

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

For Gertie & Mick Corrigan, Michael Qualter, Anne Mikulovic
and all the faithful departed.

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

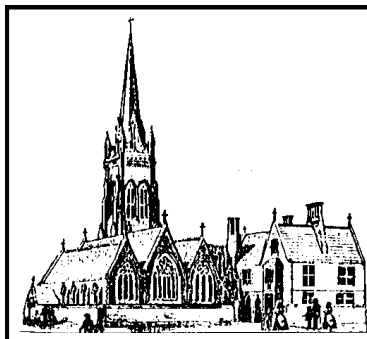
THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2025

Saturday 8th February

	5.30 pm	-
SUNDAY 9th	9.00 am	Gertie & Mick Corrigan (RIP)
FIFTH SUNDAY IN	10.30 am	The people of the Parish
ORDINARY TIME	12 Noon	Intentions of the Dunne Family
	6.00 pm	Michael Qualter (RIP)
Monday 10th	9.30 am	Ints of Armando Hiddat & family
St Scholastica, Virgin		
Tuesday 11th	9.30 am	-
Our Lady of Lourdes	10.30 am	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group
	2.30 pm	St Anthony Prayer Group
Wednesday 12th	9.30 am	-
Thursday 13th	9.30am	The Holy Souls
Friday 14th	9.30 am	For an end to the suffering of Ukraine
Ss CYRIL & METHODIUS, PATRONS OF EUROPE		
Saturday 15th	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

To continue my series of thoughts about **25** things we might do to enter into this Jubilee Year of hope 2025, this week we come to:

Suggestion No.6: Embrace sustainability. It's so easy to get caught up in the world of consumerism and give in to the throw-away culture. But, if we echo Pope Francis' encouragement in his letter *Laudato Si'*, and try to make even small eco-friendly changes in our lives - reduce waste, recycle more, assess what we really need compared to what we buy - we can focus on life's genuine pleasures and become the stewards of God's creation that we are called to be. A Jubilee year is a good time for such reflection.

Suggestion No.7: Read more of Holy Scripture. Maybe this could be just reading the Sunday Mass readings in advance (A resource such as *Magnificat* or a Sunday Missal is easily obtained.) Another idea could be to choose one of the Gospels to start with and slowly read it through over a period of time, using that as a spur to prayer and encouragement to move on to other books of the New Testament. More ambitious but a really good idea is to join a Catholic "Bible-in-a-year" reading plan or podcast to journey through Scripture from Genesis to Revelation. It's a fantastic way to see the bigger picture of God's story. Thankfully there are plenty of apps available, too, that can help you. One such, with the American Fr Mike Schmitz, can be found at the link below, or search also on Youtube:
<https://media.ascensionpress.com/category/ascension-podcasts/bibleinayear/>

Suggestion No.8: Practice a regular Examination of Conscience: At the end of each day, or week, write down those things that have fallen short of our call to holiness, to prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Also, write down three things you're thankful for. Gratitude can shift your perspective and bring joy even in tough moments. And at the end of the year, you can read back and reflect on everything you've been blessed with and you'll certainly see you were right to have hope. And, all the rest will have been soaked up in the grace of Reconciliation.

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. For details of methods of Planned Giving, see the leaflet at the door of Church. Parish bank account details are below, and on the website *Donate* page.

PARISH BANK DETAILS: HSBC

Sort code: 40-05-20 Acct. No.: 11263137

Acct name: WRC DT ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY FULHAM

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR RECENT APPEALS:

The **Crib Appeal** during Christmas raised £398.63 for the *Catholic Children's Society* in our diocese.

The **World Leprosy Day** appeal for *Lepra* raised £491.60.

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.

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR HOLY MATRIMONY AT THE CATHEDRAL: Saturday 17 May. The Cardinal invites couples celebrating in 2025 their **5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, and 60th (and any year over 60)** wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage. If you wish to attend please supply the following information to Gerald in the Parish Office by 24 March: 1) husband and wife's names; 2) date and church of Catholic marriage; 3) number of years married; 4) postal address & email address or telephone No.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK: "On Monday 10 Feb, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed. Pray especially that Assisted Suicide won't be introduced. For information on the days of Prayer and Fasting contact; The Good Counsel Network on 020 7723 1740. Or info via Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/events/618329970650531/> Poster in church.

TIME TO RETURN PALM CROSSES: For the next two Sundays **ONLY** there will be a basket at the doors of church for the return of palm crosses which are burnt to make the ash for Ash Wednesday. PLEASE DON'T return palm crosses after 23rd Feb - there will be nowhere for them to go.

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.

"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.

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.

CHORISTER OPPORTUNITIES AT WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: For Catholic boys with musical potential now in years 2, 3 or 4 - why not look at the possibility of becoming a Cathedral Chorister and attend the excellent Cathedral Choir School. See the poster in church. The school is offering introductory Zoom session, lasting 30 mins, at 6.30pm on 12 March. Contact Lucy Freeman on lfreeman@choirschool.com for a link.

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

THE HOLY FATHER'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS: To aid our Jubilee and ordinary prayer life, here are the monthly Prayer Intentions for February: **For vocations to the priesthood and religious life:** Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.