

**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 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 2025**

Saturday 3 May

	5.30 pm	The People of the Parish
SUNDAY 4th	9.00 am	Pope Francis (RIP)
THIRD SUNDAY	10.30 am	Annie Quigley (RIP - anniv)
OF EASTER	12 Noon	Eileen Sheahan (RIP)
	6.00 pm	Monique Inagohi (RIP - anniv)

Monday 5th 9.30 am -

Tuesday 6th	9.30 am	Zygfryd Trzcinski (RIP)
	10.30 am	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group
	2.30 pm	St Anthony Prayer Group

Wednesday 7th 9.30 am -

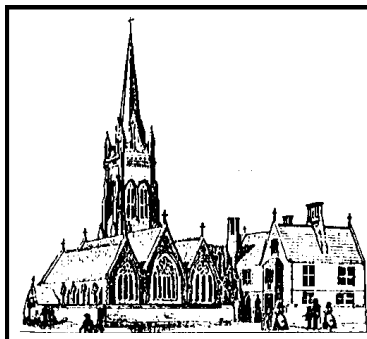
Thursday 8th 9.30am Sebastiano Galluccio (RIP-3rd anniv)

Friday 9th 9.30 am Ints of Sr Bernadette Leach S.N.D

Saturday 10th	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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*“Simon, Son of John, do you love me?...Feed my sheep”* In these words from the Gospel for this Sunday the Risen Jesus gives his commission to Peter, the leader of the Apostles and so to be our first Pope. All the resurrection appearances recorded in the Gospels reveal to us that this most extraordinary and wonderful event, the centre of all of history, happened whilst ordinary life carried on from day to day. The point is the Resurrection of Jesus transforms all these things. So ordinary life and its challenges carries on today. This week the Conclave meets to elect a new Pope, another in that long line of 2000 years to be given this special commission to “feed my sheep.” The power of the Resurrection fills this moment with the new reality. Maybe next Sunday we will have a new Holy Father! Pray fervently for the Cardinals as they meet. The needs of the Church in all the local circumstances around the world carries on, and we will learn something of this from our Mission Appeal at Mass this Sunday in the work of the Comboni Fathers. In each of our lives ordinary life continues. How will we allow the Resurrection of Jesus to fill all these things? In the life of our parish, as mentioned at Mass last Sunday, we are sad now to be saying goodbye to Fr Linferd. His last Sunday with us is Pentecost, 8th June. More about this in the coming weeks. I mentioned last Sunday I would say more about what Fr Linferd’s departure for his home diocese means for us. Well, first I have been told that there cannot be a replacement for him in the immediate future. Where we now have assistant diocesan clergy available, they are needed in larger parishes than ours. It is possible in the future that a student priest doing studies in London might be able to come to help us in the way Fr Linferd has, but these priests are now scarce because fewer visas are granted for this purpose. So at present I will be the only priest in this parish, with Deacon Wayne to help. The immediate practical issue to address is the provision of Sunday Mass, and weekday Mass also, in a way that one priest can sustain. I will write more about this next week. For now, the important thing is that Christ is Risen!

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

**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: TODAY:

We welcome to Masses this weekend Fr Melaku Amente of the Comboni Missionaries will be preaching 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](http://comboni.org.uk)

#### ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE PRIEST TRAINING FUND: NEXT WEEKEND 10-11 MAY:

Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday and the annual collection for 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. This fund also supports the ongoing formation of our ordained priests. Donation envelopes for Gift Aid are available in the back of the church, or visit [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations). Thank you for your generosity.

**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.

**THE GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK HAVE AN EVENT:** The Good Counsel Network present, The Sisters of Life (NY, USA) speaking on 'Why Pro-Life Vigils Matter'. Tues 6 May at 7pm at The London Jesuit Centre, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 114 Mount Street, London, W1K 3AH. Entry: Free. More details 07795205117

**OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN 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 CITY: 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?

**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)*

#### 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. Rrefreshments provided. £12 / £10 (students) – *advance booking only* Book now: [www.guild-ransom.co.uk/events](http://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](http://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](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) - or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) Poster in church.