

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Michael Fleming; Anthony Kirby; John Moyna; Della McEnroe
and all the faithful departed.

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

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA 2025

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Saturday 8th November

	6.00 pm	The Holy Souls
SUNDAY 9th	8.30 am	The People of the Parish
	10.00 am	The Holy Souls
DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA	12 Noon	<i>Of Requiem:</i> The dead of two world wars and subsequent conflicts
	6.00 pm	Michael Fleming (RIP - anniv)

Monday 10th 9.30 am The Holy Souls
St Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor

Tuesday 11th 9.30am Anthony Kirby (RIP)
St Martin of Tours, Bishop 10.30am *Tuesday Morning Prayer Group*
2.30pm *St Anthony Prayer Group*

Wednesday 12th *No Mass today. Church is closed.*
St Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr

Thursday 13th 9.30am The Holy Souls

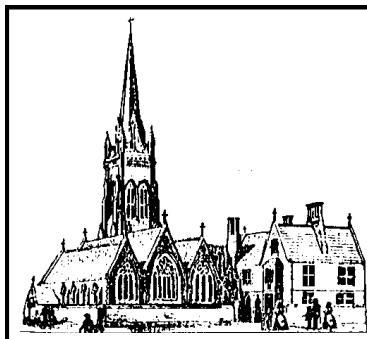
Friday 14th 9.30 am John Moyna (RIP)

Saturday 15th 10.00 am The sick and housebound
10.30am *Adoration and Benediction*

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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What is a Requiem Mass, and where did it come from?

In this month of November we pray especially for the souls of the departed. At Mass, usually this takes the form of the Intention for Mass offered by the priest, regardless of what the celebration of the day may be. Sometimes, however, we offer a specific Mass that focuses entirely on praying for a deceased individual or group, called a Requiem Mass, such as the Mass offered this Sunday at 12Noon for Remembrance Sunday. Sometimes a Funeral Mass is referred to also as a Requiem Mass, and so it is, although a Funeral Mass has its own special character.

The word requiem simply means "rest," and is taken from the opening antiphon of the Mass of Christian Burial, as well as any votive Mass for the Dead. *Requiem æternam dona ei, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat ei.* In English, this is translated in the Roman Missal as: *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

According to the Catholic Encyclopedia, part of this antiphon was inspired by the following verse from the book of Isaiah, "*Et requiem tibi dabit Dominus semper, et implebit splendoribus animam tuam.*" It is translated in the Douay-Rheims Bible as, "*And the Lord will give thee rest continually, and will fill thy soul with brightness*" (Isaiah 58:11).

A Requiem Mass, then, is any Mass offered for the repose of the soul of anyone who has died. It is a Mass that has been offered in one form or another since the beginning of Christianity. It relates to the Catholic idea of purgatory and how souls in purgatory spiritually benefit from prayers offered by us here on earth. The Catechism (Para1371) quotes 4th-century bishop St. Cyril of Jerusalem to help affirm this teaching: "By offering to God our supplications for those who have fallen asleep, we . . . offer Christ sacrificed for the sins of all, and so render favourable, for them and for us, the God who loves man". The Requiem Mass is offered in faith that our prayers may assist them in their journey to Heaven.



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: WRCDT 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 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. Together with new weekly envelope users and increased pledges this will make a considerable difference to our income and ability to plan for the needs of the parish, as well as making our giving work for us more efficiently.

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: 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.

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND COLLECTION - NEXT WEEK:

The number of our priests over the age of 75 is steadily increasing and although many continue to work into their late seventies and eighties many need particular care. Whilst the diocese works with the NHS and local authorities to ensure funding gaps are met, there are many needs. If you can, please take a donation envelope and return it next week, or use the QR code on the poster in church and give online.

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.

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.

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.

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.