

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Rory Burke; Thomas Ajayi; Ahmed Aliyu; Deceased of the Corcoran & Jordan families; John McCann; Della McEnroe and all the faithful departed.

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

**SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE 2025**
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Saturday 22nd November

SUNDAY 23rd OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING	6.00 pm	Rory Burke (RIP - anniv)
	8.30 am	The Holy Souls
	10.00 am	Deceased of the Corcoran & Jordan Families
	12 Noon	The People of the Parish
	6.00 pm	The Holy Souls

Monday 24th
St Andrew Dung-Lac
& Comps Martyrs
9.30 am
Thomas Ajayi (RIP - anniv)

Tuesday 25th
St Catherine of Alexandria
Virgin & Martyr
9.30am
The Holy Souls
10.30am
Tuesday Morning Prayer Group
2.30pm
St Anthony Prayer Group

Wednesday 26th
No Mass today. Church is closed.

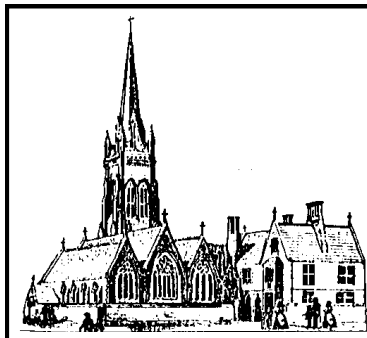
Thursday 27th
9.30am
Ahmed Aliyu (RIP - anniv)

Friday 28th
9.30 am
The Holy Souls

Saturday 29th
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 with Deacon Wayne:

Family and the Elderly: A Catholic Perspective in Everyday Life.

Families are the heart of our faith. The Catholic Church teaches that the family is where we first learn to love, pray, and trust God. It's where children grow in faith by seeing Mum and Dad live their beliefs day by day. The elderly have a special place in this picture. They carry memory, wisdom, and a long, faithful thread that connects generations.

Why families matter: The family is a small community where love is learned and shared. Spouses support one another; parents' guide their children in faith, virtues, and simple daily habits like praying before meals or thanking God at the end of the day. Parents are the primary teachers of faith. They do more than explain beliefs; they model faith in action through kindness, honesty, patience, and service to others. A strong family helps the wider community too. When families pray together, care for one another, and reach out in charity, they become a light that others can follow.

Honouring the elderly: The elderly deserve our respect and care not because they are "old," but because they have lived lives of faith. They have stories of God's faithfulness that teach us perseverance and hope. Caring for our older family members is a concrete way of living the Gospel. It's about listening, sharing, and making sure they are not alone. In many cultures, the grandparents' presence is a bridge between past and future. Grandparents can share wisdom with grandchildren, help families discern difficult decisions, and enrich parish life with their experience of prayer and community. The Church walks with families and elders through worship and sacraments. Regular Mass attendance, Confession, and the Anointing of the Sick (when appropriate) bring grace and courage.

Family life is a sacred vocation. The elderly are not a burden but a blessing—a living treasure of faith, memory, and example. By supporting families and caring for elders, we practice the Gospel: love that is concrete, generous, and enduring.

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

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND COLLECTION - THANK YOU!

Thank you for so generously supporting the collection last weekend. Donations are still coming in and we'll have a total next week. There are still envelopes in church and you can give online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations.

OLIVE WOOD CARVINGS FROM THE HOLY LAND: The Good Shepherd Company from the Holy land (Bethlehem), based in Nottingham will be visiting **NEXT WEEKEND, 29-30 NOV.** 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.

CHRISTMAS CARDS ON SALE TODAY! In support of **AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED.** Each pack £5 - Help spread the message of ACN and support persecuted Christians. Visit the stall at the back of church today.

INTERNATIONAL CHRISTMAS CAROLS hosted by St THOMAS'S FRIENDS FOR FRIENDS: SATURDAY 6 DEC AT 7PM: Join *Friends for Friends* in the hall at No. 62 for an hour or so to sing carols in as many different languages as possible! Can you add a new language or carol? Come along. Mulled wine, mince pies, panettone etc.

Young Adults (18-35) **ADVENT RETREAT DAY** with the Assumption Sisters on Sat 6th Dec, 10am – 6pm. Venue: Milleret House, 20 Kensington Square, London, W8 5HH (closest tube station: High Street Kensington). Programme includes talks • prayer, adoration and confessions • faith sharing • mass and social time. £5 registration fee/ subsidised student places available on request. Register now by emailing: rebecca@assumpta-eu.org

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): This week we have formally established a Conference of the SVP at St Thomas', providing a forum for voluntary pastoral work in the parish. This is **GOOD NEWS!!** Please continue to pray for this initiative. More news will follow.

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*).

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.

200 CLUB OCTOBER DRAW RESULTS: There were 125 members in the October draw, the winners are: 69: £156.25 - Helene Rice; 83: £31.25 - Colin Mongul; 26: £31.25 - Finola Reilly; 50: £18.90 - Emily Brooke-Dean; 47: £18.90 - Debi O'Donovan; 97: £18.90 - Fergal O'Sullivan. Congratulations to the winners. *You have to be in it to win it!* Membership forms by the side door of church.

THANK YOU ALL: Ongoing thanks for your engagement with the recent Planned Giving Campaign. The Diocesan Fundraising team have now processed initial data which shows about 110 returned forms so far, with 40+ **NEW** standing order arrangements and 35 **NEW** Gift Aid Declarations. **NEWS ON VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES SOON.**

MARCH FOR LIFE 2026! Very early notice but we are asked to mark the date for Saturday 5th September 2026, to maximise the impact of this growing act of witness. There are currently estimated to be over 250,000 abortions annually in England and Wales with just under half of these being repeat abortions. Approximately 90% are through pills and of these some 1 in 17 women end up in hospital with complications. With this devastating picture and, with even worse laws on the horizon, it is more important than ever to have a unified pro-life stand which includes the voice of the Church. Here's a link to a highlights video from this year: https://youtu.be/qYsei8hX4xY?si=K1o1zGYzqJdG_jLc Sorry that's a long address - you can get an easier link from the website: www.marchforlife.co.uk/