

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

For Maria Ribeiro; Antonio Rosso, Wolfgang Stange, Tony Furlong,
Fr David Barnes, Fr Sean Carroll, Marion Frenche, Peter Walker
and all the faithful departed.

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

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2025

Saturday 18th January

	5.30 pm	Peggy Skiba (RIP)
SUNDAY 19th	9.00 am	Maria Ribeiro & Antonio Rosso (Anniv)
SECOND SUNDAY	10.30 am	The intentions of Pope Francis
IN ORDINARY TIME	12 Noon	Wolfgang Stange (RIP)
	6.00 pm	The people of the Parish

Monday 20th **9.30 am** **Deceased of the Corcoran & Jordan families**
St Sebastian, Martyr

Tuesday 21st **9.30 am** **Tony Furlong (RIP - anniv)**
St Agnes, Virgin **10.30 am** **Tuesday Morning Prayer Group**
& Martyr **2.30 pm** **St Anthony Prayer Group**

Wednesday 22nd **9.30 am** **Vocations to the priesthood and religious life**
St Vincent, Deacon
& Martyr

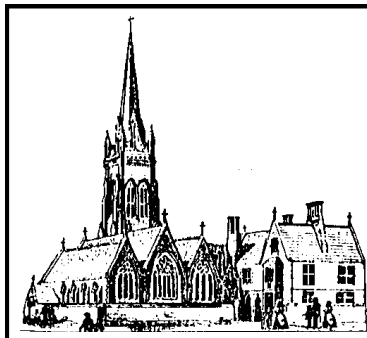
Thursday 23rd **9.30am** **The unity of Christians**

Friday 24th **9.30 am** **For all who work in Catholic education**
St Francis de Sales, Bishop
& Doctor of the Church

Saturday 25th **10.00 am** **The Sick and Housebound**
THE CONVERSION **10.30 am** **Exposition and Benediction**
OF St PAUL THE APOSTLE

**CONFESSIONS: AFTER MASS ON SATURDAY
OR BY ARRANGEMENT WITH Fr JAMES OR Fr LINFERD**

THE PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN MONDAY TO FRIDAY 11AM - 3PM



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Dear Friends

As we step into 2025, we are not just ticking off another year on the calendar; we are marking a deeply significant milestone in Catholic life. It's the Church's **Jubilee Year with the theme of hope**, a time to celebrate, reflect, and renew our connection to God, others, and ourselves. And we're also completing the first quarter of the 21st century - a moment to recognize the opportunities and challenges of our time and to embrace the path forward with purpose. The Jubilee invites us to look toward the future with renewed hope and faith in God's plan. It also encourages us to live a fuller, more intentional life, so I thought that over the coming weeks I would suggest 25 ways to make this year truly count. This week, No.s 3 and 4. Some have asked for more comment on the Works of Mercy (No.2) and this will come as space allows.

3) Explore the Jubilee Indulgence: The Church offers indulgences during Jubilee years for pilgrimages and acts of mercy and penance. Learn about the conditions and embrace this spiritual opportunity for yourself and others. The word "Indulgence" and the word "Mercy" are interchangeable. We will put a copy of the diocesan guide to gaining a Jubilee Indulgence on the notice board during the year. Also you can visit the diocesan website here: <https://rcdow.org.uk/jubilee-2025/the-jubilee-indulgence-step-by-step/> Jubilee churches in the diocese include: 1) The Cathedral, 2) Corpus Christi Covent Garden and 3) St Gregory South Ruislip for our area. More news of St Gregory's to come.

4) Revisit the Sacrament of Reconciliation: Use this Jubilee year to embrace God's mercy by going to confession. It's a profound way to reset your spiritual compass at the start of the year and can really help you look forward to 2025 with hope in your heart. A healthy and living use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation is the hallmark of Catholic faith and life. At present I get the impression this isn't in focus in our parish, and even the space in church for the sacrament is not ideal for the purpose and I intend to address this. More on this during Lent.

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. Furthermore, a number of parishioners have asked for details re the Parish Bank account; please find them below.

PARISH BANK DETAILS: HSBC

Sort code: 40-05-20 Acct. No.: 11263137

Acct name: WRC DT ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY FULHAM

CHRISTMAS CRIB: The crib in church (and I hope in our homes too!) remains in place throughout the great season of Christmas, until the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on 2 Feb. Please continue to visit and pray at the crib. Offerings made at the crib go to support the work of the Catholic Children's Society in our diocese. You can find details at the crib and on posters in church.

THE JUBILEE COMPANION BOOKLET: By the door of church today you will find copies of this booklet to help enter into the Year of Jubilee. PLEASE TAKE A COPY TODAY –FREE OF CHARGE! Ignore the price on the cover. The booklet contains many aids to prayer and reflection about ways to engage with the invitation of the Jubilee to become *PILGRIMS OF HOPE*.

SUNDAY 26TH JANUARY: WORLD LEPROSY DAY: 2024 was the centenary of "Lepra" the national charity working to combat the effects of leprosy and working in partnership with Catholic agencies in many places. There will be an appeal at Mass NEXT SUNDAY, 26th Jan to support their work. See the poster in church for more information.

CATHEDRAL MASS FOR THE SICK: Saturday 8 February at 2pm sees the annual Cathedral Mass close to the Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes. Celebrated by the H.E. Cardinal Vincent and during which Anointing of the Sick will be offered. This is a ticket only event. We are asked that this year tickets be obtained via each Parish Office. *Therefore, if you wish to attend, please contact Gerald in the office a.s.a.p.* There are three categories as follows:

- 1) Wheelchair users who require anointing
- 2) Walking sick who require anointing
- 3) Those assisting the sick, who do not require anointing.

"MY DAY BY DAY" (£2.00) + "BIBLE ALIVE" (£3.00) JANUARY 2025: These excellent publications giving daily prayers and meditations and reflections on the Mass readings are available for you to purchase. Prices as detailed above.

SUNDAY MISSALS ON SALE: 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. *Currently sold out, but if you would like a copy please order at the office or with Fr James or Fr Linferd.*

WORD ON FIRE UK BIBLE CONFERENCE FEB 2025: Join Bishop Robert Barron and thousands of other Catholics from across the UK for *Evangelisation & Culture: The Bible*. Come to the Excel Centre in East London to gain a deeper appreciation of the Bible and its relevance to the Church's mission today. 21-22 Feb 2025. SEE POSTER IN CHURCH. For more info. and to register, please visit: wordonfire.org/the-bible-event.

HOLY YEAR OF JUBILEE 2025 PILGRIMAGE TO ROME: 1-5 Dec 2025. Price £1290 per person sharing half board. Single room supplement. Price includes air fares, accommodation, transport, guide etc. Excellent itinerary for a traditional Rome Holy Year pilgrimage. Brochures and booking forms in the Parish Office & Sacristy. More info. from: 0800 612 3423 or office@pilgrimagepeople.org or ask Fr James. Deposit of £300 needed by 1 Feb 2025. Poster in church also. To make this more affordable we are joining with Enfield parish.

200 CLUB NEWS UPDATE: Now is the time to join the 200 Club, or to renew your subscription. This is the Parish lottery - membership is £5 per month if paid by standing order or £60 for the year. Half the money raised is paid out in prizes, half goes to support parish activities. Last year, with 124 members, we raised £7,365. £3,717 was paid in prizes, £3,648 went to support the parish. For details see the renewal forms in the racks by the doors. The more members we have the bigger the prizes and the greater the support for the parish. If you already pay by standing order, thank you for all your support, no further action is needed. We have 124 members...but it's the 200 club!! So let's get some new members.

RETRouvaille UK SUPPORT FOR MARRIAGES: Retrouvaille write to us: "Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped because it only makes it worse? Retrouvaille has helped 10s of 1000s of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about the next programme which will be presented on Zoom :27 Feb - 2 March Email:info@retrouvaille.org.uk Call or text 0788 7296983 or : www.retrouvaille.org.uk

THE HOLY FATHER'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS: To aid our Jubilee and ordinary prayer life, here are the monthly Prayer Intentions for January that His Holiness invites all the faithful to add into their prayers: *For the right to an education. Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.*