

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Della McEnroe
and all the faithful departed.

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

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 2025
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Saturday 25th October

	6.00 pm	-
SUNDAY 26th	8.30 am	Paschal Cullen (RIP)
	10.00 am	The People of the Parish
30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	12 Noon	For persecuted Christians
	6.00 pm	Ints of Edmund Berkman

Monday 27th 9.30 am -

Tuesday 28th	9.30am	-
Ss SIMON & JUDE, Apostles	10.30am	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group
	2.30pm	St Anthony Prayer Group

Wednesday 29th *No Mass today. Church is closed.*

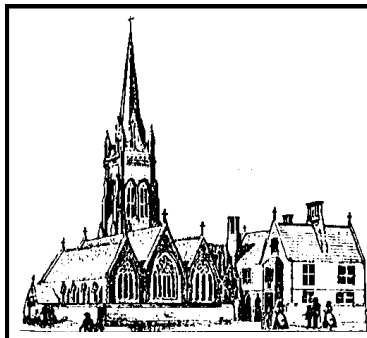
Thursday 30th 9.30am -

Friday 31st 9.30 am Ints of Ronke Olanwuyi (B'day)

Saturday 1st November 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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Dear Friends

Next week St John Henry Newman (1801–1890), who preached at the opening Mass at St Thomas's in 1848, and was a friend of the Bowden family, will be proclaimed a Doctor of the Church in Rome on Saturday, 1 November. Pope Leo has chosen this time to make it part of the celebration of the Year of Jubilee of Hope.

What is a Doctor of the Church?

"Doctor of the Church" is a rare title granted to certain saints whose teaching is judged exceptionally important for Christians across time and cultures. As of now, only 37 saints have been so honoured; Newman's proclamation would make him the 38th.

Newman in brief: First an Anglican minister and leading voice of the 1830s Oxford Movement, John Henry Newman sought the roots of Christian faith in the early Church. His search led him to enter full communion with the Catholic Church in 1845, founded the Oratory in Birmingham and London, and became a cardinal in 1879. His major works - *Essay on the Development of Christian Doctrine*, *Apologia Pro Vita Sua*, and *Grammar of Assent* - continue to shape conversations about conscience, doctrine, and how faith grows. Newman died on August 11, 1890; he was beatified in 2010 in Birmingham by Pope Benedict and canonized in 2019. Church leaders and scholars have long pointed to Newman's relevance for today, especially his insights on conscience, the organic "development" of doctrine, and the call to holiness in ordinary life - themes that resonate with the 2025 Jubilee.

Why it matters: Newman's elevation underscores the Catholic conviction that rigorous thinking and sanctity belong together. The title doesn't place him "above" other saints; it signals that his teaching offers a trustworthy map for believers and seekers alike - Catholic and non-Catholic - who are wrestling with truth, freedom, and the life of the mind. St John Henry Newman, pray for us!



Fr James

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.

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THANK YOU ALL: On behalf of our Finance Committee and Cardinal Vincent I am very thankful to everyone for your engagement with the recent Planned Giving Campaign. All of your thoughtful decision making and generosity in prayer and time is the bedrock of this parish. The Diocesan Fund-raising team are now processing the returned pledges and all news of that will be passed on as soon as possible.

If you still wish to return a completed pledge form, please hand it to Fr James or deliver it to the Parish Office. More copies of the leaflets are available in church for information for anyone who so wishes.

NOVEMBER: Note that this year the **SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS** is kept next Sunday 2 Nov. The **COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY)** is kept on Mon 3 Nov, with Masses at 9.30am & 7.30pm offered for the Holy Souls.

NOVEMBER: MONTH OF PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SOULS: During November the Church prays especially for the souls of the departed - family, friends and, as an act of charity, all others in need of our prayers. Regularly through the month Mass will be offered for this intention, as you will see on the schedule. In the usual way, for names of your families and friends to be included in these offerings, please take an envelope from the door of church (or use any envelope of your own) and place in it your list of names together with whatever stipend you can give for the offering of Mass. From next Sunday, please place your envelopes in the box at the front of church, where they will remain during November.

A NOTE ABOUT "HALLOWEEN": In recent times the "celebration" of 31 October with parties and costumes of witches, ghouls etc has become normal for many. The shops are full of it, as are some homes and schools. We should NOT be part of this. It all seems like harmless fun, and you can say that your Parish Priest is a fussy kill-joy, but there's a serious point. Anything that normalises evil allows our enemy a way in, and that way will be used. 31 October is the Eve of All Hallows Day (hence Halloween). It is about the triumph of Christ and his saints over evil, so celebrate that way: put a light in your window and a picture of a saint. For kids, have a party and dress up as your favourite saint. Say a rosary together! That's OUR culture.

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.

WALK THE WESTMINSTER WAY: Our diocesan Jubilee pilgrimage - Join us on **Sat 8 Nov**. Timetable below. A gentle (ish) walk of about 7 miles from Tower Hill to the Cathedral, passing through Moorfields, Charterhouse, Ely Place, Maiden Lane and Westminster, taking in significant sites of Catholic history. About 4 hours, with brief stops.

09.30am: Mass in church and leave together for Tower Hill

11.30am: Others assemble at Tower Hill Tube station (District Line)

3.30 approx. arrive Westminster Cathedral & return to Fulham.

What to bring: Sandwiches, water and snacks; sensible shoes!! Rain wear!! And prayer intentions.

"RED WEDNESDAY" 19 NOVEMBER: Red Wednesday is a day of witness and prayer for persecuted Christians organised by *ACN Aid to the Church in Need*. More info at www.acnuk.org. There is a Mass and event at Southwark, St George's Cathedral, Lambeth Road SE1 5.30 -9pm that day. Many prominent buildings, including our cathedral will be lit up in red to mark this vital need. Visit ACN and support this any way you can.

Fr JAMES WRITES WITH NEWS FROM DEACON WAYNE: Deacon Wayne has let us know that he has decided to give up his role as Catechetical Coordinator for the parish at the end of the year. As his work with the chaplaincy at Canary Wharf has also come to an end, he wants now to move to a more full-time role. We are sad to hear that news but thank him for all he has done in this role since 2020 and wish him well in his new challenge.

FAMILIES SEEKING ENDORSEMENT OF SCHOOL APPLICATIONS: The process for Secondary schools is now complete. Fr James will be available to discuss the endorsement of Primary school applications on 12, 13 and 14 December. To make an appointment please telephone the Parish Office (*during office hours*).

SUNDAY MISSALS ON SALE: A reminder that following the introduction of the new translation of the scriptures used in Mass, we now have some stock of the new edition of the Catholic Truth Society Sunday Missal. £19.95 from the Parish Office or from the Sacristy after Mass.

RECENT APPEALS: Thank you for your donations to *MISSIO* on World Mission Sunday. This totalled £110. Returned envelopes for Harvest Fast Day in aid of *CAFOD* made a total of £145.