

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

For Dolores Mary Headd, Nikki Fonseca, Veronica Lyriss Mills, Imelda Princess Forde; and all the faithful departed.

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

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 2025

Saturday 17th May

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| | 5.30 pm | Eddie McLaughlin (RIP) |
| SUNDAY 18th | 9.00 am | P.J. Healion (RIP) |
| FIFTH SUNDAY | 10.30 am | Celeste Doyle (RIP) |
| OF EASTER | 12 Noon | George Morgan (RIP) |
| | 6.00 pm | The People of the Parish |

Monday 19th **9.30 am** **Veronica Lyriss Mills (RIP)**

Tuesday 20th **9.30 am** **Ints of Mel & Dymrna Sheridan**
 10.30 am ***Tuesday Morning Prayer Group***
 2.30pm ***St Anthony Prayer Group***

Wednesday 21st **9.30 am** **-**

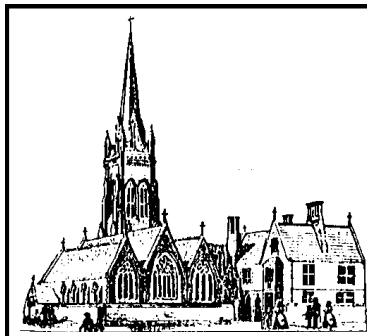
Thursday 22nd **9.30am** **Intentions of Paul Ewings**

Friday 23rd **9.30 am** **Intentions of Kieran Treacy (health)**

Saturday 24th **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 Brothers and sisters

As the year goes on, we shall find ways to enter more deeply into the meaning and the opportunity of a Jubilee Year, and especially a Jubilee Year dedicated to the theme of HOPE. It is good to trust in the providence of God that all things can work for good.

I was fascinated this week to speak with Fr Tomas at St Augustine's, our neighbour parish and to hear that not so long ago, in his capacity then as Superior General of the Augustinian order, our Holy Father Pope Leo had celebrated Mass in that church, so close to us. "Small world" we might say - but that is the point of the Church, to make our world one grace-filled community. This is our hope.

This is an Augustinian charism, based on the life and thought of St Augustine. Among all his work, Augustine developed an image of building what he called the "City of God," a civilisation of grace, in the middle of the earthly city, which was so evidently in his time falling apart as the Roman Empire crumbled. Again, "Small world" we might say. Surely we too live in a civilisation that is fragmenting and crumbling around us? God made us, St Augustine said, to make the times we live in, not to be made by the times we live in. We know the focus and the purpose of life. As we print this Newsletter we won't yet know the outcome of the vote in Parliament on the proposed legislation on assisted suicide. We hope for good sense from Parliament, but we may not get it, and things may fall apart a bit more.

These ideas are amongst those that have formed the mind and heart of the Pope God has sent us. It is a matter of HOPE that this is so. Let us pray for him as his Petrine Ministry is officially inaugurated this Sunday that he will calmly and courageously continue in the steps not just of St Peter, but also of St Augustine, and build up the Body of Christ and the City of God.

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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THANK YOU for all of your financial generosity in Lent, Holy Week and Easter Week, contributing to the Easter Offerings. The current totals are:

Lenten alms: £101.50

Good Friday collection to support the Holy Places: £645.00

Easter Offerings: £2,516.95

Thank you for your generosity to the ***Priest Training Fund*** collection last weekend. It is not too late to make a donation if you wish. Envelopes are available in the back of the church, or by contacting the parish office. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. For more information, or to make a donation, visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. **This has raised: £1,247.00**

Thank you also for your support of the ***Mission Appeal*** for the Comboni Father. You can continue to support them at comboni.org.uk: Total raised: **£1988.00**

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.

JUBILEE YEAR TALK AT ALLEN HALL: To Celebrate the Jubilee Year, Pilgrims of Hope and the 1700th Anniversary of Nicaea, the first Ecumenical Council, there will be a talk at Allen Hall Seminary on the eve of Pentecost, Saturday, 7 June at 3pm on Hope and the Holy Spirit. It will be given by Canon John O'Leary, Rector of Allen Hall. You are invited to stay for refreshments, and tour of Allen Hall with an explanation of its rich history starting at 5pm. You are also most welcome to join the Allen Hall community for Vespers at 5:30 pm. This will end with devotions to the Douai Martyrs - including veneration of St John Southworth's relic. The afternoon will finish at about 6 pm. To help plan for numbers, please register to attend by emailing parector@rcdow.org.

INVITATION TO AN EVENT BY "OPEN DOORS": a day of worship, fellowship and prayer for our persecuted family in sub-Saharan Africa. St Mark's Church, 337 Kennington Park Road, SE11 Sat, June 7: 10am - 3pm <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/arise-africa-london-tickets-1336535727339?aff=oddtcreator>

EMMAUS JUBILEE YOUTH FESTIVAL: 2-3 August at SPEC Retreat Centre. Aimed at young people unable to travel to and coinciding with the Jubilee of

Youth in Rome, the festival will offer an encounter with Christ and the opportunity to meet other young people on their journey of faith. Inspired by the disciples on the road to Emmaus, whose encounter with the Risen Christ transformed their despair into hope, this festival aims to ignite the same transformative experience in all participating. Organised by SPEC Retreat Centre of Westminster Youth Ministry, the festival will feature: live Praise & Worship by One Hope Project, engaging panels and interactive workshops, fellowship and reflection at campfires, Eucharistic Adoration and closing Mass celebrated by Cardinal Vincent. For more information and registration please visit <https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/jubilee-year-2025/emmausfestival/>

PATTERN OF WORSHIP STARTING MONDAY 9 JUNE: For the next few weeks this will be in the Newsletter so we can all get familiar with it. The thinking is this: On one hand, according to the laws of the Church, I am only allowed to say 3 Sunday Masses, except in extraordinary circumstances. Also, our current schedule is very pressured for one priest. However, because of the size of the church and the different character of each Mass, I am reluctant to cut anything *at present*. However, the timing of Masses will have to be spread out to allow me time to meet and talk with people after Mass as much as possible and also to do practical things in preparation for our worship. The schedule is as follows:

Sunday Mass:

(6.00pm Saturday Anticipated Mass for those forced to work on Sunday)

This time changes to allow Confessions before Mass instead of afterwards.

8.30am

10.00am (with Children's Liturgy)

12 Noon

6.00pm

Weekday Mass:

will continue as presently at **9.30am**, except that there will be **no Mass in the parish on Wednesdays**, except Holy Days, to allow me a day off. Saturday Mass remains at **10.00am**, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

This pattern of worship is an experiment to see if it can be sustained. I am taking some annual leave whilst Fr Linferd is still here. In the future when it is appropriate for me to be on leave, some changes will have to be made to this schedule depending on the "cover" arrangements that can be made.

The other important practical change to our usual arrangements will be the times that the church building is open for private prayer. As far as possible the church will open as usual at 8am on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and close on those days at 6pm. On Saturday we will open at 9am and Sunday at 7.30am, closing after the last Mass on those days. ***On Wednesdays at present, I regret, the church will be closed.*** On all weekdays, when nobody is present on site the building will be closed. At all such times a notice will be posted in the side door window with relevant information.