

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Mary Asantewaa; Maria Marin; nora Cassidy; bridget Dwyer; Owen John Giblin;
Stasia & Kazik Zbikowski
and all the faithful departed.

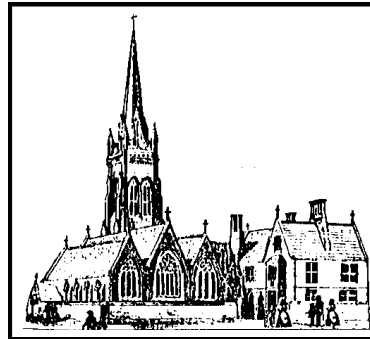
**OUR SATURDAY MORNING MASS IS OFFERED FOR
THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND**

5th SUNDAY OF LENT 2026
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Saturday	21st March		
		6.00 pm	-
SUNDAY	22nd	8.30 am	The people of the Parish
		10.00 am	Nora Cassidy (RIP)
5th SUNDAY OF LENT		12 Noon	Bridget Dwyer (RIP -anniv)
		6.00 pm	-
Monday	23rd	9.30 am	Owen John Giblin (RIP -anniv)
Tuesday	24th	9.30 am	Ints of Patrick Neiland (health)
		10.30 am	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group
		2.30 pm	St Anthony Prayer Group
Wednesday	25th		<i>No Mass today. Church is closed.</i>
THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD			
Thursday	26th	9.30 am	Ints of Katie Cassidy & family
Friday	27th	9.30 am	Stasia & kazik Zbikowski (RIP -anniv)
		7.00pm	Stations of the Cross
		7.30pm	-
Saturday	28th	10.00 am	The sick and housebound
		10.30am	Exposition and Adoration

**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....

Next Sunday we enter into the great mystery of Holy Week, the centre of our year and of all our worship, the days of prayer and worship that draw us closer to the Lord Jesus in his suffering, death and Resurrection, and therefore deeper into understanding who God is, and what is our own purpose and the meaning of our existence. It is still a "holiday" time in the U.K. - but that is because we are given a time of holiday to be free to worship. So, however you may be making use of this time, make sure that the times of worship is well in place first.

From Palm Sunday through to Easter Sunday we enter into this mystery in a very real sense in real time. The great liturgies of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday/Easter Sunday are really all ONE action, with pauses for us to go home and rest and eat!!

My counsel as Parish Priest is simple: be present to all this as much as is possible, and even a bit more than you think is possible, make special sacrifices of time. Have you yet joined the parish for the Stations of the Cross? On Monday and Wednesday of Holy Week this simple devotion begins to take on a special character. Make a plan too for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, or Penance, now or in the first days of Easter. Make time to speak with or visit someone who needs your friendship. And pray above all for an end to the miseries of warfare afflicting mankind and for the conversion of all hearts to the wisdom of the Holy Cross.

Fr James



HOLY WEEK

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

SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER WEEK:

Today you can pick up a copy of the schedule of all worship during Holy Week and Easter Week. This is the most important time of the Christian year and important that we set aside as much time as possible for worship, to enter into the mystery of the Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection.

The next Newsletter will be for the Second Sunday of Easter. In the meantime all times of worship are on the Holy Week/Easter week card. The priest's Intentions for Mass will be published on the small notice board by the side door of church.

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.

HOLY PLACES: A reminder that at the Good Friday Liturgy there is the annual collection to support the care of the Holy Places in the Holy Land. This year the need for this support is even more urgent as the Middle East war has brought about the closure by the Israeli authorities of many of the Holy Places, including the Holy Sepulchre, for "security reasons."

EASTER OFFERINGS: Also a reminder that the financial offerings made at Easter go a long way to pay for the priestly ministry of the parish for the entire year. Thank you in advance for your generosity in this. You will be able to find envelopes for the purpose near the doors of church, and there is a specific option for both the Easter Offerings and the Holy Places collection on the Tap-to-donate machines.

NEW "TAP-TO-DONATE" TABLETS: As you will see we now have new Contactless Payment terminals at both doors of church. These have many advantages over the old version **BUT** if you had registered for *Gift Aid* on the old machine you will need to register again. Sorry! No way round that one.

We are one of the first parishes to have these terminals and there are clearly some teething troubles. Please report any problems or issues with using them to Fr James. The old terminal will also remain in use for the time being whilst any issues remain. Thank you for your patience, as well as your generosity!

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: Thank you for your contributions to this Lenten Almsgiving appeal. This year the appeal raised £720 for the development work of CAFOD. Many thanks for all your generosity.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE S.V.P.: Sales of the "Real Easter Egg" and proceeds of the cake sale on Mothering Sunday raised £519.30 for our new S.V.P. conference. Thank you for a great result. More about next steps for the S.V.P. after Holy Week and Easter Week.

The raffle of the jumbo Celebration Cake was won by Jacob Jones. Congratulations to him!!

TEACHING RESOURCE FOR CHILDREN: Free Lenten Activity Kit for Your Child FROM Shalom World Media: Make this Lent meaningful for your child: simple, prayerful, and full of joy. Shalom World Pals' FREE Lenten Activity Kit for Kids (ages 6–12) is a beautiful, faith-filled pack that helps parents walk with their children through Lent, Holy Week, and Easter, right at home. Download from shalomworld.org/lenten-kit

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 17-24th JULY: Registration is now open until 30th April. Secure your spot by visiting the registration platform here: <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> or by contacting the Pilgrimage Office on 0207 798 9173.

WESTMINSTER YOUTH MINISTRY FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT: Are you a young man aged 18–35 who enjoys a good game of football with fellow faith-filled friends? Join the Youth Ministry's Annual Men's Football Tournament for the John Paul II Cup on 6 June 2026! For info email youth@rcdow.org.uk or <https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/events/jp2-cup-2026>

A SERVICE OF PRAYER FOR PEACE WITH TAIZÉ: Prayer for Peace with the brothers of the Taizé Community This event, on Saturday 26th March, is being run by the Italian Catholic Church in Clerkenwell, EC1R 5DL. All are welcome to join and pray for peace in our world. Song practice is from 5.30pm, with a time of prayer beginning at 6.30pm.

A MESSAGE FROM THE FAMILY OF ANASTASIA HOLDER (RIP): It is with much regret we announce the death of Mrs Anastasia Holder at 89 yrs old, on 10th March well known in the parish for her 'Hats'. Funeral details to follow. In the meantime, please feel free to contact either daughters; Sharon 07713508725 or Tracey 07535747459.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK: 1st - 5th June : Flight from Heathrow to Knock Airport; Stay near the Shrine and visit holy sites nearby, including Croagh Patrick, Ballintubber Abbey and the Fr Peyton Centre. Led by Fr Nigel Woollen, of Our Lady of Victories (Kensington) £800/pp for flights, accommodation, transport and most meals. Email: kensington1@rcdow.org.uk or visit: <https://www.ourladyofvictories.net/support.html> to express interest - places are limited!