

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

For Canon Bernard Scholes, Susan & Eddie Gallagher; Bridie & Josie McNellis; Josephine Murphy; Claudia Dytlow; Tony Latham; and all the faithful departed.

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

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 2025

Saturday 5th April

SUNDAY 6th FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	5.30 pm	Susan & Eddie Gallagher (RIP-anniv)
	9.00 am	The People of the Parish
	10.30 am	Bridie, Josie & deceased of McNellis family
	12 Noon	Josephine Murphy (RIP-anniv)
	6.00 pm	-

Monday 7th **9.30 am** **Claudia Dytlow (RIP-anniv)**

Tuesday 8th **9.30 am** **Ints of Gabriel Fox (Good health/recovery)**
 10.30 am ***Tuesday Morning Prayer Group***
 2.30 pm ***St Anthony Prayer Group***

Wednesday 9th **9.30 am** **Tony Latham (RIP)**

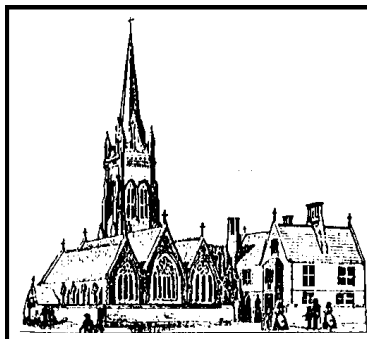
Thursday 10th **9.30am** **Ints of the Jones & Fox families**
 7.30 pm ***"We dare to hope" meeting 5***

Friday 11th **9.30 am** **The Holy Souls**
 7.00 pm ***Stations of the Cross & Mass***

Saturday 12th **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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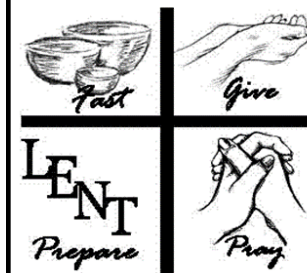
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Dear Friends,

Today Holy Church enters what is known as the *Season of the Passion*. This latter part of Lent leads up to the Great Three Days, the Sacred Paschal Triduum of Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday, which is in effect one long act of worship. The best advice I can give anyone is to put aside as many other concerns as possible during this time, and especially when we come to Holy Week to prioritise this unique time of worship. The observance of

Holy Week takes some effort and sacrifice, of time and some comfort, and this should be our priority in this one week of the year. The keeping of Holy Week feeds us and repays our efforts many times over.

This Season of the Passion is marked first by the veiling of images and statues in church. This is an ancient tradition. In one way it could be seen as an act of mourning. Mainly, though, it is a way of "clearing the decks" in a sense, to concentrate our attention on the main stage, for truly as Holy Week approaches we begin to enter into the mysteries of our redemption as it were in real time.

The next Parish Newsletter will be on the Second Sunday of Easter. There won't be a Newsletter on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday. The schedule of worship for this period is available on the special leaflet. Mass intentions - where any have been offered - will be published on the notice board as usual. Now it is time to be with the Lord in his Passion and just spend time with him and with one another in our worship. Come to the Stations of the Cross. Come to the time of church cleaning too! Come to the Sacrament of Reconciliation either here or in another church.

At the centre of the Paschal Triduum are the solemn prayers for the church and for the world during the liturgy of Good Friday. This is our job as the Church in the world - to bring the world in all its needs: the false moves; the well-meaning errors; the chaos and waste; as well as the desires for good and right in all people - to bring all these things to the place of our redemption in the Cross of Christ.

The more we enter into the Season of the Passion, the more we will understand the wonderful days of celebration of Easter to come.

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

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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.

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.

EASTER OFFERINGS: A reminder that the offerings made at Easter contribute very substantially to finance the priestly ministry to the parish for the whole year. Thank you for your generosity. From next week there will be an option for this on the Tap-To-Donate machine and envelopes available in church.

PASTORAL LETTER TODAY: A letter from the bishops is being read in every parish in England today. Please commit the cause of defeating legislation for assisted suicide to your prayers, and take action: Lord Alton's team has provided postcards for us to return to our MPs, please take one today. Your MP is likely to be BEN COLEMAN. Please send this card to the House of Commons as soon as possible...you can add a note of thanks to Mr Coleman for already having voted

against the legislation at Second Reading.

TEAS & COFFEES AFTER 10.30 MASS: TODAY!! 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 TODAY 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 from the stall in No. 62. A great Easter gift!**

CHURCH CLEANING! Wednesday of Holy Week, 16 April, after morning Mass. Come along to give the church a good clean and polish the brass etc. in preparation for the Holy Week ceremonies and for Easter. Many hands make light work, so for an hour or so come to do a bit.

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!

DAY TRIP TO AYLESFORD PRIORY & DENBIES WINE ESTATE: A day trip to Aylesford Priory (Designated Jubilee Church) and Denbies Wine Estate on 28th May (Wednesday) has been organised. The trip will be led by Fr Linferd. Departure will be early in the morning if all is to be achieved. Those wishing to go must collect a copy of the itinerary from Fr Linferd. **The cost will be £40 (Cash only please).** Please note: payment due by **1st May!**

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:

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