

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

Matthew Conway, Eamonn Clinton, Tunji Ayanlaja, Mary Comfort Etim, Anna & Aleaxander Sroka, Betty Furlong and all the faithful departed.

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

**17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 2025**

**Saturday 26th July**

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|                         | <b>6.00 pm</b>  | <b>Tunji Ayanlaja (RIP-anniv)</b>       |
| <b>SUNDAY 27th</b>      | <b>8.30 am</b>  | <b>Mary Comfort Etim (RIP-anniv)</b>    |
|                         | <b>10.00 am</b> | <b>Danuta Nowak (RIP-anniv)</b>         |
| <b>17th SUNDAY</b>      | <b>12 Noon</b>  | <b>Anna &amp; Alexander Sroka (RIP)</b> |
| <b>IN ORDINARY TIME</b> | <b>6.00 pm</b>  | <b>The People of the Parish</b>         |

**Monday 28th 9.30 am Eamonn Clinton (RIP)**

**Tuesday 29th**

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| <b>9.30 am</b>  | <b>Juliana Ajeigbe (RIP - anniv)</b> |
| <b>10.30 am</b> | <b>Tuesday Morning Prayer Group</b>  |
| <b>2.30pm</b>   | <b>St Anthony Prayer Group</b>       |

Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus

**Wednesday 30th** *No Mass today. Church is closed.*

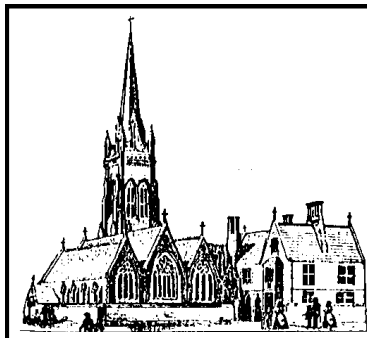
**Thursday 31st** **9.30am Betty Furlong (RIP-anniv)**  
St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

**Friday 1st August** **9.30 am -**  
St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

**Saturday 2nd** **10.00 am The sick and housebound**  
**10.30am 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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While it may sound like stating the obvious, any relationship needs communication if it is to grow and develop. I not only need to speak to the other person, I also need to take time to listen to what the other person has to say to me. This communication takes patience and perseverance. Jesus understood this at a deep level. Several times in the gospels we read that he went off to a quiet place where he prayed. He often prayed before he spent time with people or after he was teaching and healing. He realised deeply where is strength came from.

His disciples saw him praying and eager to follow his example asked him to teach them how to pray as John prayed. But Jesus cannot do this; he can only teach to them pray as he himself prays. So in sharing with them the 'Our Father', he also shares with them the very personal relationship he has with God the Father. This is his gift to them and to each of us.

Prayer is not so much about saying lots of words as about creating and maintaining a close friendship with our loving God. Prayer is as much about listening to God as it is talking to God! Prayer is a very dangerous thing to do! When we pray we are not trying to change God, it is about be open to God changing us! Every time we pray the 'Our Father' we pray '*may your kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.*' This means that we are ready to build and promote God's kingdom, not our own.

When we pray and precisely because we pray we are called to turn our eyes to our brothers and sister who are in need. Archbishop Oscar Romero, who was martyred in El Salvador said, '*The guarantee of one's prayer is not saying lots of words. The guarantee of one's prayer is very easy to know: how do I treat the poor? – because that is where God is. What you do to them, you do to God. The way you look at them is the way you look at God.*' As we pray this week, let us ask for the strength to be open to God touching our hearts, changing our lives and changing how we treat each other.

*Deacon Wayne*



### 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

**St THOMAS' FRIENDS FOR FRIENDS SUMMER BBQ:** Coming **NEXT SUNDAY 3 AUGUST** after 12Noon Mass on the Terrace. Come and join *Friends For Friends* for a Parish Get Together. Can you help with bringing something to eat, drink, or help with logistics? Contact Katrina Goodwin at [katrinagoodwinmurphy@gmail.com](mailto:katrinagoodwinmurphy@gmail.com)

**MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** With the emerging new shape to Sunday morning it would be good if we could re-activate two things between 10am and 12Noon Masses: **THE REPOSITORY SHOP, OR PIETY STALL** for the sale of rosaries, candles and all other articles of devotion, and **TEA/COFFEE ETC IN THE HALL/NO. 62**. First, we need to find willing volunteers to head up the organisation of these things. Interested? Send an email to the parish email, or contact details to Fr James or Deacon Wayne.

**SOCIETY OF St VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP):** Thanks to everyone who came to either information evenings with a view to setting up a Conference of the SVP in the parish. The SVP provides an umbrella structure to organise voluntary work in the parish. There will be a follow-up meeting to take this further on **TUESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER at 7.30pm in No.62**. Still open to any interested, or just curious, but at this meeting we hope to formally sign up members to start the actual founding of a local Conference. In the meantime, ask Fr James for info, and visit [svp.org.uk](http://svp.org.uk)

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM SATURDAY 20 SEPT:** We have booked a coach together with Holy Cross parish for the **Jubilee Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady**. £40 per seat includes pilgrimage contribution. £20 for those under 16 Years. Mass with Cardinal Vincent, Reconciliations, Rosary procession on the Holy Mile, Benediction in the old Abbey grounds. Costs of coach hire are becoming very expensive, but this is a lovely day. Whether you are a Walsingham veteran, or have never been before, come for the day! There's a sign-up sheet in church, and payments can be made to the Office or Fr James.

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA WHITE CITY PARISH ASKS FOR OUR HELP:** White City parish are raising money to renovate their Parish Centre and are asking all parishes in the deanery to advertise their crowd-funding page which, if successful, will attract match-funding from the council. If you can help, visit [www.spacehive.com/renovating-our-parish-centre-hub](http://www.spacehive.com/renovating-our-parish-centre-hub).

**SPUC "JOIN THE FIGHTBACK!" CAMPAIGN:** *SPUC (Society for the Protection of Unborn Children)* write as follows: "MPs have voted in June to legalise assisted suicide and to decriminalise abortion, allowing abortion up to birth. These are threats we should all care about. Pope Leo has already issued a call to action, saying "No one is exempt from striving to ensure respect for the dignity of every person..." SPUC invites you to **JOIN THE FIGHTBACK**, to make your voice heard and to stand up for the most vulnerable.

If enough people stand up for the pro-life cause, politicians will have to take heed of our concern for those lives lost. With no action, we can only expect the "Culture of death" to encroach even further in our society. As a first step, you can fill out one of the postcards at the doors of church and SPUC will send you information about what more you can do. Perhaps too you can take a postcard for sympathetic family or friends. Thank you."

**JOB OPPORTUNITY AT SPUC:** spuc IS **HIRING A FULL-TIME** Education Officer based in London with travel in England. Help bring the pro-life message to schools & communities. Info etc at [spuc.org.uk/joinourteam](http://spuc.org.uk/joinourteam)

**NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE OF REPARATION:** National Pilgrimage of Reparation & Prayer for the Sanctity of Life to Walsingham, Sat 2 August, Led by Bishop John Keenan of Paisley diocese, Scotland. All invited to join in this pilgrimage either in person or via the Shrine livestream at <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/>. Details of the day and travel arrangements can found found at [www.prolifepilgrimage.org](http://www.prolifepilgrimage.org)

**DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE AYLESFORD PILGRIMAGE:** A celebration of St Faustina's birthday at Aylesford Priory, Kent on Bank Holiday Monday 25 Aug from 10:30 am - 4pm. Including teaching on the Message of Divine Mercy, Mass, Hour of Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Adoration, Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. Call Millie on [07957594646](tel:07957594646) for info. Coaches from Ealing Broadway and Victoria.

**WEBSITE "E-ALERTS":** On the Website Home Page you can now subscribe to "E-Alerts." This means we will send an email weekly with the Newsletter and any notices, and send out any other short-notice information as it happens. This hasn't got off the ground just yet, but will do soon!

**PATTERN OF WORSHIP:** Up-to-date schedule of times for Mass, Sacrament of Reconciliation and church opening times can be found on the website, and on posters in the windows of No.62 and inside the door of church.

**GOING AWAY THIS SUMMER?:** If you are lucky enough to have vacation time this summer and are going away, now is the time to plan your Sunday Obligation. Google the local Catholic Church and join the local community...Fr James always welcomes parish Newsletters and bulletins from anywhere and any language! Bring one back from where you get to!