

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

For Canon Bernard Scholes, Breda Costello, Aneurin Bevan, Stasia Zbikowska and all the faithful departed.

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

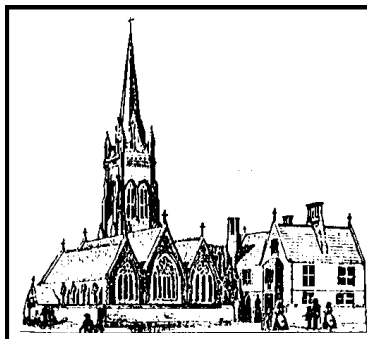
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 2025

Saturday 22nd March

	5.30 pm	The sick and housebound
SUNDAY 23rd	9.00 am	Breda Costello (RIP 1st anniv)
THIRD SUNDAY	10.30 am	The Holy Souls
OF LENT	12 Noon	The People of the Parish
	6.00 pm	-
Monday 24th	9.30 am	Aneurin Bevan (RIP)
Tuesday 25th	9.30 am	The needs of all NHS workers
THE ANNUNCIATION	10.30 am	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group
OF THE LORD	2.30 pm	St Anthony Prayer Group
Wednesday 26th	9.30 am	-
Thursday 27th	9.30am	-
	7.30 pm	"We dare to hope" meeting 3
Friday 28th	9.30 am	Stasia Zbikowska (RIP - anniv)
	7.00 pm	Stations of the Cross & Mass
Saturday 29th	10.00 am	The sick and housebound
	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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Dear Friends,

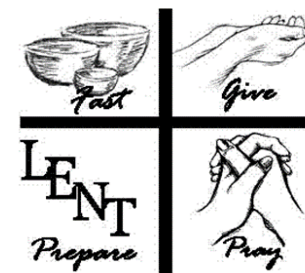
Today a couple more ideas for keeping focus in our Lenten endeavours. As I said last week, the pressure to pray more, fast, and give alms can sometimes feel like a checklist, as if we're just trying to survive the next 40 days without falling into "Catholic guilt." But what if we approached this season differently? Instead of seeing Lent as a path to perfection, what if we viewed our Lenten commitments as an invitation to receive what Jesus truly desires to do in us? Ultimately, Lent isn't about what we do, but about how God works in us. Last week I made a couple of suggestions, and here are two more:

Journeying Through Lent with Jesus: Imagine sharing the 40 days of Lent with Jesus, inviting him into every moment. How often do we have intimate conversations with him, or even just pause to ask, "Jesus, what do you think about this?" Or, when something joyful happens, do we take a moment to pray, "Thank you, Jesus, for being here with me and sharing this joy?" Ask God to help you recognize his presence more deeply throughout each day. The "wilderness" of Lent is not supposed to be a punishment, but it is a challenge to us to help prepare us for ministry. Challenges are best faced together - one reason why we worship together at the start of the week - so invite the Lord into everything this Lent.

Reflecting on Your Christian Mission: As Christians, we're called to show God's love to everyone — our family, friends, neighbours, and even strangers. What does loving your neighbour look like for you this year? Are there areas where you feel called to grow, especially in serving those with whom you may not see eye to eye? How is God calling you to love others more deeply, especially those who challenge you the most. To love is not a sentiment, it is an act of will to want what is good, even for the most unlovable. All of us have a part to play in this.

Lent is not a race to perfection, but a journey of transformation. It's about allowing Jesus to work in you, healing what is broken, and deepening your relationships with God, yourself, and others. Let this season be one where you open yourself to the grace of God and his transforming love.

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

LENT 2025 GENERAL INFORMATION:

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*, for initiatives in the diocese.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: *Thank You!* So far this has raised £915.

CARDINAL'S LENT APPEAL: Our corporate Almsgiving this year is for the Cardinal's Appeal supporting initiatives in Youth work, Evangelisation, social action, marriage & family life. There is a wall box for donations in the "Pieta" chapel and envelopes for gift-aid donations. The poster has a QR code or you can visit the diocesan website for online giving.

NATIONAL COLLECTION FOR WALSINGHAM SHRINE NEXT

SUNDAY(23RD): The bishops have asked all parishes to make a one-off collection to help the National Shrine of Our Lady. The shrine is facing big financial challenges to maintain its ministry. Thank you in advance for supporting this.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES RENEWAL: *THANK YOU* for collecting your new set of envelopes for the year ahead. If you haven't done so yet please ask in the sacristy or at the Parish Office during the week.

TEAS & COFFEES AFTER 10.30 MASS: From NEXT SUNDAY: Come and have a tea or coffee **IN THE HALL, NO. 62** served by the young people preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. This is a good way to help and support them in their preparation. **ALSO** they will be selling the following wonderful things : **EASTER EGGS AND BOOKS!!!**

"THE REAL EASTER EGG"! From the Meaningful Chocolate Co. This Easter give your children or yourself or anyone **THE ONLY** Easter Egg that contains a 24 page Easter story activity book covering all the Holy Week story from Palm Sunday on. **WONDERFUL VALUE AT £6 PER EGG**. This is the only Easter Egg that is actually about Easter and the Resurrection of Jesus!! With **NO** Palm Oil, **NO** plastic **AND** with a Prize competition. **ON SALE NEXT SUNDAY (MOTHERING SUNDAY) at the stall in No. 62.**

"THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD" NEW BOOK BY Adventurer, TV Presenter and former Chief Scout **BEAR GRYLLS**. An imaginative re-telling of the Gospel story by a series of eye-witnesses. Written to invite young or curious readers of any age to engage with Christian Faith. Published at £14.99: **WE HAVE SOME COPIES AVAILABLE AT £5 NEXT SUNDAY from the stall in No. 62. A great Easter gift!**

EASTER FLOWERS "LILLIES FOR REMEMBRANCE": To help to beautify the Altar of Repose on Maundy Thursday and church at Easter and to remember departed loved ones in our prayers you can help with funding Easter flowers. Take an envelope for your donation and slip of paper and write the names of those to be remembered clearly on it. Envelopes can be returned to the Presbytery or in the Sunday Offertory. Thank you!

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. **LAST CALL TODAY:**

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 talk to the office on Mon 24 March.

WESTMINSTER DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: 25th July - 1st August 2025 – Registration for the Westminster diocesan pilgrimage led by Cardinal Vincent Nicholas is now open via the online form at <https://pilgrimages.rcdow.org.uk> or by contacting the Pilgrimage Office on 020 7798 9173. Options to travel by plane or train are available and there are many volunteering opportunities for those wishing to serve. All applications to join this year's pilgrimage need to be submitted by **Wednesday 30th April**.