

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**

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS 2025

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Saturday 1st November

SUNDAY 2nd	6.00 pm	The Holy Souls
	8.30 am	-
	10.00 am	Ints of Aadhi Anthony Sripathy (B'day)
	12 Noon	The people of Jamaica
SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS	6.00 pm	The People of the Parish

Monday 3rd **9.30 am** **The Holy Souls**
ALL SOULS' DAY **7.30 pm** **The Holy Souls**

Tuesday 4th **9.30am** **The Holy Souls**
 10.30am **Tuesday Morning Prayer Group**
St Charles Borromeo, Bishop **2.30pm** **St Anthony Prayer Group**

Wednesday 5th *No Mass today. Church is closed.*

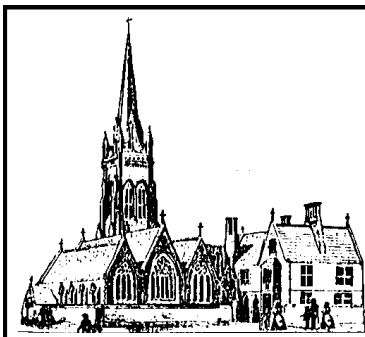
Thursday 6th **9.30am** **Intentions of Shirley Benaim**

Friday 7th **9.30 am** **The Holy Souls**

Saturday 8th **09.30 am** **The grace of conversion**
N.B. No morning devotions. Church closes after Mass till 4.30pm

**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 with Deacon Wayne:

Why Marriage Matters ...

Marriage is a special, lifelong choice that helps people grow in love and in holiness. For Catholics, it's more than a social contract—it's a sacred vocation, a sign of God's love, and a way to raise the next generation.

What makes marriage unique?

Marriage is a sacred gift and source of grace. In Catholic teaching, marriage is a sacrament when between the baptized. That means God's grace strengthens spouses to love well, forgive, and stay committed even when things get hard. The relationship between spouses is a living sign of Christ's love for the Church.

A lifelong bond : Marriage is meant to last a lifetime. Spouses support and trust one another, building a stable home where people can grow in virtue. This enduring commitment reflects how God loves us always, steadily and generously. If there are children, they belong in the family. Marriage is ordered to forming and teaching children. The family is the normal place where faith is passed on, character is formed, and people learn to care for others. Openness to life and responsible parenting are part of the Church's vision of a healthy family.

Two people becoming one: The bond between husband and wife is a true unity, where each person brings gifts to the other. It's about mutual respect, shared goals, and teamwork. The "four goods" of marriage are: free, total, faithful, and fruitful love.

A underpinning for society: Strong families help communities grow in virtue—sharing, generosity, and responsibility. The Church supports couples with guidance, prayers, and sacraments to help them live their vocation.

Sacrament or not? For Catholics, marriage between two baptized people is a sacrament, a real gift of grace. If one spouse isn't baptized, the marriage isn't a sacramental one, but it's still recognized and respected in Church teaching.

Why permanence matters: Keeping promises helps families weather challenges and teaches children about trust and fidelity.

What about Children? Children are a central part of the purpose of marriage, but the love and commitment of the parents are the core.

What is expected of couples? To love each other freely and fully; to be faithful; to work together toward the good of the family and the wider community; and to raise children with care and faith. Marriage is a special sign of God's love for each and everyone one of us. It's an image of the Trinity, revealing to us something important about who God is and how he loves us.

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: WRC DT ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY FULHAM

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.

This year **MONDAY 3 NOV** is The **COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY)**. Mass is available at 9.30am & 7.30pm offered for the Holy Souls.

N.B. THIS SATURDAY 8 NOV: Mass is at 9.30am after which church closes until 4.30pm. No morning devotions because of the Jubilee Walk.

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. please place your envelopes in the box on the sanctuary, where they will remain during November.

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 **NEXT SATURDAY 8 Nov**. Timetable below. A gentle (ish) walk of about 7 miles from Tower Hill to the Cathedral, passing through Moor-

fields, 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.

200 CLUB SEPTEMBER DRAW RESULTS: There were 127 members in the September draw, the winners are: 80: £158.75 John Molloy; 8: £31.75 Helen Murcott; 16: £31.75 Shirley Mills; 44: £19.05 Eibhlin Bravard; 73: £19.05 Mariana Mora Caicedo; 23: £19.05 Sarah Norville. Congratulations to the winners. *You have to be in it to win it – application forms by the side door of church.*

ART EXHIBITION: The Society of Fulham Artists and Potters invites you to an Autumn exhibition and sale at Fulham Library, 598 Fulham Rd, from Sun 9 November - Sun 16 Nov. Open library hours, admission free.