

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:**

Jerzy Matuszewski; Angela Barrett; Peter and Kathleen McDonagh; Jacqueline Wright; Alia Abdurraheen Salim; Faik Francis Hanna; and all the faithful departed.

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

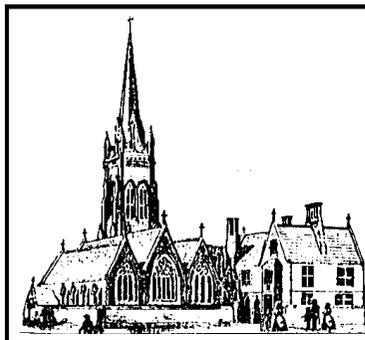
**6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2026**

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<b>Saturday</b>	<b>14th February</b>		
		<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>Christopher &amp; Louie Allsop (RIP - anniv)</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>15th</b>	<b>8.30 am</b>	<b>Jerzy Matuszewski (RIP - anniv)</b>
		<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>The People of the Parish</b>
<b>6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>		<b>12 Noon</b>	<b>Phyllis MacDonald (RIP - anniv)</b>
		<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>16th</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Angela Barrett (RIP)</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>17th</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Peter &amp; Kathleen McDonagh (RIP - anniv)</b>
		<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Tuesday Morning Prayer Group</b>
		<b>2.30pm</b>	<b>St Anthony Prayer Group</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>18th</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>The grace of penitence</b>
<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>		<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>Intentions of Archbishop Richard</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>19th</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>20th</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>-</b>
		<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
		<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Intentions of Pope Leo</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>21st</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	
		<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Exposition and Adoration</b>

**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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**THE SEASON OF LENT 2026**

Lent, starting on Wednesday, is ordered to preparing for the celebration of Easter, since the Lenten liturgy prepares for the celebration of the Paschal Mystery both catechumens, by the various stages of Christian Initiation, and the faithful, who recall their own Baptism and do penance. We prepare ourselves traditionally by prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION:**

Regular times: Saturdays: 10.30am - 11.20am; 5.00pm - 5.40pm

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Our corporate Stations of the Cross will be on **Fridays of Lent at 7.00pm**, followed by Mass at the conclusion of the Stations. Of course, the Stations can be made at any time when church is open.

**PRAYER BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT (EXPOSITION):** The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for Adoration on **Saturdays 10.30am - 11.20am**. Or, come to prayer before the Tabernacle at any time the church is open. Pray for the needs of all the Church around the world in this holy season.

**LENT STUDY AND FAITH-SHARING:** There are some resources for Lent in the Literature racks and table. Today as I write it has not been possible to find a regular time slot for a faith-sharing group, such is the pressure of time on the diary with now only one priest. This may change in the next week or so.

**“WALK WITH ME”** priced now a £1.50, **“DAY BY DAY”**, including Junior and Infant versions, priced at £2; **“BIBLE ALIVE”**, priced at £6, are available on the literature table.

**ALMSGIVING:** You may wish to support particular charities with Lenten Almsgiving (the fruit of our fasting), e.g.: *Aid to the Church in Need*: <https://acnuk.org/> ; or *Mary's Meals*: <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/>. In addition to the usual appeals: For the *Holy Places* on Good Friday, and *CAFOD*. There is a dedicated Alms wall box for the *diocesan Lent Appeal*, supporting initiatives in the diocese.

**RISE THEATRE** perform their one hour Passion Play at the school on Tues 10 March. See over the page for details, and on the website.

**FASTING:** should be undertaken sensibly by those aged 14-60, and is voluntary for all others, and not for the pregnant or those who are ill. What does it mean? More next week, but this ancient practice is given to us by the Lord himself.

**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**

**IT'S TIME TO RETURN PALM CROSSES:** No more Palm Crosses after today, please - they'll go to waste. Keep them for next year.

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** Ash Wednesday begins the Great Forty Days of Lent, the season of preparation for our celebration of the mysteries of our redemption in Holy Week and the season of Easter. Ash Wednesday is **NOT** for us a Holy Day of Obligation, but it is obviously a good day to be at worship.

*Mass with the Blessing and Imposition of Ashes* will be available in the parish at **9.30am** and **7.30pm** on Wednesday. Of course, if you work in other parts of London many central London churches will provide a celebration at lunch time.

- Ash Wednesday is a day of *BOTH* abstinence and fasting. What does this mean? A day of abstinence is like most Fridays: we abstain, or leave off, some luxury. The Friday abstinence is - for most of us - to deny ourselves meat in our diet (unless we are vegetarian!) and this works well for Ash Wednesday also. A day of fasting means that we reduce what we eat, or maybe cut out a meal altogether. These are penitential actions to remind us of our fragility. *N.B.* Fasting and abstinence are **NOT** required of those aged under 14 or over 60, or who are unwell or pregnant. These things are not punishments but they are devotions. Be sensible, but be devoted!!
- The Imposition of Ashes will be by sprinkling of ashes on the crown of the head, not by smearing on the forehead. This is because first, it is what the liturgy of the Church instructs! Also, many remain uncomfortable with the physical contact post-pandemic. Mainly though it is because the action of bowing our heads to receive the ash is a good penitential practice. Ladies should please remove hats!

**SOCIETY OF St VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP):** Next planning meeting is on **Thursday 19 February 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.

**MASS OF WELCOME FOR ARCHBISHOP RICHARD:** For our Western part of the diocese all are invited to Mass at Ealing Abbey on Thurs 26 Feb at 6.30pm. Archbishop Richard write to us: "I will remain at the back of the church at the end of each Mass to greet as many of the congregation as possible."

**ARE THE LIVING STONES STILL ALIVE? THE CHRISTIANS OF THE MIDDLE EAST:** At Our Lady of Victories Parish Centre 16 Abingdon Road W8 6 AF; 7 -9pm Thurs 19 Feb. *6.30pm light refreshments.* Dr Harry Hagopian **KSG KSL** *In conversation with* Dr Ruth Valerio, Programmes Director for *Embrace the Middle East.* Moderator: Bishop Jim Curry, Lead Bishop for the Catholic Bishops Conference for the Holy Land. Here's the Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9F0p9g#/registration>

**ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY:** Sat. 23rd May at 2:30pm in the Cathedral. The Archbishop is inviting to this Mass all couples in the diocese who are celebrating their **5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60)** wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2026. If you are celebrating an anniversary and would like to join the Archbishop, please contact the office with these details, **before 10th April:** Names of both spouses; postal address and contact email (or telephone number, if no email); date and place of Catholic Marriage. *This is always a wonderful and moving event.*

**RETREAT FOR YOUNG WOMEN WITH THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR:** The Little Sisters of the Poor invite young women, aged 17-35, for a 4 day retreat at St Anne's Home, 77 Manor Road, N16 5BL. From 3pm on 2 April (Holy Thursday) till 6pm on 5 April (Easter Sunday), although attendees are welcome to stay for 1-2 days only. A donation is suggested to cover costs. To register and find out more please email Sister Caroline at: [ms.stanne@lsplondon.co.uk](mailto:ms.stanne@lsplondon.co.uk).

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**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](http://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](http://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.**