

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:**

For Maria Koper; Ali Costelloe; Brendan Rossiter; Ana Guerra Afonso; Peggy Scanlon; Ahmad Aliyu, Edward & Agnis Nolan and Gerald Simpson and all the faithful departed.

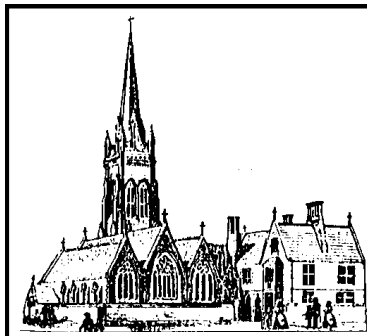
**OUR SATURDAY MORNING MASS IS OFFERED FOR THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND**

**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2024**

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| <b>Saturday 14th</b>           | <b>5.30 pm</b>  | <b>Maria Koper (RIP - anniv)</b>               |
| <b>Sunday 15th</b>             | <b>9.00 am</b>  | <b>Ali Costelloe (RIP)</b>                     |
| <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>  | <b>10.30 am</b> | <b>Ints of Angela &amp; Paul Funk (health)</b> |
| <b>Gaudete Sunday</b>          | <b>12.00 pm</b> | <b>Brendan Rossiter (RIP - anniv)</b>          |
|                                | <b>6.00 pm</b>  | <b>The People of the Parish</b>                |
| <b>Monday 16th</b>             | <b>9.30 am</b>  | <b>Ints of Aida Berkmann &amp; sons</b>        |
| <b>Tuesday 17th</b>            | <b>9.30 am</b>  | <b>Ints of Attracte Filmer</b>                 |
|                                | <b>10.30 am</b> | <b>Tuesday Morning Prayer Group</b>            |
|                                | <b>2.30 pm</b>  | <b>St Anthony Prayer Group</b>                 |
| <b>Wednesday 18th</b>          | <b>9.30 am</b>  | <b>Ints of Andrzej Kukulski (health)</b>       |
| <b>Thursday 19th</b>           | <b>9.30 am</b>  | <b>Ints of Francis &amp; Kathleen McDonagh</b> |
| <b>Friday 20th</b>             | <b>9.30 am</b>  | <b>Ana Guerra Afonso (RIP - anniv)</b>         |
| <b>Saturday 21st</b>           | <b>10.00 am</b> | <b>The Sick and Housebound</b>                 |
|                                | <b>10.30 am</b> | <b>Exposition and Benediction</b>              |
|                                | <b>5.30 pm</b>  | <b>Peggy Scanlon (RIP)</b>                     |
| <b>Sunday 22nd</b>             | <b>9.00 am</b>  | <b>Ahmad Aliyu (RIP)</b>                       |
| <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> | <b>10.30 am</b> | <b>Edward &amp; Agnis Nolan (RIP - anniv)</b>  |
|                                | <b>12.00 pm</b> | <b>Gerald Simpson (RIP - anniv)</b>            |
|                                | <b>6.00 pm</b>  | <b>The people of the Parish</b>                |

**CONFESSIONS: AFTER MASS ON SATURDAY OR BY ARRANGEMENT WITH Fr JAMES OR Fr LINFERD SEE THE CHRISTMAS LEAFLET FOR EXTRA HOURS AVAILABLE THIS WEEK**

**THE PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN MONDAY TO FRIDAY 11 AM UNTIL 3 PM**



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Times of Mass 19<sup>th</sup>–29<sup>th</sup> December 2024

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| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>   | 9.30am | Mass  |
| <b>8.00pm</b>   |        | <b>A Service of Carols and Readings with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament</b>   |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> , Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> and Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> |        | <i>The Fourth Sunday of Advent</i><br><i>Times of Mass as usual on 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> &amp; 22<sup>nd</sup></i> |
| Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>   | 9.30am | Mass  |
| Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>  | 9.30am | Mass of 24 <sup>th</sup> December   |
| Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> / Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>                           |        | <i>The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)</i>  |
| 6.00pm (24 <sup>th</sup> )  |        | The Vigil Mass of Christmas   |
| 10.30pm (24 <sup>th</sup> )   |        | Carols  |
| 11.00pm (24 <sup>th</sup> )   |        | The Mass During the Night   |
| 10.00am (25 <sup>th</sup> )   |        | The Mass at Dawn  |
| 12Noon (25 <sup>th</sup> )  |        | The Mass During the Day   |
| Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>   |        | <i>St Stephen, the first Martyr</i>   |
| 10.00am   |        | Mass  |
| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>   |        | <i>St John the Evangelist, Apostle</i>  |
| 10.00am   |        | Mass  |
| Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>   |        | <i>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</i>  |
| 10.00am   |        | Mass; Adoration until 11.30am   |
| 5.30pm  |        | Mass of Sunday  |
| Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>   |        | <i>Solemnity of St Thomas of Canterbury, Patron of the Parish</i>   |
| 9.00am  |        | Mass  |
| <b>11.00am</b>  |        | Mass (Principal Celebrant Bishop James Curry, Auxiliary Bishop in Westminster)  |
| 6.00pm  |        | Mass  |

### 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

**MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE FIRST DAYS OF CHRISTMAS:** At the doors of church today please take a leaflet giving all the times of Mass for the period 19 Dec—1 Jan. *Note, there are some changes from regular times, especially on Sunday 29 Dec.* The leaflet also details times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the last two weeks of Advent.

If you are travelling to spend the first days of Christmas with family or friends, now's the time to check the times of Mass local to where you will be!

**A SERVICE OF READINGS AND CAROLS IN PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS: THURSDAY 19TH DEC 8.00PM. WITH BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** Come to sing some carols, meditate on the readings and adore the Lord in preparation for the beginning of Christmas. With music by our choir and organist.

**SUNDAY 29 DECEMBER: FEAST OF ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY:** Falling on a Sunday this year our Patronal Feast is for us a special feast day. **Note the Mass times. There is NO 10.30am and 12Noon, instead these are combined at 11.00am** when Bishop James Curry, our Area Auxiliary Bishop, will be with us for the first time to preside at Mass and preach.

**CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS:** A reminder that the financial offerings made at Christmas go a long way to provide for the priestly ministry to the parish for the entire year ahead. *Thank you for your generosity.* Special envelopes for offerings are available in church and there is a dedication option on the "tap-to-give" tablet. Envelopes can be added to the Offertory or returned to the Presbytery.

**CARITAS FOOD DISTRIBUTION:** 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.

**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](http://www.ticketmaster.co.uk) and type in Westminster Cathedral when prompted.

**SUNDAY MISSALS ON SALE:** Following the introduction of the new translation of the scriptures used in Mass, we now have some stock of the new edition of the Catholic Truth Society Sunday Missal. £19.95 from the Parish Office or from the Sacristy after Mass.

**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](http://wordonfire.org/the-bible-event).

**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 & Sacristy. More info. from: 0800 612 3423 or [office@pilgrimagepeople.org](mailto:office@pilgrimagepeople.org) or ask Fr James. Deposit of £300 needed by 1 Feb 2025. Poster in church also. To make this more affordable we are joining with Enfield parish.

**ANASTASIA HOLDER:** Will be celebrating her 88th birthday at home on 22nd Dec between 12Noon—8.00pm. Friends from the parish are very welcome to come by for a drink and something to eat. Please call her daughter Tracey on 07535747459 for details if you would like to attend.

**ACCOMMODATION WANTED:** For a lady from the parish—low rent in exchange for domestic help. Please telephone 07743543313 if you can offer a room.

**200 CLUB NEWS UPDATE:** There were 124 members in the December draw, the winners are: 174 £620 Kieran Treacy; 72 £31.00 Nora McShane; 40 £31.00 Steve & Lilian Greene; 12 £18.60 Debra Byrne; 137 £18.60 David de Freitas; 119 £18.60 Pierce Ryan. Congratulations to the winners!! Prizes will be paid by bank transfer.

Thank you all for your support of the Club. This year we raised £7,365. £3,717 was paid out in prizes with £3,648 going to support Parish activities. I hope you all renew next year, renewal forms will be in the racks by the door, and in the office. Early renewal in January will be much appreciated as it reduces the amount of chasing in February!! If you know any parishioners who are not yet members – please encourage them to join – let's see if we can get back to 150 members, or even 200!  
( Also to publish November results: The winners were: 104 £155: Yolanda Rios-Guerrero; 19 £31: Pierce Ryan; 27 £31: Maureen Nowak; 107 £18.60: David Rolls; 51 £18.60: David Rolls; 28 £18.60 Ingrid Hierner.