

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Charlie Early, Monique & Deceased of the Inagohi Family
and all the faithful departed.

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

19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 2025

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Saturday 9th August

	6.00 pm	-
SUNDAY 10th	8.30 am	Intentions of Donal & Clare Walsh
	10.00 am	The People of the Parish
19th SUNDAY	12 Noon	Charlie Early (RIP - Anniv)
IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00 pm	Deceased of Inagohi Family (RIP)

Monday 11th **9.30 am** -
St Clare, Virgin

Tuesday 12th **9.30 am** -
 10.30 am *Tuesday Morning Prayer Group*
 2.30pm *St Anthony Prayer Group*

Wednesday 13th *No Mass today. Church is closed.*

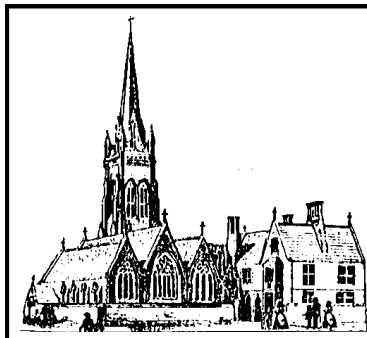
Thursday 14th **9.30am** -
St Maximilian Kolbe,
Priest & Martyr

Friday 15th **9.30 am** **Intentions of Pope Leo**
SOLEMNITY OF THE **7.30pm** **Peter & Jean Neal (RIP - Anniv)**
ASSUMPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Saturday 16th **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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As we go through life, it is easy to become complacent in the things of faith. It is easy to become lazy, disinterested, distracted, and unfocused. This parable goes on to speak of a thief who tries to break into a house in the middle of the night. This is Jesus' way of saying that the evil one, with his lies and attacks, is constant, vicious, forceful, and unpredictable. For that reason, we must never grow tired of being vigilant in the spiritual life and must always be attentive to the light of God's voice.

How attentive are we to the mission of Christ on a daily basis?

This is an essential question to answer honestly. Most of us will find that we can become distracted from the mission God has given to us. We experience countless things every day that compete for our attention. Many of those competing voices might not appear to be sinful. For example, perhaps a certain hobby has become the dominant focus of our free time. Or perhaps responsibilities at work have spilled over into our family time. Or perhaps some painful or even enjoyable experience has had our full attention for some time. Though it is obvious that sinful distractions in life are evil, it might not always be as obvious that there are many other neutral distractions that are a real problem. The problems they can produce are a lack of attentiveness to the will of God and a lack of readiness to engage the will of God the moment He calls.

Imagine, for example, that a very important person calls you to ask for a favour. Most likely you would drop all you were doing and respond immediately. But, sadly, when God attempts to speak to us and inspire us to some mission, we can be too distracted to even listen, let alone respond with immediacy. This is a problem.

If, however, a person is continually attentive to the voice of God and responds to their interior promptings as soon as they are received, then Jesus says that this person is truly blessed and that He will "have the servants recline at table, and proceed to wait on them." In other words, the result of being vigilant in our attentiveness to the inspirations of God is that God Himself will reward us with His service. He will invite us to the table of spiritual rest, peace, joy, and fulfilment. He will serve us His mercy, which will be more than we could ever imagine.

Reflect, today, upon the call from God to always be attentive to His voice the instant He speaks. Reflect upon how aware we are of His constant presence in our lives and His ongoing communication. Know that if we can form a habit of always listening, then we will never miss out on the grace-filled mission given to us by our Lord. We must always listen to Him, seek out His still and gentle voice, and be ready to respond to Him every time He calls.

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: WRCDT ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY FULHAM

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.

THANK YOU St THOMAS'S FRIENDS FOR FRIENDS: Thanks to all who put together a lovely BBQ last Sunday, and all who came along to share! The BBQ sauce was a revelation!

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.* Contact: info@marchforlife.co.uk. Tel: Isabel: 07773 501721 or Ben: 07885 505116.

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.

MESSAGE FROM "RIGHT TO LIFE UK": The Leadbeater assisted suicide Bill is expected to have its Second Reading in the House of Lords on Friday 12 September. Right To Life UK has launched an *EasyAction* tool to help you write to a few Peers with a tailored message to highlight key concerns with the Bill.

Please take action now and visit www.righttolife.org.uk/aspeers to ask Peers to oppose assisted suicide - it takes just 30 seconds!

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!

THE DIOCESAN MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE OFFICE WRITE: There is a notable spike in separation and divorce enquiries after the summer holidays, as stresses and pressures come to a head. Within our Catholic setting there are movements, who provide well-established models of support and accompaniment to help a couple to work through disillusionment in marriage and discover new narratives. Here are two:

Retrouvaille provides programme and model of ongoing accompaniment for the couples who are willing to work together on their differences and find ways to resolve conflict in their relationship. This is a marriage support programme, not relationship counselling. See poster in church or contact: www.retrouvaille.org.uk. Tel: 0788 7296983.

Marriage Care is a relationship counselling charity established in our diocese nearly 80 years ago. Their relationship counsellors are fully trained and have gone through a formal selection and training process. Relationship Counselling provides a structured and supportive environment for couples to navigate difficulties and improve their communication. Info at www.marriagecare.org.uk/ Tel: 0800 389 3801.