper Room

We Dare to Hope features five faith-sharing sessions on the theme of Christian Hope. Written by the Dominican Sisters in the New Forest and produced by the Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis, the sessions explore the following themes through Scripture, prayer, art and reflections:

1. Christian Hope is received from God (12th Jan);
2. Hope is a human decision (19th Jan);
3. Hope is a human act (26th Jan);
4. Hope is a human desire (2nd Feb);
5. Hope is placed in God (9th Feb)

Come along to start 2026 in thanksgiving for the gift of hope!

Young Adult Mass (18-30y): Sunday 25th Jan. at 6.30pm

Happy New Year! Please join us again after 6.30pm. If you would like to help with the preparations, the readings, hymns, or more, please email the parish office:

carshalton@rcaos.org.uk. All welcome.

Holy Cross Baby and Toddler Group - 9am-10.15am

Mon: 12th Jan / 26 Jan,

9 Feb / 2 Mar, 16 Mar.

Parish families, please join us for crafting, playing, singing and chatting over a cup of tea /coffee and biscuits. We look forward to welcoming you! **We urgently need more volunteers to run this important group.**

Friday Tea & Lunch After 12 noon Mass

There will be no lunch during January only Tea & Coffee after Mass. We will start again with Homemade soup & Dessert on **Friday 13th February**. Donations will go to St Raphael and Sister Gabriel School (Fr Desis in Uganda). Thank you for your continuous support.

Why Evangelise (Share the Good News of Jesus Christ)?

Fr Sean O'Connor will introduce the Sycamore programme and explore how it can be used to evangelise in your parish life. Sycamore is an informal course about the Christian faith and its relevance for life today. Join other deanery members in conversation and community. **11am - 1pm Saturday 31st January 2026, St Matthias Church Hall**, 201 Cheam Common Road, Worcester Park, KT4 8SX. Parking is available; buses 213 and 151 stop outside the church.

11.00 - 11.15 Welcome and coffee

11.15 - 11.25 Introduction to Sycamore programme

11.25 - 12.25 The Search for Happiness (film) and Discussion in groups

12.25 - 12.35 Feedback to the whole group

12.35 - 12.50 Consider what attendees will take away from the session and how they will bring it to their parish life

12.50 - 1.00 Rounding up comments and close

Ambassadors for Christ: A Catholic apologetics resource.

The Archdiocese of Southwark has launched an exciting apologetics project to provide evidence-based answers to questions such as "Is Jesus God?" or "does prayer work?". Ambassadors for Christ is designed to equip you with a deeper understanding of your faith, so you can confidently answer questions and be a joyful witness for the Lord Jesus and his Church. Every Monday, a new video will be posted on YouTube, along with a worksheet to enable parishes, schools, youth groups and families to use them as part of their faith formation. To watch the videos and take part in this exciting project, please visit: rcaos.org.uk/ambassadorsforchrist.

Archdiocesan Pilgrimages for Young Adults (aged 18 to 35)

• **Lourdes:** Young adults are invited to join Archbishop John on pilgrimage to Lourdes, from **7 to 13 June 2026**. The cost is £789, which includes flights and full-board accommodation on a shared basis. To book, please visit: www.tinyurl.com/lourdes26

• **Korea:** Young adults are also invited to register interest for the World Youth Day pilgrimage to Korea in **August 2027** at www.tinyurl.com/wyd2027

• For information about youth activities for all ages across the Archdiocese please visit our website at www.tinyurl.com/scys1

Sutton - Winter Shelter Volunteers needed

Our plans for this years' Winter Shelter for Homeless People are progressing with a start date of 19th January, 2026. Clearly to provide a warm space and hot meals in our venues generously provided by Church of the Good Shepherd; North Cheam Baptist; River Church and the Salvation Army we **DO** need volunteers.

Interested to put your faith into action? We have training in January

Contact shelter@suttoncommunityworks.org for more information about how you can show Jesus's love to the homeless this winter.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention January: 'For prayer with the Word of GOD.'

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

May they rest in peace:

Remember those who died recently, Cheryl Yiu, Maureen Arnold, Lena Edwardes, Louis Mann, Stanley Bewick, Bridgid Murphy, Maria Leggett, Margaret Morton, Doreen Mary Charlish, Pat Flannery, Mama Anie Dona, Harvey Watson, Margaret Collier, Francesca Morreale, Pope Francis, Fr Wenn Henry Tiku, Mary Coghlan, ...

Remember to pray for those who are sick, the isolated, and their carers, especially those within our own Parish Community: Catherine Main – Ian, Pat Walmsley, Sidney Brown, Norah Sheridan, Kathleen Brown, Mary Pierse, Edna Thornton, Mary Dolan, Doris D'Souza, Clara Pinto...