

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

For Maria Ribeiro; Antonio Rosso, Wolfgang Stange, Tony Furlong,
Fr David Barnes, Fr Sean Carroll, Marion Frenche, Peter Walker
and all the faithful departed.

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

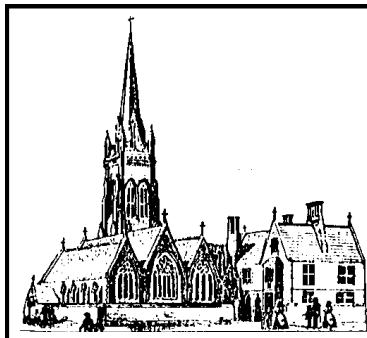
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2025

Saturday 25th January

	5.30 pm	The intentions of Pope Francis
SUNDAY 26th	9.00 am	The People of the Parish
THIRD SUNDAY	10.30 am	Patricia McNellis (RIP - anniv)
IN ORDINARY TIME	12 Noon	Martin Boyle (RIP - anniv)
	6.00 pm	The people of the Parish
Monday 27th	9.30 am	June Ogundiran (RIP - anniv)
	11.00am	Funeral Mass of Marion Frenche
Tuesday 28st	9.30 am	Malige Westropp (RIP)
St Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church	10.30 am	<i>Tuesday Morning Prayer Group</i>
	2.30 pm	<i>St Anthony Prayer Group</i>
Wednesday 29th	9.30 am	Kazik Zbikowski (RIP - 1st anniv)
Thursday 30th	9.30am	Intentions of Breda Doyle (healing)
Friday 31st	9.30 am	Obduler Viana (RIP - anniv)
St John Bosco, Priest		
Saturday 1st Feb.	10.00 am	The Sick and Housebound
	10.30 am	<i>Exposition and Benediction</i>

**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

Taking a break this week from the Jubilee series of thoughts, of 25 suggestions to keep the Jubilee Year of 2025, today I write a little about the appeal made in church today. Each year we have two appeals for "extra" causes. In May the Comboni Missionaries are coming to the parish, as they are to all parishes in our diocese this year.

This Sunday we take part in World Leprosy Day in association with Lepra, the international charity working with those combatting this ancient foe. For us in Europe the very idea of leprosy seems strange, although we still use the term "leper" to label anyone who is regarded as an outcast from our social groups, which is significant.

Of course, leprosy features often in the record of Holy Scripture. Think of the story of Namaan the Syrian in the history of Elisha the prophet, and it hardly needs to be said so often in the Gospel narrative Jesus frequently engages with those suffering from leprosy. The whole mission of Our Saviour was to bring reconciliation to the lost, and leprosy summed this up. A thousand years later, when leprosy still haunted Europe, a meeting with a leper was the catalyst for St Francis of Assisi to set out on his radical path to serve the Lord.

Do take a moment today or in the coming week to look at the poster in church giving more information about Lepra, or look the charity up online. Particularly it features the work of St Joseph's Leprosy centre in Indore, India, showing how the charity supports the work of the Catholic Church in healthcare.

Let us all put this cause in our prayers at this time, not least as it helps us see that the work of the Gospel, to bring the healing and reconciliation of Christ to a needy world, still needs our work, and also perhaps to reflect on what needs to be done in our own context - not combatting leprosy, but looking for other ways to be a source of healing of every kind.

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

SUNDAY 26TH JANUARY: WORLD LEPROSY DAY: TODAY!!

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 TODAY to support their work. See the poster in church for more information.

"CANDLEMASS" NEXT SUNDAY: This year the *Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple*, (known for short in English as *Candlemass* because in the Temple Christ is recognised as the light for all nations, symbolised by the light of candles,) falls on Sunday and is kept as a Feast of the Lord. Mass begins with the blessing of candles. If you have candles at home that you use for prayer and devotion, bring them to Mass for that blessing.

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.

CATHEDRAL MASS FOR THE SICK: Saturday 8 February at 2pm sees the annual Cathedral Mass close to the Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes. Celebrated by the H.E. Cardinal Vincent and during which Anointing of the Sick will be offered. This is a ticket only event. We are asked that this year tickets be obtained via each Parish Office. **Therefore, if you wish to attend, please contact Gerald in the office a.s.a.p.** There are three categories as follows:

- 1) Wheelchair users who require anointing
- 2) Walking sick who require anointing
- 3) Those assisting the sick, who do not require anointing.

"MY DAY BY DAY" (£2.00) + "BIBLE ALIVE" (£3.00) FEBRUARY 2025: These excellent publications giving daily prayers and meditations and reflections on the Mass readings are available for you to purchase TODAY. 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 together with a host of supporting articles, meditations and information. Excellent to use for Sunday Mass. Price £6.50. **FEBRUARY 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.**

PARISH ACCOUNTS FOR 2024: A summary of the Parish Accounts for 2024 has been posted on the notice board in Church. As always, Thank You for your generosity in support of the parish. If you have any questions about the accounts, ask Fr James or direct them as detailed on the notice.

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