

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:**

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

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

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 2025**

**Saturday 10th May**

	<b>5.30 pm</b>	<b>Blessings upon Pope Leo XIV</b>
<b>SUNDAY 11th</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Dolores Mary Headd (RIP)</b>
<b>FOURTH SUNDAY</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>The People of the Parish</b>
<b>OF EASTER</b>	<b>12 Noon</b>	<b>Ints of Aida Berkman &amp; Sons</b>
	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>Nikki Fonseca (RIP - 1st anniv)</b>

**Monday 12th 9.30 am Intentions of Nunmi Babbabunmi**

**Tuesday 13th 9.30 am Veronica Lyris Mills (RIP-LD)**  
**OUR LADY OF FATIMA 10.30 am Tuesday Morning Prayer Group**

**Wednesday 14th 9.30 am Ints of Kieran Treacy (health)**  
**ST. MATTHIAS, APOSTLE**

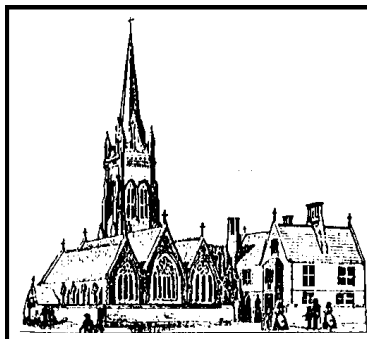
**Thursday 15th 9.30am -**

**Friday 16th 9.30 am -**

**Saturday 17th 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**

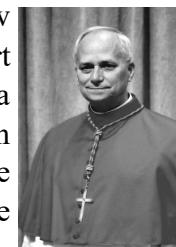
**THE PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN MONDAY TO FRIDAY 11AM - 3PM**



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**HABEMUS PAPAM**

After days and weeks of speculation, the name of our new Pope was announced on 8th May 2025 - Cardinal Robert Prevost who has taken the name Pope Leo XIV. There are a few firsts associated with him. He is the first Pope from North America. He is the first Augustinian Pope. He was also twice elected prior general, of the Augustinian religious order, the 13th century order founded by St. Augustine.



Born on September 14, 1955, in Chicago, Illinois, Pope Leo XIV pursued a path of religious service early on, joining the Order of Saint Augustine. His academic journey included a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from Villanova University, a Master of Divinity from Catholic Theological Union, and a doctorate in Canon Law from the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas. His missionary work took him to Peru, where he served in various capacities, including parish pastor, seminary teacher, and diocesan official. His deep connection to Latin America and fluency in multiple languages positioned him as a bridge between cultures within the global Church. In 2015, he was appointed Bishop of Chiclayo, Peru. Pope Francis promoted him to archbishop in 2023 and to cardinal in 2024.

His election has been well accepted with widespread optimism about his potential to unite diverse communities and address global challenges. As the faithful chant "Viva il Papa!" the world watches to see how Pope Leo XIV will shepherd the Church into a new era. Let us keep our Holy Father in our prayers as he shoulders the responsibility of being the vicar of Christ.

*Fr Linferd*

### 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.

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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 collection for the Holy Places in the Holy Land and to the Cardinal's Lent Appeal. Totals for these causes will be published as soon as possible.

**MISSION APPEAL BY THE COMBONI MISSIONARIES:** Thank you for welcoming Fr Melaku Amente last weekend and for supporting his appeal. We will publish a total for this as soon as possible. You can find out more about their work at [combin.org.uk](http://combin.org.uk)

#### ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE PRIEST TRAINING FUND:

**TODAY:** This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday and our second collection will support the Priest Training Fund. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently **50** men studying at Allen Hall seminary, **13** of whom are from our own Diocese. **2** of these are deacons for Westminster. We also have **2** seminarians at the Royal English College in Valladolid. Last year **3** deacons who studied at Allen Hall were ordained priests. The fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your gift ensures we can provide training for these men responding to Christ's call to dedicate their lives to serve God's people. Please be as generous as you can. Please also pray for vocations and for all our priests. If you do not have a donation envelope, plenty are still available at the back of the church. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations). Thank you for your generosity.

**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.

**ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL: less than 2 weeks left!** The Report Stage of the assisted suicide Bill is on 16 May. It is vital that we contact MPs urgently about this issue. **Please take action now and visit [www.righttolife.org.uk/ASVote](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/ASVote) to email your MP - it takes just 30 seconds!** If you have the time, please also visit your MP - you can arrange a meeting now by visiting [www.righttolife.org.uk/meetyourMP](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/meetyourMP)

**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](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) - or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) Poster in church.

**PATTERN OF WORSHIP:** I wrote on the front of last week's Newsletter that, sadly, when we no longer have Fr Linferd with us in the parish after Pentecost Sunday, there won't automatically be another priest coming to the parish. Therefore the pattern of Sunday and Weekday Masses will have to be what can be sustained regularly by one priest. This is really difficult. 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. I will talk more about this at Mass but at present the schedule will be 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 we will open when staff are present on site. 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.