

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 SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Saturday 4th

	5.30 pm	Syl Pascal (RIP-anniv)
SUNDAY 5th	9.00 am	The People of the Parish
SOLEMNITY OF	10.30 am	Intentions of Aida Berkmann & Sons
THE EPIPHANY	12.00 pm	Helen Kavanagh (RIP-anniv)
OF THE LORD	6.00 pm	Ray Gibbs (RIP)

Monday 6th

	9.30 am	Johnny Maguire (RIP-anniv)
	1.00pm	Funeral Mass of Valerie Proverbs

Tuesday 7th

	9.30 am	Intentions of Fr Dennis Touw (health)
	10.30am	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group
	2.30pm	St Anthony Prayer Group

Wednesday 8th

	9.30 am	Intentions of Numi Bababunmi (Protection and Blessing)
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Thursday 9th

N.B. No Mass Today

Friday 10th

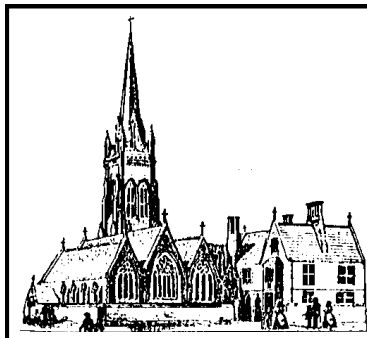
	9.30 am	Jean Neal (RIP-anniv)
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Saturday 11th

	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

We are entering into this new *Year of Jubilee: 2025 Pilgrims of Hope*. Much more about that to come in the coming weeks. Today I just want to write a little about the beginning of a calendar year. Today we celebrate the Epiphany, the revealing of Jesus to the world, first in the mystery of the gifts of the Magi, and then next Sunday at his Baptism.

The Church gives us the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, to begin the new year and it was lovely to have a full church on Wednesday for this celebration. This awe-inspiring title began on the lips of her cousin Elizabeth who, in thanksgiving, asked, 'why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me?' (Luke 1:43) We too can give thanks to God for the gift of his mother to us, and for all the other gifts of this past year.

Above all, the Mother of God helps us look forward with hope. The newness of the coming year does not stem simply from the calendar change, or from our own will-power, *but from Mary's Divine Child*.

The prayers for the Christmas Octave repeat the newness brought by Jesus' birth: 'in the mystery of the Word made flesh a new light of your glory has shone upon the eyes of our mind' (first Christmas preface); 'we are bathed in the new radiance of your incarnate Word' (Dawn Mass collect); '[may] the new Nativity in the flesh of your Only Begotten Son ... set us free' (6th Day collect). By his death and rising, Jesus makes 'all things new' (Apocalypse 21:5), and offers us fresh gifts at every moment. The 'new wine' of his grace must be received in 'fresh wine-skins', in new intentions and new habits (Mark 2:22).

Let's ask Mary to teach us how to give thanks and how to hope in God's graces and receive them in new hearts and in new deeds.

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 THURSDAY THIS WEEK.**

EPIPHANY BLESSING OF HOMES: Today at Mass we will bless chalk for you to take to give a blessing to your homes. The chalk and the form of prayer and blessing will be available at the end of each Sunday Mass. We ask the prayers of the Holy Magi to bring God's blessing onto our homes at this time of year.

THANK YOU! Fr James, Fr Linferd and Dcn 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.*

THANK YOU TOO from Bishop Jim who has written to say how touched he was by your welcome last Sunday. He very much enjoyed celebrating St Thomas with us and looks forward to the next visit. It was indeed a lovely celebration.

CARITAS FOOD DISTRIBUTION: Thank you also for taking part in the Advent Giving Calendar project. The proceeds have been delivered to the Food Bank at Our Lady of Fatima, White City.

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*.

“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.

“MAGNIFICAT”: We are now also stocking copies of Magnificat, which is a well known and loved monthly guide to Mass for every day of the month together with a host of supporting articles, meditations and information. Excellent to use for Sunday Mass. Price £6.50. January edition available today.

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.

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

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.