

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Peter Murcott; Jean Neal; Martin Boyle; Della McEnroe;
Theadora Stanislaus; Angela Barrett
and all the faithful departed.

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

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, 2026

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Saturday 10th January

6.00 pm -

SUNDAY 11th

8.30 am

The People of the Parish

10.00 am

Peter Murcott (RIP)

**THE BAPTISM
OF THE LORD**

12 Noon

Jean Neal (RIP - anniv)

6.00 pm

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Monday 12th - Saturday 17th January: No Mass

*(Church is open 11am - 3pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
and opens at 4.30pm on Saturday 17th)*

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 2026

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Saturday 17th January

6.00 pm -

SUNDAY 18th

8.30 am

The People of the Parish

10.00 am

Intentions of Bill Norris

**THE 2nd SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

12 Noon

Martin Boyle (RIP - 5th anniv)

6.00 pm

Della McEnroe (RIP)

Monday 19th

9.30 am

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Tuesday 20th

9.30am

For the unity of Christians

St Sebastian, Martyr

10.30am

Tuesday Morning Prayer Group

2.30pm

St Anthony Prayer Group

Wednesday 21st

No Mass today. Church is closed.

Thursday 22nd

9.30am -

St Vincent, Deacon & Martyr

11.30am

Funeral Mass of Theodora Stanislaus (RIP)

Friday 23rd

9.30 am -

Saturday 18th

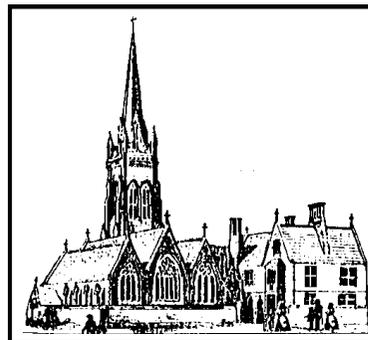
10.00 am

The sick and housebound

St Francis de Sales, bishop

10.30am

Adoration and Benediction



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Dear Friends... We often start the new calendar year with resolutions and lists. St John XXIII had his own set of daily resolutions that he reportedly read each morning to keep his eyes focused on God. In 2006, Cardinal Bertone shared these calling them "**The daily decalogue of Pope John XXIII.**" It consists of 10 maxims which put "Pope John's hope for every Christian into practice: *'Every believer in this world must be a spark of light, a core of love, life-giving leaven in the mass: and the more he is so, the more he will live, in his innermost depths, in communion with God.'*"

1. Only for today, I will seek to live the livelong day positively without wishing to solve the problems of my life all at once.
2. Only for today, I will take the greatest care of my appearance: I will dress modestly; I will not raise my voice; I will be courteous in my behaviour; I will not criticize anyone; I will not claim to improve anyone except myself.
3. Only for today, I will be happy in the certainty that I was created to be happy, not only in the other world but also in this one.
4. Only for today, I will adapt to circumstances, without requiring all circumstances to be adapted to my own wishes.
5. Only for today, I will devote 10 minutes of my time to some good reading, remembering that just as food is necessary to the life of the body, so good reading is necessary to the life of the soul.
6. Only for today, I will do one good deed and not tell anyone about it.
7. Only for today, I will do at least one thing I do not like doing; and if my feelings are hurt, I will make sure that no one notices.
8. Only for today, I will make a plan for myself: I may not follow it to the letter, but I will make it. And I will be on guard against two evils: hastiness and indecision.
9. Only for today, I will firmly believe, despite appearances, that the good Providence of God cares for me as no one else who exists in this world.
10. Only for today, I will have no fears. I will not fear to enjoy what is beautiful and to believe in goodness. Indeed, for 12 hours I can certainly do what might cause me consternation were I to believe I had to do it all my life.

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

Please note that this Newsletter covers two weeks. This coming week I have some days of leave, and this time it has not been possible to arrange for a daily weekday Mass to be offered. The church will be open for private prayer and visits to the Blessed Sacrament during office hours (11am - 3pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and will open on Saturday 17th at 4.30pm in time for the anticipated Mass of Sunday. This sort of arrangement is becoming more common in our parishes with the current scarcity of priests. Please pray for vocations and encourage them wherever you can! Fr James

SOCIETY OF St VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP): Next planning meeting is on **THURSDAY 22 JANUARY 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.

200 CLUB DECEMBER DRAW RESULTS: There were 125 members in the December draw, the winners are: 199: £625.00 Peggy Shillito; 30: £31.25 Janet Dunne; 25: £31.25 Rosa da Cunha; 11: £18.75 Roxanne Frenche; 188: £18.75 John Gordon; 164: £18.75 Gabriella Logue. Congratulations to the winners. Prizes will be paid by bank transfer where I have bank details, otherwise by cheque. ***You have to be in it to win it!***

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 125 members, we have raised £7415 to date - half paid in prizes, half to support the parish. For details see the renewal forms in the racks by the side door.

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 125 members...but it's the 200 club!! So let's get some new members.

CRIB OFFERINGS: A reminder that the Christmas Crib stays in church (and I hope also in our homes) until the fortieth day after Christmas, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple, or Candlemas for short. Offerings made at the Crib (and on the Tap-to-donate machine) support the Catholic Children's Society. There's more info about the work of the CCS on the notice board by the side door of church.

CATHEDRAL ECUMENICAL SERVICE OF VESPERS: For the WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY; Tues 20 Jan at 5pm at Westminster Cathedral. An address will be given by Lord Rowan Williams (former Anglican Archbishop of Canterbury). All Welcome.

ANNUAL MASS OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES: and for the World Day of Prayer for the Sick will take place on Saturday 14th February at 2pm at Westminster Cathedral. This will be preceded by a talk at 11.30am in Westminster Cathedral Hall by Dr Kieran Moriarty on the extraordinary story of the Lourdes miracle of Jack Traynor, the man from Liverpool whose miraculous healing was declared a miracle in 2024. Tickets for the talk are £7 per person, available from: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/dr-kieran-moriartys-talk-on-lourdes-71st-miracle-john-jack-traynor-tickets-1976728613495>

DIVE DEEPER: THE PATRIARCHS: Mondays, 6.30pm-8pm online: 19 Jan: "Genesis and the legend of Abraham"; 26th Jan: "The Tower of Babel" 9 Feb: "Abraham and Isaac: Promise fulfilled?" To register interest email catadmin@rcdow.org.uk. See poster in church.

WESTMINSTER YOUTH MINISTRY EVENT: Join us in the stunning Crypt of Westminster Cathedral on Tues, 13 Jan for our **Young Adults Mass (Ages 18-35)** How to get there: *Walk down Ambrosden Avenue and enter via the Choir School Car Park. One of our Outreach Workers will then guide you into the Crypt.* After Mass the Youth Ministry team invite you to a talk: **'Catholics in Finance – Building God's Kingdom in the Finance Sector,'** welcoming Richard Solomon, Chief Financial Officer of St Mary's University (Twickenham) More info. on the website: <https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/>

DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: From 9 to 14 Feb. Leaving Slough and Ealing Broadway on 9 Feb and departing Lourdes on 13 Feb for a visit to the Shrine of the Miraculous Medal Paris on 14 Feb and arriving in London later on 14 Feb. Full board, exciting festival devotional programme. Travel, full board and programme cost £590. Call Millie on 07957594646 for more info.