

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

For Veronica Crowley, Bernie Gannon, Pedro Caceres, Veronica Mills, Joseph McDonagh, Giovanna Muszynska; and all the faithful departed.

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

**SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY 2025**

**Saturday 14th June**

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|                      | <b>6.00 pm</b>  | <b>Veronica Crowley (RIP)</b>      |
| <b>SUNDAY 15th</b>   | <b>8.30 am</b>  | <b>The People of the Parish</b>    |
| <b>THE MOST HOLY</b> | <b>10.00 am</b> | <b>Ints of Maria Lee Kong</b>      |
| <b>TRINITY</b>       | <b>12 Noon</b>  | <b>Bernie Gannon (RIP - Anniv)</b> |
|                      | <b>6.00 pm</b>  | <b>Pedro Caceres (RIP - Anniv)</b> |

**Monday 16th**                      **9.30 am**      **Ints of Alina Czwalga-Matuszewska**

**Tuesday 17th**                      **9.30 am**      **Veronica Mills (RIP)**  
                                         **10.30 am**      ***Tuesday Morning Prayer Group***  
                                         **2.30pm**        ***St Anthony Prayer Group***

**Wednesday 18th**                      ***No Mass today. Church is closed.***

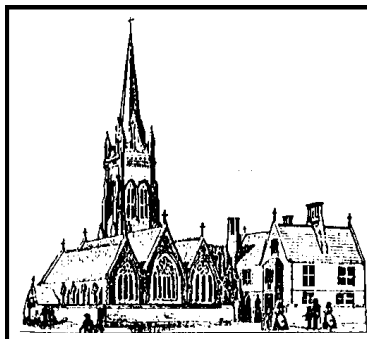
**Thursday 19th**                      **9.30am**      **-**

**Friday 20th**                      **9.30 am**      **-**

**Saturday 21st**                      **10.00 am**      **The sick and housebound**  
                                         **10.30 am**      ***Adoration and Benediction***

**CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY 10.30 - 11.20AM; 5.00 - 5.40PM  
OR BY ARRANGEMENT**

**THE PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY  
11AM - 3PM, (Closed on Wednesday)**



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**Dear Friends**

Our Holy Father Pope Leo comes from “Religious Life” – in his case from the Order of St Augustine, communities who follow the Rule of St Augustine. Most of us are not called to the cloister, we have dishes to wash, meetings to attend, children to raise etc. And yet, many people find themselves longing for something monasteries seem to hold: rhythm, meaning, peace. The good news is you don’t need to be a monk to draw wisdom from religious life. A *rule of life* can anchor anyone who seeks to live with intention

Historically, the word “rule” (*regula*) didn’t mean a set of laws to obey, but rather a guide for growing toward the good. Rules, like St Augustine’s, weren’t designed to stifle life but to shape it. A Rule balances prayer, work, community, and rest into a daily pattern that could be lived out faithfully even in times of uncertainty or suffering. While those in monastic communities take formal vows, each of us is called to discern how we uniquely live out our own vocation - whether that’s through marriage, single life, consecrated life, or something still unfolding. Developing a somewhat personal rule of life can help us discover not just how to *live*, but how to live *well*, in a way that aligns with our deepest identity and gifts. In other words: You don’t need to live in a monastery to live with clarity and holiness. But you *do* need some rhythm - a way of life that keeps you grounded when distractions multiply or fatigue sets in. A rule of life helps you say *yes* to what matters and *no* to what doesn’t, not just in emergencies, but every day.

St. Benedict’s motto, *ora et labora* - pray and work - speaks to this. His Rule didn’t separate the sacred from the ordinary. Tending the garden, cooking the meals, caring for guests: it was all part of the same life of prayer. For us, too, our work, rest, and relationships can all be shaped by grace, if we approach them intentionally. Some people imagine a rule of life must be elaborate or intensely spiritual. In truth, it can be rather simple, or begin with adopting some *regular* habits - Sunday Mass is the obvious and fundamental example. Over time, these rhythms become formational. They reveal our unique spiritual temperament and charisms—what gives us life and how we are called to give life to others. The Catechism reminds us that “prayer and Christian life are inseparable” (CCC 2745). A rule of life honours that connection. It’s not about doing more, but about **doing what matters**. We all live by some rule, even if we haven’t named it. The question is: Is it forming us into the person we’re meant to become? This could be a good Jubilee task for all of us.

Fr James

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY IN GIVING

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#### A MESSAGE FROM Fr LINFERD:

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

I am deeply thankful for the beautiful farewell and the thoughtful gifts — your generosity means so much to me. Your support and warmth over the years have been a true blessing in my life and ministry. As I move forward, I carry with me the joy and grace of our shared journey. May your lives be filled with peace, love, and the light of Christ always. With heartfelt gratitude and blessings, Fr Linferd

#### TODAY! VISIT FROM THE SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

(SVP): The SVP is well known to many as an association of the Catholic faithful who work together to bring practical charitable help to all kinds of needs. Over the weekend of 14/15 June representatives from the SVP will be visiting and speaking at Mass to tell us more, with a view to re-founding a SVP conference in our parish as a forum for voluntary work.

There will be an **INFORMATION MEETING THIS THURSDAY 19 June at 7.30pm in the hall, No.62**. This is an opportunity to hear more, find out more, ask questions and see if this might be for you. Find out more about the SVP at [svp.org.uk](http://svp.org.uk)

**SATURDAY 28 JUNE: Please note** on Saturday 28 June there will be NO morning Mass, Adoration and Confessions. This is because that morning at **10.30am** at the Cathedral is the **Ordination of Priests**. All are invited to attend this important event in the life of the diocese. **Church will open on 28 June at 4.30pm for the evening confessions and Mass.**

**A MESSAGE FROM CARDINAL VINCENT:** It is likely that debates and a third reading vote on the *Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill* will be on 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> June. There's a statement from the bishops available in church today and please consider a final effort to lobby for Member of Parliament.

**WE BELIEVE FESTIVAL, JULY:** *WeBelieve* is a Festival of Catholic Life celebrating the Jubilee Year of Hope, taking place on the beautiful grounds of St Mary's College, Oscott, on July 25th-28th. It is a festival of the whole Church, platforming its ministries, creatives and people, for the renewal of the Church in the UK. *WeBelieve* is for everyone, but it has been built with families and parishes in mind. This festival offers Catholic families the opportunity to meet other faithful families and offers dedicated content streams for children and teens. For

parishes, *WeBelieve* is an opportunity to receive some inspiring faith formation together, to bond as a community and to celebrate the Jubilee in a really tangible way. The festival is bringing together a great line-up of contributors, including Gianna Emanuela Molla (daughter of St Gianna Molla), Fr Paul Murray OP, Monsignor Michael Nazir-Ali, The Southwell Consort and many more. *See poster in church for more information.*

**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. For more information and registration please visit <https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/jubilee-year-2025/emmausfestival/>

**PATTERN OF WORSHIP NOW IN PLACE:** 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.

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.

*Sacrament of Reconciliation: The regular times will be on Saturday between 10.30 - 11.20am and 5.00 - 5.40pm.*

Look for up-to-date notices about all this in the window of No.62 and on the notice board in church.

**WEBSITE "E-ALERTS":** On the Home Page of the website you can now subscribe to our "E-Alerts." This means we will send an email each week with the Newsletter and any notices. We will send a test message next week to the many already subscribed. This will also give you the opportunity to unsubscribe if you wish!