# Our Lady Help of Christians - Blackheath Village



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Sunday Masses: Saturday 6.30pm (Vigil Mass). Sunday 9.30am, 11am, 5pm
Weekday Masses: Mon, Wed,Thurs and Fri at 9.30am, Tues at 8am and Saturday Morning 10am
Wednesdays: Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Novena after Morning Mass
Adoration and Benediction: Friday 10am-11am with Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet.
Confessions: Saturday 12-1pm or by appointment

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 3rd May Third Sunday of Easter

6.30pm People of the Parish

Sunday 4th May Third Sunday of Easter

9.30am His Holiness Pope Francis RIP

11.00am Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life in our Archdiocese

5.00pm Private Intention

Monday 5th May Feria

9.30am Deceased relatives of Fr. Donovan's Family

Tuesday 6th May Feria

8.00am Kathleen Mary and Philip Michael Dover RIP

Wednesday 7th May Feria

9.30am Gerry McBride RIP

Thursday 8th May Feria

9.30am No Mass Intention Booked

Friday 9th May Feria

9.30am Teresa Burch Private Intention

Saturday 10th May Saint John de Ávila, Priest and Doctor of the Church

10.00am No Mass Intention Booked

We look forward to two joyful celebrations taking place in our parish this Month - 18 children will be receiving First Holy Communion on Saturday 17th May at the 11am Mass and 18 young people will be Confirmed by Canon Victor Darlington on Saturday 31st May at the 2pm Mass. Please keep all these children, young people and their families in your prayers as they prepare to receive these Sacraments.

Have a blessed week.

Fr Paul.

# Sunday 11 May is Good Shepherd Sunday and World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

# **Priest Training Fund Second Collection 11th May**

The priesthood has always been essential to the life of the Church, from the time of Jesus until today. Good Shepherd Sunday is the day we pray for vocations, for our priests, and take up the Priest Training Fund second collection. This fund pays for the formation of men to become priests in our Archdiocese.

After their ordination, our priests dedicate their lives to serving Christ and His people in our parishes, hospitals, schools, chaplaincies, prisons and in service to the needy, throughout South London, Kent and Surrey. We are blessed to have 9 men in formation to the Priesthood for our Archdiocese. However, it costs £30,000 a year to sponsor each seminarian. They study for 6 years before being ordained a Catholic priest.

We therefore rely on your generous support and prayers. Please support our priests of the future with a gift today. Thank you!

- Donate Online: www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF
- Or Scan QR Code using telephone camera (right)
- Telephone weekdays 9 am 5 pm: 020 7960 2504
- Cash / Cheque please use the Priest Training Fund envelopes at the back of church.



Archdiocesan Jubilee Celebration - Saturday 7th June 10am - 5pm - The Friars Aylesford Archbishop John is inviting all of us to the Southwark Archdiocesan Jubilee Celebration at The Friars, Aylesford on Saturday 7 June 2025. See the poster in the porch for details. We are considering booking a coach, the cost to cover the travel is £20 per person. If you are interested in travelling on the coach please send an email your names to Jeanette in the Parish Office on <a href="mailto:blackheathvillage@rcaos.org.uk">blackheathvillage@rcaos.org.uk</a> and place your payment in an envelope with your name on it and post it through the parish letterbox.

Jubilee Celebration Day - Booking for children and young people sessions visit <a href="https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/jubileecelebration">https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/jubileecelebration</a> to register for 90-minute ministry sessions for children (KS1+2) and young people (KS3+4). Booking for these sessions begins at 11 am on Monday 5 May. Places are limited so please book only for your own children or grandchildren. There will be other children's activities, notably a novel 'Saints Treasure Trail' which is developed especially for this event.

**Jubilee Day Stewards Needed** - The agency co-ordinating the event are in great need of responsible people to volunteer as Stewards at the Jubilee Celebration Day for either the morning or the afternoon. If you are able to volunteer please email <a href="mailto:jubilee@rcaos.org.uk">jubilee@rcaos.org.uk</a> for further information and to sign up.

## Upcoming Retreats at the Christian Heritage Centre Stonyhurst, BB7 9PZ

- **1. Called to Love 9th -11th May** A retreat for young adults, led by Stefan and Ella Kaminski and Fr. Peter Littleton.
- 2. Unveiled Faces: Healing and Transformation with the Saints 27th 29th June Led by Fr Emmanuel Mansford CFR.

For further details visit https://christianheritagecentre.com or email events@christianheritagecentre.com

We Believe - Festival of Catholic Life 25 - 28 July, St Mary's College Oscott Birmingham WeBelieve is a Festival of Catholic Life celebrating the Jubilee Year of Hope. The festival offers Catholic families the opportunity to meet other faithful families and offers dedicated content streams for children and teens. The festival contributors include Gianna Emanuela Molla (daughter of St Gianna Molla), Fr Paul Murray OP and many more. For further information please visit <a href="https://www.webelievefestival.com">https://www.webelievefestival.com</a>

### **Parish Bank Accounts**

Our parish is required to move from having two bank accounts to one solely with The NatWest Bank which will bring us into line with the rest of the Archdiocese. We still have a few parishioners who have existing standing orders being paid into our Lloyds account and we are asking you to please change your payment to the NatWest account instead. For those whose address details we do not have we have prepared an envelope with all the necessary details for making this change and these are available at the back of the church. Our Natwest bank details are Account Name: RCAS Blackheath, Account Number 34217479 and Sort Code: 60-23-27. If you have any questions please email the office on <a href="mailto:blackheathvillage@rcaos.org.uk">blackheathvillage@rcaos.org.uk</a>. I sincerely apologise for the inconvenience this will cause and thank you for your patience, understanding and most of all generosity, in supporting our parish.