

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Jim Fletcher, Timmy Murphy and all the faithful departed.

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

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS, 2025

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Saturday 13th September

SUNDAY 14th	6.00 pm	Ints of Sally Anne Sharman (health)
	8.30 am	Jim Fletcher (RIP)
	10.00 am	The People of the Parish
	12 Noon	In thanksgiving - Elizabeth Mariano
THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS	6.00 pm	Ints of Carmel Rouse

Monday 15th **9.30 am** **The Church in Gaza**
Our Lady of Sorrows

Tuesday 16th **9.30 am** **Timmy Murphy (RIP - 30thanniv)**
Ss Cornelius, Pope & **10.30 am** **Tuesday Morning Prayer Group**
Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs **2.30pm** **St Anthony Prayer Group**

Wednesday 17th *No Mass today. Church is closed.*

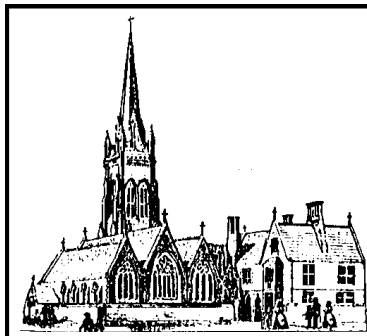
Thursday 18th **9.30am** **Ints of Fr Dennis Touw (health)**

Friday 19th **9.30 am** **-**

Saturday 20th **10.00 am** **The sick and housebound**
St Andrew Kim Tae-gon **10.30am** **Adoration and Benediction**
& Companions, 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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From this week's catechesis by Pope Leo:

"Today we will contemplate the culmination of Jesus' life in this world: his death on the cross. The Gospels attest to a very precious detail, which is worthy of contemplation with the intelligence of faith. On the cross, Jesus does not die in silence. He does not fade away gradually, like a light that burns out, but rather he leaves life with a cry: *"Jesus uttered a loud cry, and breathed his last"* (Mk 15:37). That cry contains everything: pain, abandonment, faith, offering. It is not only the voice of a body giving way, but the final sign of a life being surrendered.

The cry of Jesus is preceded by a question, one of the most heart-rending that could be uttered: "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" It is the first verse of Psalm 22, but on Jesus' lips it assumes a singular weight. The Son, who always lived in intimate communion with the Father, now experiences silence, absence, the abyss. It is not a crisis of faith, but the final stage of a love that is given up to the very end. Jesus' cry is not desperation, but sincerity, truth taken to the limit, trust that endures even when all is silent. At that moment, the sky darkens and the veil of the temple is torn (cf. Mk 15:33,38). It is as if creation itself was participating in that pain, and at the same time revealing something new. God no longer dwells behind a veil – his face is now fully visible in the Crucified One. It is there, in that broken man, that the greatest love manifests itself. It is there that we can recognize a God who does not remain distant, but who traverses our pain to the very end.

The centurion, a pagan, understands this. Not because he has listened to a speech, but because he saw Jesus die in that way: *"Truly this man was the Son of God!"* (Mk 15:39). It is the first confession of faith after the death of Jesus. It is the fruit of a cry that did not vanish in the wind, but touched a heart. At times, what we are unable to say in words, we express with the voice. When the heart is full, it cries. And this is not always a sign of weakness; it can be a profound act of humanity."



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

MONDAY: Monday is a national day of prayer for the Church in Gaza.

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.

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. Pilgrims please remember: Bring a packed lunch; a hat for sunny weather; wet weather clothing!!, and good shoes. **Remember to be ready for departure at 6.45am!!**

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.

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:

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 ini-

tiative and this year this will be on **21 September**, instead of the traditional October date.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: See the poster in church for more contact details. This year's harvest Fast Day is on 3 October. There will be envelopes available 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.

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.

CARDINAL VAUGHAN SCHOOL OPEN EVENINGS: Year 7 open evenings will be held on Weds 17 Sept. The Headmaster will address parents and pupils at 4.30pm and again at 6.00pm. Following each speech, parents will be taken on a tour of the school. The online application link is available at www.cvms.co.uk/admissions

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.

ST JOHN BOSCO COLLEGE BATTERSEA OPEN EVENING: on Tuesday 16 September 2025 from 4.30pm – 7.00pm. Or visit the school by contacting: 020 7924 8310 or by dparrott@sjbc.wandsworth.sch.uk. Poster in church.

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