

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Teresa and Rebecca Brown; Maura Lenehan; Della McEnroe; Seamus Daly; Frank Burke; Paddy Corrigan; Daniel Kennedy
and all the faithful departed.

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

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Saturday 4th October

SUNDAY 5th 27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00 pm	Teresa & Rebecca Brown (RIP - anniv)
	8.30 am	Maura Lenehan (RIP - 13th anniv)
	10.00 am	Della McEnroe (RIP)
	12 Noon	The People of the Parish
	6.00 pm	Seamus Daly (RIP - 1st anniv)

Monday 6th St Bruno, Priest	9.30 am	Frank Burke (RIP - anniv)
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Tuesday 7th Our Lady of the Rosary	9.30am	Paddy Corrigan (RIP)
	10.30am	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group
	2.30pm	St Anthony Prayer Group

Wednesday 8th *No Mass today. Church is closed.*

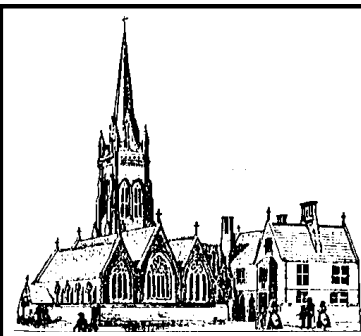
Thursday 9th St JOHN HENRY NEWMAN Priest	9.30am	The conversion of England
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Friday 10th St Paulinus, Bishop	9.30 am	-
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Saturday 11th St John XXIII, Pope	10.00 am	The sick and housebound
	10.30am	Adoration 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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Catechesis from Deacon Wayne:

WHY WE PRAY

It is how we respond to God's invitation to relationship. Prayer begins with God's grace and our faith, not with our own efforts alone.

Prayer anchors us in reality: it keeps God at the centre of life, especially when things are hard, confusing, or joyful.

BENEFITS OF PRAYER

Relationship with God: prayer deepens the friendship with the Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit opening our hearts to divine love.

Communion with the Church: prayer connects us to the Body of Christ across time and space, from the liturgy to the daily rhythm of the faithful. Healing and mercy: through confession, repentance, and intercession, prayer opens us to God's forgiveness and mercy, restoring relationships.

A PRACTICAL NOTE FOR BUSY LIVES

- Start small: a few minutes of Scripture, a simple petition for loved ones, and a moment of silence can reorient the day.
- Build rhythms: incorporate morning and evening prayer, grace before meals, or a short "Jesus, help me" moment during transitions.
- Use familiar ways: prayers, the Rosary, or short intercessions help keep memory of God in daily routines.

We pray because God desires relationship with us, and prayer nourishes that relationship.

The benefits flow: peace, virtue, guidance, mercy, and a life increasingly oriented toward love of God and neighbour.

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

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING: Thanks to all who supported Alexandra last week. So far she's raised £700 for Macmillan Cancer Support!

THANK YOU! Fr Melaku of the Verona Missionaries has sent a formal note of thanks for the Mission Appeal collection of £1940 in May. It is on the noticeboard. This was indeed a very impressive collection.

SOCIETY OF St VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP): Next planning meeting is on **THURSDAY 6 NOVEMBER 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: Today and the next two Sundays: 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. Please do take home and read the leaflet handed to you on the way in to Mass today.

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 & the community."

CATHEDRAL EXHIBITION: of parts of the presentation of Eucharistic Miracles compiled by St Carlo Acutis. **3 - 12 October**. These miracles are

from across the world where the sacred species, the Body and Blood of Christ, has manifested as normal human flesh. These are usually verified by scientists and often associated with a special message.

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.

AN EVENING OF UKRAINIAN MUSIC SONG & VERSE: In aid of Ukrainian front line charities. 15th October at 7pm at St Cuthbert's Church, 50 Philbeach Gardens SW5 in Earl's Court. 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

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.