#### 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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2024		
Saturday 21st Sunday 22nd FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	5.30 pm 9.00 am 7 10.30 am 12.00 pm 6.00 pm	Peggy Scanlon (RIP) Ahmad Aliyu (RIP Edward & Agnis Nolan (RIP - anniv) Gerald Simpson (RIP - anniv) The People of the Parish
Monday 23rd	9.30 am	Thomas Lonergan (RIP - anniv)
Tuesday 24th	9.30 am	<b>Intentions of Pope Francis</b>
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD Wednesday 25th THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD	6.00pm 11.00pm 10.00am 12Noon	The peace of the world The People of the Parish Rory Burke (RIP) Ints of Comfort Bababunmi (Birthday thanksgiving)
Thursday 26th	10.00am	Ints of the Parish Altar Servers
St Stephen, First Martyr Friday 27th St John, Apostle & Evang	9.30 am	Ints of Dympna & Mel Sherdan
Saturday 28th The Holy Innocents	10.00 am 10.30 am	The Sick and Housebound Exposition and Benediction
Sunday 29th SOLEMNITY OF St THOMAS OF CANTERBURY	5.30 pm 9.00 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	Ints of Alejandra Caicedo (health) Intentions of Jim Costello & family The people of the Parish The conversion of England

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 CLOSED BETWEEN 24 December - 2 January 2025



## CATHOLIC CHURCH OF St THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, FULHAM

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## Times of Mass 23rd December 2024—1st January 2025

Monday 23rd

9.30am Mass

Tuesday 24th

9.30am Mass of 24th December

Tuesday 24th/ Weds25th The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)

6.00pm (24th) The Vigil Mass of Christmas

10.30pm (24th) Carols

11.00pm (24th) The Mass During the Night

10.00am (25th) The Mass at Dawn

12Noon (25th) The Mass During the Day

Thursday 26th St Stephen, the first Martyr

10.00am Mass

Friday 27th St John the Evangelist, Apostle

10.00am Mass

Saturday 28th The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

10.00am Mass: Adoration until 11.30am

5.30pm Mass of Sunday

Sunday 29th Solemnity of St Thomas of Canterbury, Patron of the Parish

9.00am Mass

<u>11.00am</u> Mass (Principal Celebrant Bishop James Curry, Auxiliary

Bishop in Westminster)

6.00pm Mass

Monday 30th 6th Day of the Octave of Christmas

10.00am Mass Tuesday 31st St Sylvester, Pope

10.00am Mass and Te Deum

Wednesday 1St Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

12Noon Mass

From Thursday 2nd January Daily and Sunday Mass

is celebrated at the usual times

Sunday Mass for the Epiphany of the Lord (5 January) is at (5.30pm Sat) 9.00am, 10.30am, 12Noon and 6pm

#### 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: WRCDT 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!

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.

**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.

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 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:** Now is the time to join the 200 Club, or to renew your subscription. This is the Parish lottery - membership is £5 per month if paid by standing order or £60 for the year. Half the money raised is paid out in prizes, half goes to support parish activities. Last year, with 124 members, we raised £7,365. £3,717 was paid in prizes, £3,648 went to support the parish. For details see the renewal forms in the racks by the doors.

The more members we have the bigger the prizes and the greater the support for the parish. If you already pay by standing order, thank you for all your support, no further action is needed. We have 124 members...but it's the 200 club!! So let's get some new members.

THE NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL BE ON SUNDAY 5 JANUARY. BETWEEN 29 DECEMBER - 4 JANUARY MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE POSTED ON THE NOTICE BOARD IN CHURCH AND ON THE WEBSITE.

TIMES OF MASS UP TO 1 JANUARY ARE LISTED ON THE SPECIAL LEAFLET AND ON THE WEBSITE. MASS BETWEEN 2nd - 5th JANUARY IS AT THE NORMAL DAILY & SUNDAY TIMES

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD IS KEPT THIS YEAR ON SUNDAY 5th JANUARY

Fr JAMES, Fr LINFERD, Dcn WAYNE & GERALD IN THE PARISH OFFICE WISH YOU A BLESSED START TO THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS