

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Boreslaw Skorupinski; Marjorie Forde; Mary Asantewaa; Joan McKeown;
Alia Abdulraheen Saleem; Faik Francis Mansour Hanna;
and all the faithful departed.

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

2nd and 3rd SUNDAYS OF LENT 2026
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Saturday 28th February

SUNDAY	1st March	6.00 pm	Boreslaw Skorupinski (RIP-anniv)
		8.30 am	Marjorie Forde (RIP)
		10.00 am	Ints of Dympna Gaffney (health)
2nd SUNDAY OF LENT		12 Noon	-
		6.00 pm	The people of the Parish

Monday 2nd 12 Noon -
St DAVID
Patron of Wales

Tuesday 3rd - Thursday 5th No Mass. Church open during Office Hours

Friday 6th 7.00pm Stations of the Cross
7.30pm -

Saturday 7th 10.00 am The sick and housebound
10.30am Exposition and Adoration

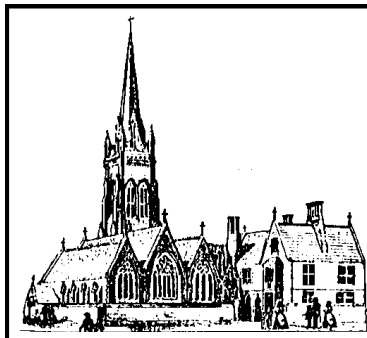
SUNDAY 8th 6.00 pm -
8.30 am The People of the Parish

**3rd SUNDAY
OF LENT 10.00 am -**
12 Noon Patricia & Thomas Moore (RIP)
6.00 pm -

**Mass times 9 - 14 March as normal. Priest's Intention for Mass will be
posted on the notice board.**

**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 except Holy Days)**



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Dear Friends... Instead of listening to me, here's a bit of what Pope Leo said last Sunday, to help us on the Lenten journey:

"After fasting for forty days, Jesus feels the weight of his humanity: physically, through hunger, and morally, through the devil's temptations. In this, he experiences the same struggle we all face. By resisting the evil one, he demonstrates how we, too, can overcome the devil's deception and snares. Through this Word of life, the liturgy invites us to view Lent as a luminous path. By means of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving we can renew our cooperation with the Lord in the crafting of our lives as a unique masterpiece. This involves allowing him to cleanse the stains and heal the wounds of sin, as we commit to letting our lives blossom in beauty until they attain the fullness of love - the only source of true happiness.

To be sure, this is a demanding journey. There is always the risk of discouragement or of being drawn to easier paths to satisfaction, such as wealth, fame and power (cf. Mt 4:3-8). These temptations, which Jesus himself faced, are merely poor substitutes for the joy for which we were created. Ultimately, they leave us dissatisfied, restless and empty.

For this reason, St Paul VI taught that penance - far from impoverishing our humanity - enriches, purifies and strengthens it, as we move toward a horizon that has "as its aim love and surrender to God" Indeed, while penance makes us aware of our limitations, it also grants us the strength to overcome them and to live, with God's help, in deeper communion with him and with one another.

In this time of grace, let us therefore practice penance generously, alongside prayer and works of mercy. Let us create space for silence by turning off televisions, radios, and 'phones for a while. Let us meditate on the Word of God, approach the Sacraments, and listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit who speaks to us in our heart. Let us also listen to one another - in our families, workplaces and communities. Let us dedicate time to those who are alone, especially the elderly, the poor and the sick. By giving up what is superfluous, we can share what we save with those in need. Then, as St Augustine taught, our prayer offered in this way - "in humility and charity, by fasting and giving, by restraining ourselves and pardoning, by paying out good deeds and not paying back bad ones, by turning away from evil and doing good" - will reach heaven and give us peace.

We entrust our Lenten journey to the Virgin Mary, our Mother who always assists her children in times of trial."
Angelus address, First Sunday of Lent.

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

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: We collect the proceeds this weekend. Please return any CAFOD envelopes as soon as possible.

MON 2nd - FRI 6th MARCH: Fr James will be on some days of Retreat. There will be Mass on Monday 2nd at 12 Noon and Stations of the Cross/Mass on Friday 6th at 7pm . Otherwise Church is open during office hours.

ARCHBISHOP RICHARD'S LENT APPEAL: See posters and the *Mosaics* leaflet with stories of previous initiatives. The diocesan Almsgiving appeal supports encounter with Christ in education, youth work, marriage & family life projects. There's a wall box for Lenten Alms in the "Pieta" chapel; an option on the tap-to-donate machine and envelopes for gift aid offerings. The Appeal finishes with a collection at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, 15 MARCH: Also known as "Laetare (Rejoicing) Sunday", or "Refreshment Sunday" or "Mothering Sunday." On the mid-Lent holiday enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and be tempted (!) by a **CAKE SALE in aid of the new SVP Conference. From 11am and after the 12Noon Mass, in the Hall at No.62. Also available is....**

"THE REAL EASTER EGG" Once again this year we are selling this Fairtrade, palm oil and plastic free Easter Egg, including a booklet with the story of Easter for the young, and a prize competition. A great gift for any age, or for yourself!! £6 or any donation above **also in aid of the SVP Conference. Available on Mothering Sunday, or now from the Sacristy or Parish Office.**

200 CLUB JANUARY DRAW RESULTS: Apologies for the late draw - The renewals process always takes some time. The winners of the January draw are: 51: Milly Nwanosike £156.25; 29: Catherine Welch £31.25; 175: Julien Mghabghab £31.25; 19: Luciana Oredina £18.90; 103: Gloria Richardson £18.90; 138: Christina Zoltowska £18.90.

IMPORTANT NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL: *From Dr Patrick Lanigan, Vice-Chair of the Governors:* "We are delighted to share with our parish community that **St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School** is aiming to join the **St John Southworth Catholic Academy Trust**. This marks a wonderful new chapter in the life of our school. Becoming part of the Trust will enable our school to enhance its mission and

ensure that our children continue to receive an excellent education rooted firmly in Gospel values. Joining the Trust brings several important advantages, including:

- A strengthened Catholic community and shared mission: Working closely with other Catholic schools helps to deepen and protect the school's Catholic ethos.
- Access to wider expertise and specialist support: The Trust offers guidance in curriculum development, safeguarding, inclusion, finance, and leadership. Shared training, resources, and opportunities for pupils enrich the learning experience for everyone.
- Long term stability and security: The Trust structure provides resilience and strategic direction to support the continued flourishing of the school.
- Wider opportunities for staff and pupils: Professional development for staff and additional educational experiences for children across the Trust family.

As the school moves into this exciting phase, we also warmly remind parish families that St Thomas of Canterbury continues to welcome applications from parishioners with school age children. Anyone wishing to find out more about the school or its admissions is encouraged to get in touch with the school office on **0207 385 8165** or **admin@stthomasrc.lbhf.sch.uk**. We ask all parishioners to keep the pupils, staff, and governors in your prayers during this time of transition, as we embrace this exciting new chapter with optimism.

Come to see RISE Theatre's PASSION PLAY this Lent at St Thomas of Canterbury Fulham: Tuesday 10 March at 7.30pm (in the school, Estcourt Road)

A chance to experience this powerful one act, one hour drama: From John 1:1-18 "The Word Became Flesh", moving through Gospel moments - The Wedding Feast at Cana; the calling of Simon; the Miraculous Catch of Fish and then into the main Passion Story, Rise Theatre's unique style creates a fast-paced, emotionally impacting performance to enrich our Lenten devotions and preparation for Holy Week. For tickets visit www.ticketsource.co.uk/risetheatre or from the Office or in Church after Mass today: £10 or £5 under 16 years.

See poster in church or visit www.youtube.com/risetheatrecompany to watch the trailer (*Passion Play Highlights 2024*).

(Performance 1 hour approx. and includes a dramatic interpretation of the crucifixion so Parental Guidance is advised for under 12s.

In aid of RISE Theatre and St Thomas of Canterbury S.V.P.