

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

For Denise Allain, Martin Coughlan, Maura Leddy, Phyllis McDonald, Roylyn Mavis Canning, Paolo Sanguini, Ann-Rose O’Sullivan, Wariboko Granville, Selina Rielly and all the faithful departed.

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

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2025

Saturday 1st March

	5.30 pm	-
SUNDAY 2nd	9.00 am	Martin Coughlan (RIP)
EIGHTH SUNDAY	10.30 am	Maura Leddy (RIP)
IN ORDINARY TIME	12 Noon	Phyllis McDonald (RIP - anniv)
	6.00 pm	The People of the Parish

Monday 3rd 9.30 am Roylyn Mavis Canning (RIP)

Tuesday 4th

	9.30 am	-
	10.30 am	<i>Tuesday Morning Prayer Group</i>
	2.30 pm	<i>St Anthony Prayer Group</i>

Wednesday 5th 9.30 am Paolo Sanguini (RIP)
ASH WEDNESDAY 7.30pm For the grace of penitence

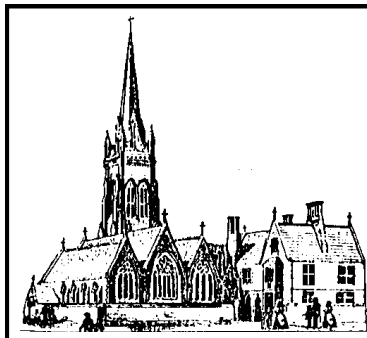
Thursday 6th 9.30am -

Friday 7th 9.30 am -
 (Ss Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs.) **11.00 am Funeral Service, Wariboko Granville**
7.00 pm Stations of the Cross & Mass

Saturday 8th 10.00 am Ann-Rose O’Sullivan (RIP)
10.30 am Adoration and Benediction

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

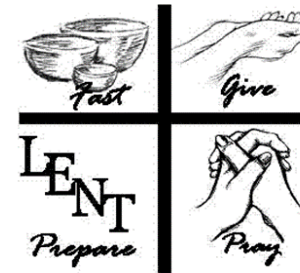
THE PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN MONDAY TO FRIDAY 11AM - 3PM



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THE SEASON OF LENT 2025

Lent is ordered preparing for the celebration of Easter, since the Lenten liturgy prepares for the celebration of the Paschal Mystery both catechumens, by the various stages of Christian Initiation, and the faithful, who recall their own Baptism and do penance. We prepare ourselves, as Pilgrims of Hope, in this Jubilee Year, by prayer, fasting and almsgiving.



SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays: 10.30am - 11.30am; 6.15pm - 6.45pm
 Sundays of Lent: Between the morning Masses; also 5.15pm - 5.45pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Our corporate Stations of the Cross will be on **Fridays of Lent at 7.00pm**, followed by Mass at the conclusion of the Stations. Of course, Stations can be made at any time when church is open.

PRAYER BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT (EXPOSITION): The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for Adoration on **Saturdays 10.30am - 11.30am**. Or, come to prayer before the Tabernacle at any time the church is open.

LENT STUDY AND FAITH-SHARING: Thursdays 7.30pm - 8.30pm at No.62. Prepared by the Dominican Sister of the New Forest, this series of reflections is called *“We Dare to Hope”* and follows themes of the Jubilee;

ALMSGIVING: You may wish to support particular charities with Lenten Almsgiving (the fruit of our fasting), e.g.: *Aid to the Church in Need:* <https://acnuk.org/>; or *Mary’s Meals:* <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/>. In addition to the usual appeals: For the *Holy Places* on Good Friday, and *CAFOD*, there is a dedicated Alms wall box for the *Cardinal’s Lent Appeal*, supporting initiatives in the diocese (more info during Lent.) Also, on 23 March, there is a national appeal for the *Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham*.

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

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: AN INVITATION FROM THE GOOD COUNSEL

NETWORK: Come and hear Fr Paschal Uche about helping to save and change lives during Lent this year by praying near the abortion centre in Brixton, as part of the 40 Days for Life Campaign. Also hear from a mother who changed her mind about her abortion and successfully took the abortion reversal pill. This Monday, **3rd March 6.30pm**, St Bede's Catholic Church Hall 58 Thornton Road, London SW12 0LF. For more details contact Gabriella on 07745-711064. Poster in church for *40 Days for Life*.

ASH WEDNESDAY 5 MARCH: Ash Wednesday begins the Great Forty Days of Lent, the season of preparation for our celebration of the mysteries of our redemption in Holy Week and the season of Easter. Ash Wednesday is NOT for us a Holy Day of Obligation, but it is obviously a good day to be at worship.

Mass with the Blessing and Imposition of Ashes will be available in the parish at **9.30am** and **7.30pm** on 5 March. Of course, if you work in other parts of London many central London churches will provide a celebration at lunch time.

- Ash Wednesday is a day of *BOTH* abstinence and fasting. What does this mean? A day of abstinence is like most Fridays: we abstain, or leave off, some luxury. The Friday abstinence is - for most of us - to deny ourselves meat in our diet (unless we are vegetarian!) and this works well for Ash Wednesday also. A day of fasting means that we reduce what we eat, or maybe cut out a meal altogether. These are penitential actions to remind us of our fragility. *N.B.* Fasting and abstinence are **NOT** required of those aged under 14 or over 65, or who are unwell or pregnant. These things are not punishments but they are devotions. Be sensible, but be devoted!!
- The Imposition of Ashes will be by sprinkling of ashes on the crown of the head, not by smearing on the forehead. This is because first, it is what the liturgy of the Church instructs! Also, many remain uncomfortable with the physical contact post-pandemic. Mainly though it is because the action of bowing our heads to receive the ash is a good penitential practice.

"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. **MARCH ISSUE AVAILABLE TODAY.**

"MY DAY BY DAY" (£2.00) + "BIBLE ALIVE" (£3.00) LENT 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.

"WALK WITH ME, A JOURNEY OF PRAYER FOR LENT 2025" This familiar resource is also available today, still priced at £1. A good Lenten resource with reflections for each day of Lent.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES RENEWAL: From *TODAY* Please pick up new envelopes for the next financial year at the back of the church. If you wish to donate via envelopes and possibly gift aid your donation ask the team and they will help. If you are signed up for gift aid but no longer pay tax in the UK please let us know as we must not claim tax back if you are not a tax payer! If you wish to give by standing order ask the team. Of course you can also gift by the card machine by the north entrance to the church. Thank you for your support for the parish.

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. *More stock on the way!*

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.

LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER ROLE?: The Lygon Almshouses Trust is looking for someone with financial or accounting experience to take on the role of Honorary Treasurer and to join the board of Trustees. Lygon House, on the Fulham Palace Road, provides housing in 40 flats for Fulham residents on low income and in housing need. For more information contact: Charles@noelfamily.co.uk or Lygonhouse@gmail.com

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 /telephone No.