

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Herbert Patterson, Joseph McDonagh, Monique Inagohi
and all the faithful departed.

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

18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 2025

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Saturday 2nd August

	6.00 pm	Herbert Patterson (RIP-anniv)
SUNDAY 3rd	8.30 am	-
	10.00 am	The People of the Parish
18th SUNDAY	12 Noon	Joseph McDonagh (RIP)
IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00 pm	Monique Inagohi (RIP)

Monday 4th **9.30 am** **-**
St John Vianney, Priest

Tuesday 5th **9.30 am** **-**
Dedication of the Basilica
of St Mary Major **10.30 am** **Tuesday Morning Prayer Group**
2.30pm **St Anthony Prayer Group**

Wednesday 6th **No Mass today. Church is closed.**
The Transfiguration
of The Lord

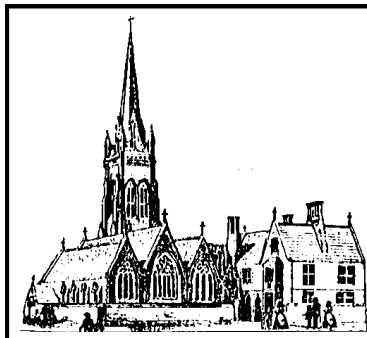
Thursday 7th **9.30am** **-**

Friday 8th **9.30 am** **-**
St Dominic, Priest

Saturday 9th **10.00 am** **The sick and housebound**
St Teresa Benedicta **10.30am** **Adoration and Benediction**
Of the Cross

**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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"In a hospital room in Ashdod, Israel, 22-year-old Suhail Abo Dawood smiles through pain. Just days ago, he was caught in an Israeli attack that hit the Holy Family parish in Gaza. Now, recovering from multiple surgeries after shrapnel tore through his body, Suhail clings not to bitterness, but to something more radical: love. "Peace will return to Gaza," he tells *L'Osservatore Romano*, the Vatican newspaper, **"...because love is stronger than war."** Suhail's words are not naive optimism. They are forged in suffering. As missiles struck the compound of Gaza's only Catholic parish, Suhail was inside. It is a place he considers home - where faith, family, and community help him make sense of a world unraveling around him.

The violence shattered that fragile sanctuary, but amid the wreckage, he survived. He was taken out of Gaza that night and to a hospital in Ashdod, a rare transfer made possible only by the intervention of Catholic leaders on both sides of the border. Fr Gabriel Romanelli, the parish priest of Holy Family, had been in contact with Suhail's mother, Randa. "We prayed that he would live," she said. "And he did. God has given him back to us," Though still weak, Suhail insisted on meeting the Vatican reporter who visited him. "We always said we'd meet in Rome or Gaza when peace comes," he joked. "I never imagined it would be here, in a hospital room." Suhail is a student of literature and a thoughtful Catholic voice in the Holy Land. Recently he wrote about life inside the parish compound where families have been living communally since the war began. "We share almost everything," he wrote, "including the food the Church gives us." "Three weeks ago, a grandmother named Magy died of a sudden illness. She had been strong through 10 months of war. Her death surprised and saddened us." He remembers her as honest, loyal, and deeply devout - she never missed Mass and always held her rosary in hand.

"We often see children and the elderly here praying together, playing, laughing. These relationships between generations are still strong here in our parish, and throughout the Middle East." **To support the Christians of the Holy Land visit acnuk.org or friendsoftheholylnd.org.uk.** 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

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St THOMAS' FRIENDS FOR FRIENDS SUMMER BBQ: TODAY!
SUNDAY 3 AUGUST after 12Noon Mass on the Terrace. Come and join *Friends For Friends* for a Parish Get Together.

IMPORTANT PERSONAL NEWS FROM DEACON WAYNE:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I write to let you know that I will be stepping away from my ministry as a permanent Deacon at St Thomas of Canterbury from September. I will be staying on as Catechist Co-ordinator.

I have served at St Thomas' in one capacity or another for over 30 years, 20 years as the Master of Ceremonies (MC) and nearly seven as a Deacon. I have recently been looking through my family history and their connection with the parish. My maternal grandparents were married here in 1942 and well as my own parents in 1968 and of course my own marriage.

As you can imagine this decision has not been an easy one to make, but after a period of prayer and reflection and my ongoing health problems, I believe this decision is the right one for me at this time and it is entirely my own decision. As of yet I do not know what the next chapter in my ministry will look like, but as soon as those discussions have taken place with the Bishop I will of course let you know.

It goes without saying, I have so many people to thank for my time in ministry here, especially Fr Dennis who gave me such wonderful support when I made the decision to put myself forward to become a deacon, his guidance and support are something which I will be forever grateful for and of course Fr Linferd who I miss immensely, as I said before he was more than just a colleague, he will always be a true friend. I would also like to thank all the wonderful priests I have had the honour of working with here at St Thomas' including Fr James who has the difficult job being the only priest here now and finally a heartfelt thank you to you, for your support, sitting through my preaching, and your love and support you have always shown me.

Whilst a deacon here, I have conducted over 35 baptisms, 2 weddings and numerous funerals. I pray that my ministry here has made a difference to the life of the parish, however small that may be.

My final mass as a Deacon will be on the 7th September, I will of course continue to pray for you and I hope you will pray for me in the next chapter of my diaconal ministry.

Deacon Wayne

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: FRIDAY 15 AUGUST: is of course the Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady in Heaven and is for us in England a Holy Day. Mass in the Parish will be at the usual Holy Day times of 9.30am and 7.30pm.

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

MARCH FOR LIFE UK SAT 6 SEPTEMBER: Events at Emmanuel Centre, Marsham St SW1 10.00am - 1pm; Mass at the Cathedral 10.30am; March to Parliament Square 1.30pm. See posters/ flyers in church for contact info. *This is a growing annual act of witness and resources and is right on our doorstep. Join Catholics and others from across the UK.*

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR CANONISATION OF St CARLO ACUTIS: At Our Lady of Dolours, Fulham Road on Saturday 13 September at 3pm with Cardinal Vincent. (St Carlo was baptised in Our Lady of Dolours).

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.

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!

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!