

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Mary Halpin; Kathleen Culkin; Kenneth Lettman; Della McEnroe
and all the faithful departed.

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

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2025

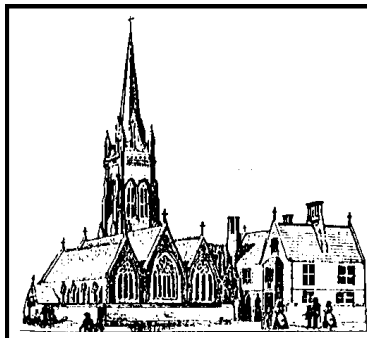
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Saturday 15th November

	6.00 pm	The Holy Souls
SUNDAY 16th	8.30 am	Mary Halpin (RIP)
	10.00 am	The People of the Parish
33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	12 Noon	The Holy Souls
	6.00 pm	Kathleen Culkin (RIP - anniv)
Monday 17th	9.30 am	Ints of Bukky Bababunmi (B'day)
Tuesday 18th	9.30am	The Holy Souls
Dedication of the basilicas Of Ss Peter & Paul	10.30am	<i>Tuesday Morning Prayer Group</i>
	2.30pm	<i>St Anthony Prayer Group</i>
Wednesday 19th	<i>No Mass today. Church is closed.</i>	
Thursday 20th	9.30am	The Holy Souls
Friday 21st	9.30 am	Kenneth Lettman (RIP - anniv)
Saturday 22nd	10.00 am	The sick and housebound
St Cecelia, Virgin & Martyr	10.30am	<i>Adoration and Benediction</i>

**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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What is Red Wednesday?

Red Wednesday this year is this week, on Wednesday 19 November. For example, everyone at our school is encouraged to wear something red that day. Many church and public buildings will be floodlit in red during the evening. These are just a few of the many events taking place around the country.

Red Wednesday is the initiative of *Aid to the Church in Need* - a charity that needs little introduction to us here at St Thomas's - and which provides unique and effective practical and spiritual support to Catholic and other Christian communities around the world wherever our brothers and sisters are persecuted for the name of Jesus. The need for this work is extensive, shocking and growing. Visit **ACNUK.ORG** to find out more. To speak personally, I saw the work of ACN at first hand when in 2019 I travelled to Iraq for the ordination of the new Archbishop Of Mosul, who had been previously working here in Hammersmith & Fulham. Real help where it is most needed, providing schools, resources and funding vital to keep the Church alive after the devastation of ISIS.

Red Wednesday is very simply a day of witness and prayer to raise awareness in our society of the plight of our fellow Catholics in so many different countries and situations. The event was first held only nine years ago in 2016, and has grown into a national event. Above all, of course, it is a day of prayer and worship, but also of different fund-raising and publicity initiatives.

In our parish, many of you already have a connection with ACN through previous appeals in church, and we hope to be selling Christmas cards for the charity again this year too. I urge you to visit the website (as above) to see what more you can do. The *Red Wednesday* event in London this year is at St George's Cathedral in Southwark (details inside this Newsletter) for an evening filled with prayer and music under the glow of red light, centred on Holy Mass offered for persecuted Christians gathering at 5.30pm for 6pm. In a Jubilee year, we pray for all this as Pilgrims of Hope.



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.

PARISH BANK DETAILS: HSBC

Sort code: 40-05-20

Acct. No.: 11263137

Acct name: WRC DT ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY FULHAM

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND COLLECTION - THIS WEEK:

Today's second collection helps see that our sick and older priests - those over 75 - are financially supported having given many years of service to our parishes. Those like Fr Dennis or Canon Paul, now facing failing health and declining mobility. Please use the envelopes in church for a Gift-Aided donation, or the Tap-to-give tablet. The posters at the doors give a QR code to use to give online. Thank you!

SOCIETY OF St VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP): Next planning meeting is on **THURSDAY 20 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.

"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.

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.

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/Nursery school applications on 12, 13 and 14 December. To make an appointment please telephone the Parish Office (*during office hours*).

PILGRIM MASS AT CATHEDRAL: As the Holy Year/Jubilee nears its close there will be a Pilgrim Mass in Westminster Cathedral at 2 pm on Saturday 22 Nov. This Mass is open to all, with its theme of pilgrimage appealing to those who have walked the Westminster Way during the year, but also completed other pilgrimages (walking and otherwise), and those who would have liked to have gone on a pilgrimage but have not been able to do so. Westminster Cathedral is itself one of our Jubilee Churches, so the journey there on 22 November could be considered a pilgrimage in itself.

OLIVE WOOD CARVINGS FROM THE HOLY LAND: The Good Shepherd Company from the Holy land (Bethlehem), based in Nottingham will be visiting the weekend of **29-30 NOVEMBER**. This work supports the Christian families in the Holy Land to stay at work. Olive wood carving is one of the most important sources of income for them, as 90% of the Christians rely on this sale. Selling their produce here on their behalf helps prevent Christians from leaving the country in search of work.

We also hope to be selling Christmas Cards in aid of *Aid to the Church in Need* - more news of this as we know it.

THE REAL ADVENT CALENDAR: Looking for a sensible way to bring some Advent prayer and fun to the kids? *The Real Advent Calendar* from the Meaningful Chocolate Co. comes either in Milk or Dark chocolate and includes a 24 page Christmas story activity book with a page for each day of Advent. Visit www.realadvent.co.uk for more info.

THANK YOU ALL: Ongoing thanks 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 Fundraising team have now processed initial data which shows about 110 returned forms so far, with 34 **NEW** standing order arrangements and 35 **NEW** Gift Aid Declarations. *UPDATED NEWS ON THIS & VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES SOON.*

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.

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.