

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

For Canon Bernard Scholes, Susan & Eddie Gallaher; 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 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 2025

Saturday 26th April

	5.30 pm	Patrick Jones (RIP)
SUNDAY 27th	9.00 am	The People of the Parish
SECOND SUNDAY	10.30 am	Catherine Paul & Laurel Baptiste (RIP - anniv)
OF EASTER	12 Noon	Siok Bee Mariano (RIP - anniv)
(OF DIVINE MERCY)	2.30pm	<i>Divine Mercy Devotions</i>
	6.00 pm	Intentions of Fr Linferd

Monday 28th **9.30 am** Stanislaw & Wladyslaw Czwalg (RIP - anniv)

St GEORGE
PATRON OF ENGLAND
(Transferred)

Tuesday 29th **9.30 am** **Pope Francis (RIP)**
St CATHERINE **10.30 am** ***Tuesday Morning Prayer Group***
OF SIENNA **2.30 pm** ***St Anthony Prayer Group***
(Co-Patron of Europe)

Wednesday 30th **9.30 am** **Veronica Lyriss Mills (RIP)**
St PIUS V, Pope

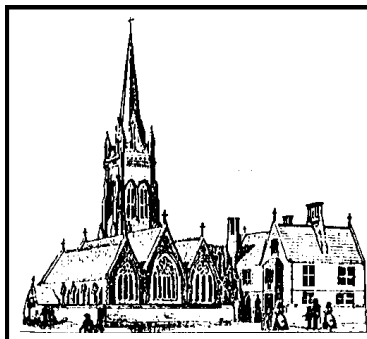
Thursday 1st May **9.30am** **Deceased of Dwyer family, Tom & William**
St JOSEPH THE WORKER

Friday 2nd **9.30 am** **Clare Cooper (RIP)**
St ATHANASIUS, Bishop
& Doctor of the Church **7.30 pm** **For the Election of a Pope**

Saturday 3rd **10.00 am** **The sick and housebound**
Ss PHILIP & JAMES, **10.30 am** ***Adoration and Benediction***
APOSTLES

**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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**Excerpts from the Apostolic blessing “Urbi et Orbi” (To the City and the World) of
His Late Holiness Pope Francis from Easter Sunday, the day before his death.**

Christ is risen, alleluia!

Dear brothers and sisters, Happy Easter!

Today at last, the singing of the “alleluia” is heard once more in the Church, passing from mouth to mouth, from heart to heart, and this makes the people of God throughout the world shed tears of joy. From the empty tomb in Jerusalem, we hear unexpected good news: Jesus, who was crucified, “is not here, he has risen” (Lk 24:5). Jesus is not in the tomb, he is alive! Love has triumphed over hatred, light over darkness and truth over falsehood. Forgiveness has triumphed over revenge. Evil has not disappeared from history; it will remain until the end, but it no longer has the upper hand; it no longer has power over those who accept the grace of this day.

Sisters and brothers, especially those of you experiencing pain and sorrow, your silent cry has been heard and your tears have been counted; not one of them has been lost! In the passion and death of Jesus, God has taken upon himself all the evil in this world and in his infinite mercy has defeated it. He has uprooted the diabolical pride that poisons the human heart and wreaks violence and corruption on every side. The Lamb of God is victorious! That is why, today, we can joyfully cry out: “Christ, my hope, has risen!” (*Easter Sequence*).

What a great thirst for death, for killing, we witness each day in the many conflicts raging in different parts of our world! How much violence we see, often even within families, directed at women and children! How much contempt is stirred up at times towards the vulnerable, the marginalized, and migrants!

I would like us to renew our hope that peace is possible! From the Holy Sepulchre, the Church of the Resurrection, where this year Easter is being celebrated by Catholics and Orthodox on the same day, may the light of peace radiate throughout the Holy Land and the entire world. There can be no peace without freedom of religion, freedom of thought, freedom of expression and respect for the views of others.

I appeal to all those in positions of political responsibility in our world not to yield to the logic of fear which only leads to isolation from others, but rather to use the resources available to help the needy, to fight hunger and to encourage initiatives that promote development. These are the “weapons” of peace: weapons that build the future, instead of sowing seeds of death! In this Jubilee year, may Easter also be a fitting occasion for the liberation of prisoners of war and political prisoners!

In the Lord’s Paschal Mystery, death and life contended in a stupendous struggle, but the Lord now lives forever (cf. *Easter Sequence*). He fills us with the certainty that we too are called to share in the life that knows no end, when the clash of arms and the rumble of death will be heard no more. Let us entrust ourselves to him, for he alone can make all things new (cf. Rev. 21:5)! Happy Easter to everyone!

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

TODAY: DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY DEVOTIONS 2.30-3.30PM:

Veneration of the Image; Litany and prayers at the Hour of Mercy; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Spend an hour in the company of Merciful Jesus following the form explained by St Faustina and St John Paul II.

MASS FOR THE ELECTION OF A POPE: In preparation for the coming Conclave to elect the new Pope we will offer the Mass "*For the Election of a Pope*" on **Friday 2 May at 7.30pm**.

THANK YOU for all of your financial generosity in Lent, Holy Week and Easter Week, contributing to the Easter Offerings, the collection for the Holy Places in the Holy Land and to the Cardinal's Lent Appeal. The Easter offerings and Holy Places collections are still open today, on the Tap-to-donate machine and via envelopes. We should be able to publish totals next week.

FORTHCOMING APPEALS: I am sorry that further appeals to your financial generosity are coming rather rapidly! Next weekend we have the annual Mission Appeal, and after that the annual collection for the Priest Training Fund:

MISSION APPEAL BY THE COMBONI MISSIONARIES 3-4 MAY: Fr Melaku Amente of the Comboni Missionaries will be preaching at all Masses next weekend and to tell us of their work in some of the most troubled places of our world, including Congo and Sudan. You can find out more at comboni.org.uk

ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE PRIEST TRAINING FUND 10-11 MAY: The Fourth Sunday of Easter, Good Shepherd Sunday, sees this annual collection. Donation envelopes for Gift Aid donations are available today.

200 CLUB APRIL DRAW: There were 128 members in the April, the winners are: 97: £160.00 - Fergal O'Sullivan; 32: £32.00 - Pearlina Lettman; 92: £32.00 - Charles Noel; 261: £19.20 - Nancy Smith; 5: £19.20 - Celia Mostyn; 8: £19.20 - Helen Murcott. Congratulations to the winners. Prizes will be paid by bank transfer where we have details, or by cheque. *You have to be in it to win it!* Each month we send an email of the 200 Club prize winners to members. If you don't receive this email, and would like to, please give Gerald, in the Parish office, your email address. If you are not yet a member, application forms are available in church and from the office.

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!**

OUR LADY OF WILLES DEN MAY PROCESSION: The annual May Procession in honour of Our Lady will take place at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden on Sunday, 11th May, at 3pm at which the Preacher will be the Rt Rev Hugh Allan, O.Praem. Poster in church.

LEARN TO PRAY DAY AT OUR LADY OF FATIMA WHITE COTY:

10am-5pm Saturday 10 May: A one-day course led by Andre Regnier of Catholic Christian Outreach from Canada, to help you discover how to have a personal prayer time, one that deepens your relationship with Jesus. Are you ready to discover and explore the components of a fruitful prayer life?

TWO EVENTS AT ST PATRICK'S SOHO SQUARE:

"THE SECRET OF EVANGELISING WHEN LIFE IS FULL": *Marian Lecture 2025, the Guild of our Lady of Ransom Friday 9 May 7-9pm* at St Patrick's, Soho (21A Soho Square, London W1D 4NR)

Work, study, family, commitments... how can we evangelise amidst our everyday busy-ness? Sr. Marie Veritas, SV will speak on living mission in everyday life, and give practical guidance in how a deep relationship with Christ empowers us to share the Gospel with courage and peace.

The lecture will be followed by a Q&A. Refreshments provided.

£12 / £10 (students) – *advance booking only* Book now:

www.guild-ransom.co.uk/events Follow @guildransom on socials for updates!

"WOMAN IN THE CHURCH: A SUMMIT BY ST PATRICK'S": Sat 10 May 10am-5pm St Patrick's, Soho. **Understanding womanhood is an issue for all of us: men and women alike.** We're delighted to invite you to this year's Jubilee Summit: a full day of talks, panels and conversation exploring womanhood in the Catholic tradition — featuring **Kerri Christopher**, the **Sisters of Life**, award-winning poet **Sally Read**, and more. Open to men and women. Student, standard & sponsored tickets available – *no tickets sold on the door* Book now:

www.stpatricksoho.org/woman-in-the-church

Rediscover Your Marriage – Retrouvaille offers you the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. 10s of 1000s headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. There is no group therapy or group work. The next programme commences with a weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 20th - 22nd June 2025 Call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443, email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk Poster in church.