

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

For Syl Pascal, Helen Kavanagh, Ray Gibbs, Johnny Maguire, Valerie Proverbs, Jean Neal and Marion Frenche and all the faithful departed.

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

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Saturday 11th

5.30 pm Tamara Vedernikova (RIP)

SUNDAY 12th

9.00 am Dierdre Fee (RIP)

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

10.30 am The People of the Parish

12 Noon Breda Quirke (RIP)

6.00 pm Intentions of Pope Francis

Monday 13th

St Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

9.30 am Ellen and Patrick Maher (RIP-anniv)

Tuesday 14th

No Mass today—Church opens at 11am

2.30pm St Anthony Prayer Group

Wednesday 15th

9.30 am Intentions of Fr Dennis Touw (Birthday)

Thursday 16th

9.30am The unity of Christians

Friday 17th

St Anthony, Abbot

9.30 am For vocations to the priesthood and religious life

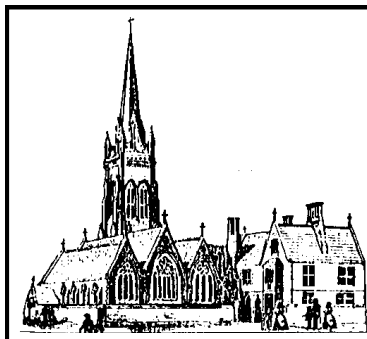
Saturday 18th

10.00 am The Sick and Housebound

10.30 am Exposition and Benediction

CONFESSIONS: AFTER MASS ON SATURDAY OR BY ARRANGEMENT WITH Fr JAMES OR Fr LINFERD

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



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Dear Friends

As we step into 2025, we are not just ticking off another year on the calendar; we are marking a deeply significant milestone in Catholic life. It's the Church's **Jubilee Year with the theme of hope**, a time to celebrate, reflect, and renew our connection to God, others, and ourselves. And we're also completing the first quarter of the 21st century - a moment to recognize the opportunities and challenges of our time and to embrace the path forward with purpose.

The Jubilee invites us to look toward the future with renewed hope and faith in God's plan. It also encourages us to live a fuller, more intentional life, so I thought that over the coming weeks I would suggest 25 ways to make this year truly count.

1) Go on a Pilgrimage: Well, you might think that's easier said than done, but this could take many forms. At one end of the scale are the formal pilgrimages like the possible parish Jubilee Rome pilgrimage detailed in this Newsletter, or the annual diocesan pilgrimages to Lourdes and Walsingham. BUT - essentially pilgrimage is a state of mind and the physical journey can be very modest: a special journey with a special intention to your parish church, or the Cathedral. There will be a diocesan pilgrimage route soon that we'll advertise too. Pilgrimages are a chance to pause, pray, and renew your sense of purpose, giving a fresh perspective on the ordinary and everyday.

2) Perform a Work of Mercy every month: Choose one of the Corporal or Spiritual Works of Mercy (you can look them up in your Catechism or Prayer Book, or even online), and pray for wisdom as to how to make that work in your circumstances. (For example: Visiting those in prison could mean support for PACT, the prisons charity). Small acts of kindness can create ripples of grace and have all sorts of lasting impacts we know little about. The main thing is our prayer for guidance and wisdom.

Fr James

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

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS
NO MASS ON TUESDAY THIS WEEK.
(CHURCH OPENS AT 11AM ON TUESDAY)**

THANK YOU! Fr James, Fr Linferd and Den Wayne thank you all for your cards, gifts, greetings and offerings at Christmas. Especially for the Christmas Offerings to the parish which go a long way to provide for the priestly ministry to the parish for the entire year ahead. *Your generosity is greatly appreciated.*

CHRISTMAS CRIB: The crib in church (and I hope in our homes too!) remains in place throughout the great season of Christmas, until the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on 2 Feb. Please continue to visit and pray at the crib. Offerings made at the crib go to support the work of the Catholic Children's Society in our diocese. You can find details at the crib and on posters in church.

THE JUBILEE COMPANION BOOKLET: By the door of church today you will find copies of this booklet to help enter into the Year of Jubilee. PLEASE TAKE A COPY TODAY –FREE OF CHARGE! Ignore the price on the cover. The booklet contains many aids to prayer and reflection about ways to engage with the invitation of the Jubilee to become *PILGRIMS OF HOPE*.

SUNDAY 26TH JANUARY: WORLD LEPROSY DAY: 2024 was the centenary of "Lepra" the national charity working to combat the effects of leprosy and working in partnership with Catholic agencies in many places. There will be an appeal at Mass on Sunday 26th. To support their work. See the poster in church for more information.

"MY DAY BY DAY" (£2.00) + "BIBLE ALIVE" (£3.00) JANUARY 2025: These excellent publications giving daily prayers and meditations and reflections on the Mass readings are available for you to purchase. Prices as detailed above.

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. *Currently sold out, but if you would like a copy please order at the office or with Fr James or Fr Linferd.*

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.

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.

RETRouvaille UK SUPPORT FOR MARRIAGES: Retrouvaille write to us: "Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped because it only makes it worse? Retrouvaille has helped 10s of 1000s of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about the next programme which will be presented on Zoom :27 Feb - 2 March Email:info@retrouvaille.org.uk Call or text 0788 7296983 or : www.retrouvaille.org.uk