

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

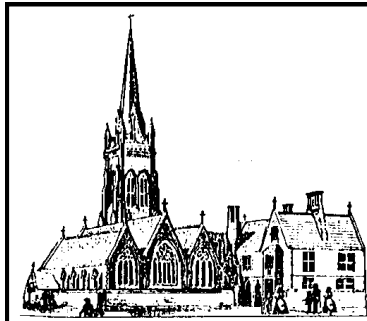
Carol Norris, Richard Lisle and Seamus Daly who have died recently and remember also Don McDonagh, Otilia Cano, Patrick & Agnes Keown, Martina & Francis Keown, Maria de Fatima Afonso de Moura, Wieslaw Snakowski, Fr Stanislaw Zysk, Teresa Cyrus, Rita Andall and all the faithful departed.

**OUR SATURDAY MORNING MASS IS OFFERED FOR
THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND**

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday 30th	10.00 am	The Sick and Housebound
ST ANDREW, Ap,	10.30 am	Exposition and Benediction
Patron of Scotland	12.30 pm	Holy Baptism
	5.30 pm	Don McDonagh (RIP Anniv)
Sunday 1st Dec	9.00 am	Otilia Cano (RIP)
FIRST SUNDAY	10.30 am	Patrick & Agnes Keown (RIP)
OF ADVENT	12.00 pm	Martina & Francis Keown (RIP)
	6.00 pm	The people of the Parish
Monday 2nd	9.30 am	Carol Norris (RIP - LD)
Tuesday 3rd	9.30 am	Intentions of the Daly Family
St Francis Xavier, Pr	10.30 am	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group
	2.30 pm	St Anthony Prayer Group
Wednesday 4th	9.30 am	Richard Lisle (RIP - LD)
Thursday 5th	9.30 am	Birthday Intentions of Janet Dunne
Friday 6th	9.30 am	Maria de Fatima Afonso de Moura
St Nicholas, Bishop		(RIP - 2nd anniversary)
Saturday 7th	10.00 am	The Sick and Housebound
St Ambrose, Bp & Dr	10.30 am	Exposition and Benediction
	12.30 pm	Holy Baptism
	5.30 pm	Wieslaw Snakowski (RIP)
	6.30 pm	“St Thomas Friends” carols (No 62)
Sunday 8th	9.00 am	Seamus Daly (RIP - LD)
SECOND SUNDAY	10.30 am	The people of the Parish
OF ADVENT	12.00 pm	Fr Stanislaw Zysk (RIP)
	6.00 pm	Carol Norris (RIP - LD)

**CONFESSIONS: AFTER MASS ON SATURDAY MORNING & EVENING
OR BY ARRANGEMENT WITH Fr JAMES OR Fr LINFERD**



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Dear friends,

This Sunday, with the First Sunday of Advent, we step into the new liturgical year. But this year is a bit different from previous years. As we begin Year C, there is going to be a important change. We will be changing over to a new translation of the Lectionary, that is, the readings we hear at Mass. To put it simply, we may not notice a massive change – the narrative, message, characters and ending remains the same! What you will notice is a change in some of the words and language that we have all been so familiar with.

For a number of years, the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have been considering the publication of a new translation of the Lectionary to replace the version originally published in 1969 (second edition 1981). After consultation with a number of English-speaking Conferences of Bishops, the Bishops of England and Wales studied the translation of the Catholic Edition of the English Standard Version (ESV) of the Bible produced by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India. From this text they have produced a Lectionary for the Church in India which has received 'confirmatio' by the Holy See. The English Standard Version: Catholic Edition is seen as fulfilling the qualities the Church seeks when considering a translation of scripture namely: (i) The evaluation and use of source material. (ii) Accuracy of translation which conveys the meaning of the biblical authors. (iii) Dignity and accessibility of language needed for a worthy proclamation of the Word of God. The Bishops of England and Wales agreed in November 2018 that this text should be the basis for the new edition of the Lectionary to be used in their territory. (<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/new-lectionary-for-england-and-wales/>)

I think we need to see this as an opportunity to re-engage with the scriptures. There are many times that we read a familiar piece of scripture, but how often do we think about what it actually means? Here is a chance to do that. It will allow us to think - How does this make a difference? Is there something I have been interpreting differently all this time? What is the real message here? Most importantly, what do the scriptures tell me about living a life and reaching the ultimate goal of eternal life with the Father? Let us embrace this opportunity to re-engage with the scriptures and listen to the Word of God.

Fr Linferd

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY IN GIVING

Don't forget you can also make an offering via the 'Touch & Tap' at the door. Furthermore, a number of parishioners have asked for details re the Parish Bank account; please find them below.

PARISH BANK DETAILS: HSBC

Sort code: 40-05-20

Acct. No.: 11263137

Acct name: WRC DT ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY FULHAM

St THOMAS OF CANTERBURY SCHOOL: STARTING RECEPTION

2025: Parents/Guardians are warmly invited to visit our school on the following dates and times: Tuesday 3rd December 2024 at 9.15am. You will have the opportunity to meet staff and children and see your local school in action. To book, contact the office: 020 7385 8165 or email at admin@stthomasrc.lbhf.sch.uk.

ST THOMAS - FRIENDS FOR FRIENDS INTERNATIONAL CAROLS

Come and join our "Friends for Friends" Group to sing international carols before Christmas. At No. 62 after the Saturday evening Mass next Saturday - 7th December. See you there!!

"LAS POSADAS": Many of you will be familiar with the parish tradition of Las Posadas. This is a devotion which helps to focus our preparation for the season of Christmas and build links between parish families. During Advent the image of the Holy Family moves from house to house and returns to church on Christmas Day. Please see the notice and sign up sheet **TODAY** to join in.

CARITAS FOOD DISTRIBUTION: We are all deeply aware of the needs of so many in our society and these needs will only increase over the winter months. This Advent we want to affiliate our parish outreach with the foodbank run by Our Lady of Fatima, White City. You can pick up an **ADVENT GIVING CALENDAR**, and any donations both now and during the season of Advent may be brought to the Sacristy or the Presbytery before being taken to Our Lady of Fatima, White City for use and distribution. **DO CONSIDER BECOMING PART OF THIS INITIATIVE**

"WALK WITH ME" A book of daily meditations and prayers for Advent is available today alongside the familiar booklets. Price £1!

CHRISTMAS LUNCH FOR THE ELDERLY: After a gap of a few years, we have decided once again to hold a Christmas lunch for the elderly who are isolated, and those usually housebound with support.

The lunch will be on Sunday 15 December and is limited to a capacity of 50 people. So if you or you know some in the parish who would like to come please see Deacon Wayne, so that he can compile a list.

ALSO, this work will need a band of volunteers to make it happen, so please if you think you can help please let Fr Linferd or Deacon Wayne know.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL REPORT: For 2023 is available online at rcdow.org.uk/annual-report-and-accounts-2023. There's a copy also in church.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AT WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL:

Tickets are now on sale for the annual Christmas concerts which celebrate the mystery of Christ's Incarnation in carols and readings performed by the world-famous Westminster Cathedral Choir, orchestra, and celebrity readers, on 18 and 19 Dec. at 7.30pm. Tickets from the Cathedral Gift Shop or from Ticketmaster at www.ticketmaster.co.uk and type in Westminster Cathedral when prompted.

BEWARE OF SCAMMERS!!: We have been advised of a concerning rise in scam emails targeting parishioners across the diocese. These emails impersonate the parish priest, often using a similar email name and masking the real email address. They typically request the recipient to purchase Amazon or other gift cards as gifts for the priest, but end up losing money from your own account. **PLEASE IGNORE ANY SUCH MESSAGE!** Never act based on an email request, and if you receive a message, contact the Parish Office.

"THE NUNNERY AT HAMMERSMITH" 13 DEC 7.00pm (doors open

6.45pm) A talk about new research into the truly extraordinary history of those who have lived and worked on the site of Sacred Heart School from 1669 to the present day. refreshments after and chance to view the cloister paintings and some historical artefacts. A new discovery will also be announced! Fuller details and tickets call: 020 8748 7600 x219

WORD ON FIRE UK BIBLE CONFERENCE FEB 2025:

Join Bishop Robert Barron and thousands of other Catholics from across the UK for *Evangelisation & Culture: The Bible*. Come to the Excel Centre in East London to gain a deeper appreciation of the Bible and its relevance to the Church's mission today. 21-22 Feb 2025. SEE POSTER IN CHURCH. For more info. and to register, please visit: wordonfire.org/the-bible-event.

GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK ASK FOR PRAYER:

On Sat 7 Nov, The please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed. Please Invite others to join the day on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/events/1461899157815100/>

HOLY YEAR OF JUBILEE 2025 PILGRIMAGE TO ROME:

1-5 Dec 2025. Price £1290 per person sharing half board. Single room supplement. Price includes air fares, accommodation, transport, guide etc. Excellent itinerary for a traditional Rome Holy Year pilgrimage. Brochures and booking forms in the Parish Office. Ask Fr James for more info. Deposit of £300 needed by 1 Feb 2025. Poster in church also. To make this more affordable we are joining with Enfield parish.