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Mass Times

Sundays: 8.30am, 10.30am, 6.30pm

Weekdays: 10am Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri,
Thurs (6.30pm), Sat (**Latin**) 10am

Confessions: Friday 9-9.50am, Sunday 9:45am –
10:15am & 6pm - 6:20pm

Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament: Fri 9-10am

Baptisms and Weddings: Contact the Parish Office.

Second Sunday (C) Mass Book p 127 Sunday, 19 January 2025

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sun 19 th Jan	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	James Donovan RIP James Farragher RIP Pro-populo	Second Sunday (C)
Mon 20 th Jan	10.00am Mass		St Fabian
Tues 21 st Jan	10.00am Mass		St Agnes
Wed 22 nd Jan	10.00am Mass		St Vincent
Thur 23 rd Jan	6.30pm Mass		Feria
Fri 24 th Jan	10.00am Mass	William Edward Oakden RIP	St Francis de Sales
Sat 25 th Jan	10.00am Mass		The Conversion of St Paul
Sun 26 th Jan	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Grace Lynch RIP Pro-populo	Third Sunday (C)

Reflection

This Sunday 19th January 2025, an important pastoral letter from Archbishop John Wilson will be proclaimed during Masses, in place of the homily to mark the beginning of a time of reflection and renewal for our Archdiocese. In his message, the Archbishop invites us to consider the challenges we face as a diocesan family and the opportunities for renewal as we walk together as "Pilgrims of Hope."

At its heart, the letter reminds us that our faith journey is guided by Jesus Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Drawing on Our Lady's words at Cana, "Do whatever he tells you" (John 2:5), the Archbishop urges us to trust in God's promises and to take bold steps forward, even in challenging times.

He highlights the pressing concerns facing the Archdiocese,

including the retirement of many diocesan priests in the coming years, declining Mass attendance, and the ongoing struggle to bring some parishioners back to active parish life following the pandemic. Rather than dwelling on these issues, the Archbishop frames them as an opportunity to rediscover our mission as a Church.

Inspired by Pope Francis's vision of a "missionary option," he challenges us to think beyond self-preservation and embrace a Church that adapts its customs, language, and structures for the work of evangelisation in the modern world.

To guide this vision, the Archbishop introduces *Called to Bear Fruit*, a diocesan-wide consultation seeking the insights of all the faithful. This initiative, which builds on conversations with clergy, now turns to parish communities, asking

everyone to reflect on the strengths and challenges within their parishes and to explore how the Church's mission can be made more effective in the local context.

The Archbishop extends an invitation to participate in this dialogue by engaging with the six key themes outlined in the consultation booklet available in parishes. He asks for prayerful support and encourages parishioners to gather in groups to discuss how the Church can move forward together.

This letter is not only a reflection on where we are but a call to work together, as clergy, laity, and consecrated people, to reimagine what our parishes can be: communities alive with faith, service, and evangelisation. It is a moment to begin shaping the future of our Church with courage and hope.

There will be no adoration on Friday 17 January but mass will be at 10am as usual.

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. Booklets are available in the narthex.

Baptism

We are delighted to announce that Skye Laurent was baptised here on Sun 12 January. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to her and her family, and assure them of the continued support and prayers of our parish community as she embarks on her journey of faith.

This Sunday's Second Collection: Peace Sunday

The work of 'Pax Christi' is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Our vision is 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 in the Narthex or you can donate online: (www.paxchristi.org.uk)

Embracing age classical concert

All are welcome to an uplifting evening of solo and ensemble classical music on Fri 7 Feb at St Stephen's Church, TW12PD at 8pm raising funds for a local charity befriending care home residents. Bar and light refreshments available. Booking essential at (embracingage.org.uk/concert) or phone 020 377 80035.

Racial Justice Sunday

The Racial and Cultural Inclusion Commission, under the leadership of Canon Victor Darlington, extends an invitation to join for Racial Justice Sun on 16 Feb, as we reflect on the theme: "Pilgrims of Hope: Our Journey Together Towards Racial Justice". The celebration will be led by Archbishop John Wilson, who will preside over the 10am Mass at St George's Cathedral, Southwark. To mark this occasion in a spirit of unity and cultural diversity, we encourage attendees to wear traditional attire/ bring a flag representing their country of origin. Following Mass, refreshments will be served in Amigo Hall.

Archbishop John Wilson's new book

Archbishop Wilson has written a new book entitled The Romero Rosary. With introductory chapters about St Oscar Romero and the rosary, this beautiful and creative new book contains reflections on the traditional mysteries of the rosary (Joy, Light, Sorrow & Glory) and the NEW Romero Mysteries (Charity, Compassion and Mercy, & Justice and Peace) - all illumined for reflection and prayer by the words of St Oscar Romero. The book is available from Pauline Bookshops and online at (www.paulineuk.org). The Archbishops warmly invites everyone to the book launch on Wednesday 12 Feb 2025 at 6pm for 6.30pm at Amigo Hall, adjacent St George's Cathedral, Southwark, South London. SE1 7HY.

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Sick List

For the sick and the suffering especially Janet Waddington, James and Audrey Smith, Teresa Cockburn, Andrew Brodrick-Ward, Joan Moore, Susan Kelsey, Maureen Carr, Eddie Henshaw, Charles Stiller, and Bridget Jabour.

In Remembrance

For those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Adrian Palmer, Helen Humphreys, Anthony Fonseca, George Frank Gibbons and Veronica Middleton.

Alma Redemptoris Mater

*Alma Redemptoris Mater, quæ pèrvia cæli
Porta manes, et stella maris, succurre cadènti,
Surgere qui curat pópulo: tu quæ genuísti,
Natúra miránte, tuum sanctum Genitórem
Virgo prius ac postérius, Gabriélis ab ore
Sumens illud Ave, peccatórum miserére.*