

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Leoma Thomas;
and all the faithful departed.

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

21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 2025

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Saturday 23rd August

	6.00 pm	-
SUNDAY 24th	8.30 am	The People of the Parish
	10.00 am	Ints of the Fox Family inc Gabriel & Celine
21st SUNDAY	12 Noon	-
IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00 pm	-

Monday 25th **9.30 am** -

Tuesday 26th **9.30 am** -
10.30 am *Tuesday Morning Prayer Group*
2.30pm *St Anthony Prayer Group*
Bl. Dominic Barberi, Priest

Wednesday 27th *No Mass today. Church is closed.*
St Monica

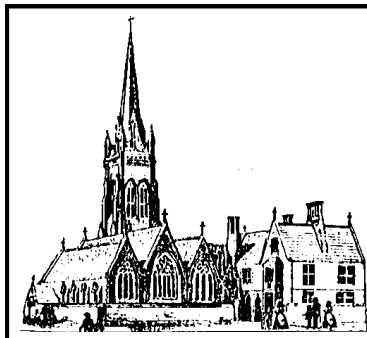
Thursday 28th **9.30am** -
St Augustine
Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Friday 29th **9.30 am** -
The Passion of St John the Baptist

Saturday 30th **10.00 am** **The sick and housebound**
Ss Margaret Clitherow, **10.30am** *Adoration and Benediction*
Anne Line & Margaret Ward, Martyrs

**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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Today in our modern society of iphones, emails and the internet, a lot celebrities claim to have millions of followers and friends. It is very easy to be an electronic follower or friend of a person you have never met. Following Jesus is not as easy as this. He invites us to be his friend and follower with the words, *if you want to be my disciple, take up your cross and follow me.* At times this is not an easy path to follow. Following Jesus asks of us more than just pressing a button. We all claim to be followers of Jesus; for the most part we are faithful church goers who every Sunday eat and drink in his company. This Sunday's gospel reminds that this isn't enough and this is the challenge of today's Gospel. It is not enough for me to say to Jesus, "I went to Mass and listened to the Gospel and even sometimes read a reflection on it." Nor is it enough to say, "I minded my own business and did no wrong." If that is the best I can say as a Christian then my lifestyle may be so different to that of Jesus that he will not recognise me.

In the gospel, Jesus presents us with two images that tell us that if we decide to follow him, it is going to require some effort on our part. We will have to squeeze through the 'narrow gate' and face the 'locked door.' The path that we are called to follow as we become followers of Jesus is demanding, but it is equally rewarding. It will test us, but it will also strengthen and encourage us. When we say yes to follow Jesus, it is never a single yes made once. We are asked to recommit ourselves every day.

Each day, in often seemingly small ways we are asked to take up our cross for the sake of the gospel and others. This is how we pass through the 'narrow gate' and enter through the 'locked door.' When we put our faith into concrete action, our yes to Jesus becomes real not only in our lives but in the lives of others. In short, being a follower and disciple of Jesus today requires some effort and commitment from us; we can't do it on line! It is through the quality of our daily lives with others that we show that we are willing to enter through the 'narrow gate' and pass through the 'locked door.'

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

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 25 AUGUST: Church will be open on Monday from 8am until 12 Noon, when we will close for the day.

CATHOLIC SOCIETY OF ARTISTS EXHIBITION: The Gallery, 54 Shepherd Market, Mayfair W1J 7QX; 19th - 30th August 10.30am - 6.30pm. An exhibition of the works of society members and including the work of our of our own parishioners. Open to all.

200 CLUB LOTTERY DRAW RESULTS FOR JULY: There were 127 members in the July draw, the winners are: 201: Laurence Murataj: £158.75; 37: Paula Lewis: £31.75; 50: Emily Brooke-Dean: £31.75; 6: Alexandra Barros: £19.05; 48: Andrew Waldron: £19.05; 54: Gemma Blackie-Kelly: £19.05 Congratulations to the winners. *You have to be in it to win it!*

DEACON WAYNE: Mark your diary for Sunday 7 September. As you will have heard from Dcn Wayne or read in this Newsletter, 7 Sept is his last Sunday with us formally in his Deacon's ministry. (Dcn Wayne continues as our Parish Catechetical Coordinator.) To mark this we'll have a Reception with a chance to spend a little time with Dcn Wayne after the 12Noon Mass that day. More nearer the time.

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

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, payments can be made to the Office or Fr James.

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

MARCH FOR LIFE UK SAT 6 SEPTEMBER: Events at Emmanuel Centre, Marsham St SW1 10.00am - 1pm. This consists of a Pro-life Human Rights Summit, sessions for children of all ages, prolife stalls from organisations across the country and much more; 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.

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!

A MESSAGE FROM CAFOD: Your donations to Gaza since the start of the conflict have been a vital lifeline. Right now, CAFOD's partner, Caritas Jerusalem, is delivering essential medical treatment to displaced people and providing medicines to treat chronic illnesses. We have helped 1,400 households with cash to buy supplies in the last month and we are currently feeding 2,000 people with new stocks of flour and rice. Despite the restrictions on aid coming into Gaza, CAFOD's local partners are working tirelessly to help people. With your support, they will do all in their power to keep doing so. Find out more about how you can make a difference in Gaza at cafod.org.uk.

WIMBLEDON COLLEGE OPEN EVENINGS: See the poster in church for full details. The College invites prospective parents and pupils for admission into Year 7 in September 2026 on 25th Sept from 5pm to 8.00pm. Full details at www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk/openevents.

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.