

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Fred Heitman, Bunmi Adedayo and all the faithful departed.

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

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 2025
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Saturday 20th September

SUNDAY 21ST 25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00 pm	-
	8.30 am	The People of the Parish
	10.00 am	Intentions of Raphael Mills
	12 Noon	Ints of Dympna & Paul Ewings
	6.00 pm	-

Monday 22nd **9.30 am** **Fred Heitman (RIP)**

Tuesday 23rd **9.30 am** **Intentions of Bernie Hourigan**
St Pius of Pietrelcina **10.30 am** ***Tuesday Morning Prayer Group***
 2.30pm ***St Anthony Prayer Group***

Wednesday 24th ***No Mass today. Church is closed.***
OUR LADY OF
WALSINGHAM

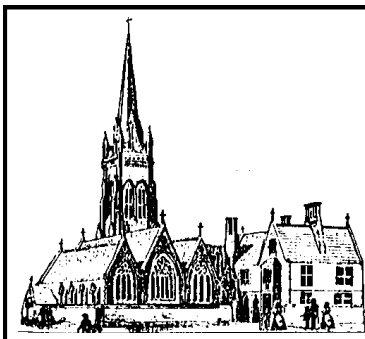
Thursday 25th **9.30am** **Bunmi Adedayo (RIP - anniv)**

Friday 26th **9.30 am** -
Ss Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs

Saturday 27th **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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Catechism with Deacon Wayne:

Dear Brothers and Sisters, this week I've written some responses to questions I am often asked during Sacramental sessions:

What is Mass? Mass is the central act of Catholic worship. It is the representation of Christ's sacrifice on the cross and a communal gathering where we are fed with the Word of God and the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist. It has two parts: the Liturgy of the Word (scripture readings, homily, prayers) and the Liturgy of the Eucharist (presentation of bread and wine, their consecration, and communion).

Why go to Mass? - To adore God: Mass is worship owed to the Father who made us and loves us.

- To receive grace: The Eucharist nourishes our souls, strengthens virtue, and unites us with Christ and the Church.

- To be nourished as a community: We are part of the Body of Christ; together our prayers and gifts build up the Church.

How should I prepare before Mass? - Examine your conscience: Seek reconciliation if needed.

- Dress and travel with reverence: Arrive in good time, modestly dressed, and ready to participate. - Bring your heart: Open to God's word.

What should I do during Mass? - Participate actively: Listen to the readings, respond to prayers, join in sung or spoken parts. Follow the liturgy with reverence.

- Receive Holy Communion worthily: If you are Catholic and in a state of grace, you may approach to receive; if not, you may come forward for a blessing or stay in prayer. - Pray with intention: Offer prayers for others, the living and the dead, and for the Church's mission.

What do I do after Mass? - Give thanks: Thank God for the encounter with Him. - Carry the grace into daily life: Allow the Eucharist to transform your actions, thoughts, and relationships. - Practice the faith: Read the Sunday Scriptures, reflect on the homily, and seek opportunities to serve.

May your time at Mass be moments of encounter with Christ, transforming you to love God and neighbours more deeply.

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

TODAY IS A DAY OF PRAYER ESPECIALLY FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION: Those who registered interest during the Easter season for preparation for the sacraments in 2026 should follow the guidance given at Mass today.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: Do pick up a copy of *Mission Today*, the news magazine from *MISSIO* - the Holy Father's umbrella organisation for supporting missionary activity around the world. Perhaps you also use a "Red Box" to collect for *MISSIO*. Each year there is a collection for this initiative and this year **this is TODAY!!** instead of the traditional October date. This year's Jubilee theme is "Missionaries of Hope among all peoples: and reminds individual Christians and the entire Church, the community of the baptised, of our fundamental vocation to be, in the footsteps of Christ, messengers and builders of hope. Thank you for your generosity for this cause.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING: You are warmly invited to the home of Alexandra, 44 Mendora Road on Friday this week, 26th Sept between 8am - 12Noon to share coffee and much more to support people living with cancer and Macmillan Cancer Support. Poster in church.

SOCIETY OF St VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP): Next planning meeting is on **TUESDAY 30 SEPT at 7.30pm in No.62**. Open to any who are interested. We are now at the stage of processing membership applications. Whether you want to be involved in the new Conference of the SVP or not, please pray for this initiative.

FRIENDS FOR FRIENDS HARVEST SUPPER & MORE: "Friends for friends would like to invite each and everyone for a night of food, drinks and music for our Harvest Day Party on the 18th of October. Tickets would be £5 for each adult. Kids go free. Celebrations would begin in the school hall, Estcourt Road, at 7pm after the 6pm mass." Tickets available next weekend - Come and spend some time together and maybe get your dancing shoes on.

CATHEDRAL EUCHARISTIC FESTIVAL: on Sat 11 Oct at 12:30 with Cardinal Vincent Nichols in Westminster Cathedral, with Veneration of a Relic of the newly canonised St Carlo Acutis. The afternoon will also include

Mass celebrated by the Cardinal, addresses, Adoration, Rosary, Confessions and a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament. Poster in church.

WALK THE WESTMINSTER WAY: Our diocesan Jubilee pilgrimage - described as a gentle (ish) walk of about 5 miles from Tower Hill to the Cathedral, passing through Moorfields, Charterhouse, Ely Place, Maiden Lane and Westminster, taking in significant sites of Catholic history. Fr James proposes walking the pilgrimage on Saturday 8 November. More info to follow - mark the date!

PLANNED GIVING: During the Sundays of October the Finance Committee will be making a presentation about Planned Giving to the parish. The Cardinal asks every parish to review our Planned Giving every few years to take into account changed circumstances for households in the parish and to promote efficient ways to provide for our needs. There'll be more information about this in the coming weeks. Today I want to flag up some changes to the diary as a result:

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: See the poster in church for more contact details. This year's harvest Fast Day is on 3 October. **ENVELOPES AVAILABLE NOW** for you to take part and return if you wish to take part in addition to the direct links to CAFOD, but this year we won't be having a collection additionally for this. Go to cafod.org.uk for further information about supporting work in Gaza.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL HAMMERSMITH OPEN EVENINGS: Secondary Transfer Open Sessions 2025:

Thursday 25 September: 9:30-11:00am and 4:00-6:00pm

Sixth Form Open Evening

Thursday 16 October 2025: 4:00-6:00pm

ST THOMAS MORE LANGUAGE COLLEGE OPEN EVENING: See poster in church for contact details for meetings for Year 7 admissions available on 17 and 25 Sept and 8 Oct from 4.00 - 6.00pm.

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.

GUMLEY HOUSE SCHOOL OPEN EVENING: is taking place on Tuesday 23rd September 2025 5-8pm. There will also be Open Mornings on Tuesday 23rd September and Thursday 25th September from 9-11am. If you would like in individual tour of the school please contact admissions on admissions@gumleyhouse.com