

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Andrea Moroni; Virginia Formalejo; Adwoa Gyempeh,
Elisa Hastick, Anna Nichols and all the faithful departed.

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 2025

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Saturday 27th September

	6.00 pm	-
SUNDAY 28th	8.30 am	Andrea Moroni (RIP - anniv)
	10.00 am	-
26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	12 Noon	Virginia Formalejo (RIP - anniv)
	6.00 pm	The People of the Parish

Monday 29th 9.30 am Ints of Bisi Bababunmi (birthday)
Ss MICHAEL, GABRIEL &
RAPHAEL, Archangels

Tuesday 30th *No Mass or devotions this morning*
St Jerome, Priest & Doctor *Church opens at 11.00am*
2.30pm *St Anthony Prayer Group*

Wednesday 1st October *No Mass today. Church is closed.*
St Therese of the child Jesus
Virgin & Doctor of the Church

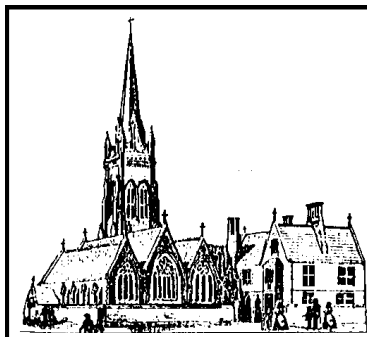
Thursday 2nd 9.30am -
Holy Guardian Angels 11.00am **Funeral Mass of Adwoa Gyempeh (RIP)**

Friday 3rd 9.30 am Elisa Hastick (RIP - anniv)

Saturday 4th 10.00 am Anna Nichols (RIP - anniv)
St Francis of Assisi 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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This week sees the 175th anniversary of the establishment of our diocese and restoration of the hierarchy of bishops in England. Below is part of a historical note by our diocesan archivist. We have a Pastoral Letter from the Cardinal on Sunday to mark this anniversary.... But we should note that our parish and school pre-date this event, of which we should be justly proud, but which also should be a focus for our prayer for the mission that continues.

Fr James

"The Diocese of Westminster was officially established by Blessed Pius IX on 29 September 1850. Although revolutions had rocked Europe, Catholicism was experiencing an international revival and English Catholics, released from the legal restrictions of former times, were newly confident in taking their place within society. The erection of dioceses with ordinary bishops in England and Wales had long been discussed and the new Archbishop of Westminster, Nicholas Wiseman, could be forgiven for his exuberance in hastily issuing a Pastoral Letter. 'We govern and shall continue to govern', he wrote, 'the counties of Middlesex, Hertford, Essex, as ordinary thereof...'. Queen Victoria was purported to have asked, 'Am I Queen of England, or am I not?' There was an initial outcry over this seeming 'papal aggression' and the fact that the new diocese was called 'Westminster', the heart of the Protestant establishment and site of royal coronations, added fuel to the fire. Wiseman quickly issued a widely-circulated *Appeal to the Reason and Good Feeling of the English People*, arguing that Catholics had the right to proper church government, which would actually enable them to make a full contribution to public life.

Of course, the diocese was not created out of nothing. A missionary bishop, or 'Vicar Apostolic', had served Catholics in the London District since 1688. There was already a series of churches - 'missions' rather than 'parishes' - for the growing Catholic population, some of which dated back to the days when the chapels of foreign embassies were the only places in London where Mass could be celebrated. By 1850 the Jesuits were already working out of Farm Street and the Oratorians were present in the metropolis, although their church was not the magnificent neo-baroque edifice on Brompton Road but a former gin and whisky store. There were schools, charities and lay organisations, and a seminary at St Edmund's, Old Hall Green, Hertfordshire..."

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

TUESDAY: N.B. NO MORNING MASS OR DEVOTIONS. CHURCH OPENS AT 11AM.

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 friends2 nvites 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 ON SALE TODAY OR FROM THE PARISH OFFICE.-** Come and spend some time together and maybe get your dancing shoes on.

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.

PRAYING THE ROSARY IN OCTOBER: Pope Leo has asked all the faithful to pray the Rosary in October for the cause of peace, and especially on 11 October. He said: "Dear brothers and sisters, the month of October is now approaching, and in the Church it is dedicated in a special way to the Holy Rosary. Therefore, I invite everyone, every day of the coming month, to pray the Rosary for peace: personally, in the family, in the community."

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.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: Thank you for your support of our anticipated appeal last weekend for WMS. If you still wish to add to this via regular envelopes or with Giftaid, there are particular envelopes for this in church, with a poster for further info. Put any envelopes in the regular offertory. Do also 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.

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!

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:
Sixth Form Open Evening:
Thursday 16 October 2025: 4:00–6:00pm

200 CLUB AUGUST DRAWER RESULTS: There were 127 members in the August draw, the winners are: 19: £158.75Pierce Ryan; 51: £31.75 Milly Nwanosike; 36: £31.75 Steve & Lilian Greene; 79: £19.05Anabela Miranda; 92: £19.05 Charles Noel; 72: £19.05 Nora McShane. Congratulations to the winners. Prizes will be paid by bank transfer where we have details, otherwise by cheque. The 200 Club is the monthly Parish Lottery. Forms by the side door. **You have to be in it to win it!**

FAMILIES SEEKING ENDORSEMENT OF SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS: Fr James will be available to discuss the endorsement of secondary school applications on Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 October. To make an appointment please telephone the Parish Office (during office hours). Please note that arrangements for applications to Primary schools will be available at a later date in the year.