

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Mary McCabe; Damian Johnston; Dolores Head; Susan & Eddie Gallagher;
Anastasia Holder; Maria Marin and all the faithful departed.

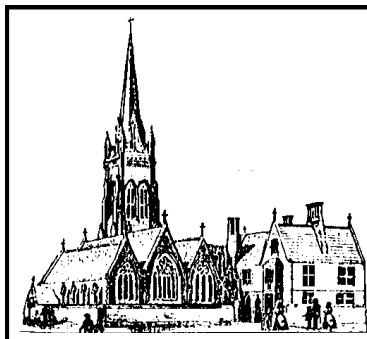
**OUR SATURDAY MORNING MASS IS OFFERED FOR
THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND**

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER (Of Divine Mercy) 2026
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Saturday	11th April		
		6.00 pm	Mary McCabe (RIP - anniv)
SUNDAY	12th	8.30 am	The people of the Parish
		10.00 am	Damian Johnston (RIP - 1st anniv)
2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER		12 Noon	Dolores Head (RIP - anniv)
		6.00 pm	Susan & Eddie Gallagher (RIP - anniv)
Monday	13th	9.30 am	Helen Westbury (RIP)
Tuesday	14th	9.30 am	Aine Gallagher (RIP)
		10.30 am	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group
		2.30 pm	St Anthony Prayer Group
Wednesday	15th	No Mass today. Church is closed.	
Thursday	16th	9.30 am	
		11.00am	Funeral Mass of Anastasia Holder (RIP)
Friday	17th	9.30 am	Maria Marin (RIP)
Saturday	18th	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....

This year the bishops of the U.S.A. have suggested that for the seven weeks of Easter, all of us should focus each week on one of the seven basic principles of **Catholic social doctrine**. Our schools are majoring on this subject also at present. Easter, as an extended time of feasting, is symbolic of the triumph of life over death, of joy over sorrow.

In a *Compendium of the Church's Social Doctrine* released two decades ago, the Vatican notes: "The Church is an expert in humanity" and "the Church cannot fail to make her voice heard concerning the 'new things' (*res novae*) typical of the modern age, because it belongs to her to invite all people to do all they can to bring about an authentic civilisation oriented ever more towards integral human development in solidarity."

What is Catholic social doctrine? Many claim that this body of teaching is one of the great secrets of our time. Even those with theology degrees might find they have studied relatively little from this set of Catholic teachings (including your Parish Priest.) Catholic social doctrine is not legislation or concrete directives. It is not a step-by-step recipe to solve the problems of society today, but it gives principles for reflection, criteria for judgment and directives for action which are a starting point.

First Principle: *Life and Dignity of the Human Person.* The Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. This belief is the foundation of all the principles of our social teaching. In our society, human life is under direct attack from abortion and euthanasia. The value of human life is being threatened by cloning, embryonic stem cell research, and the use of the death penalty - and other issues not listed. The intentional targeting of civilians in war or terrorist attacks is always wrong. Catholic teaching also calls on us to work to avoid war. Nations must protect the right to life by finding increasingly effective ways to prevent conflicts and resolve them by peaceful means. We believe that the measure of every institution is if it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person. Second Principle next week. 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: WRCDT ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY FULHAM

ARCHBISHOP RICHARD'S LENT APPEAL: Thank you for your support for this appeal during our Lenten almsgiving. This raised £575.00. The appeal supports encounters with Christ in initiatives across the diocese in education, youth work, marriage & family life projects.

HOLY PLACES ANNUAL APPEAL: Because of the crisis in the Holy Land this appeal remains open this weekend. 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: THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN THIS: The financial offerings made at Easter go a long way to pay for the priestly ministry of the parish for the entire year. 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!

S.V.P.(SOCIETY OF St VINCENT DE PAUL): The next meeting of our new SVP Conference is on THURS 16th April at 7.30pm in Ni. 62. Thank you for your recent fund raising support for the SVP which raised £519.30.

Currently the contact telephone number for any calls to the SVP is the Parish Telephone: 020 7385 4040

FUNERAL MASS OF ANASTASIA HOLDER (RIP): The Funeral Mass will be this Thursday, 16 April at 11.00am.

NATIONAL HOLY HOUR FOR THE DIGNITY OF HUMAN LIFE: A Holy Hour has been arranged to take place at 5.30pm, Rome time - **4.30pm in the UK** - on **Sunday 19 April** afternoon during the Spring Plenary of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. Parishes are invited to keep this

hour and we will be doing so, to unite in prayer with the Bishops. There is a page on the Bishops' Conference website, with a two-page PDF resource and some suggested instructions for parishes, Catholic communities and clergy: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/holy-hour-for-the-dignity-of-life/> Do you already prioritise time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in your friendship with the Lord? If not, this is a good place to start.

200 CLUB FEBRUARY DRAW RESULTS: The winners of the February draw are as follows: 74: £156.25 Marion McDonagh; 33: £31.25 Hazel Evinson; 81:£31.25 John Moloney; 112: £18.90 Tess Ryan; 43: £18.90 Elizabeth Bababunmi; 32: £18.90 Pearlana Letman. Congratulations to the winners. *You have to be in it to win it!* The 200 Club is our parish lottery. Applications forms are in the racks by the side door of church.

WESTMINSTER DIOCESE INTERFAITH GROUP MEETING: Weds April 15 1.30pm to 3pm Hinsley room, Morpeth Terrace. Westminster cathedral interfaith group further discussion of Pope Leo XIV's *Dilexi te*. https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/apost_exhortations/documents/20251004-dilexi-te.html

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>

DIVINE MERCY YOUNG ADULTS PILGRIMAGE: in Vilnius, Lithuania with the Assumption Sisters. 6-12 June. Take part in the World Apostolic Congress on Mercy, an international Catholic gathering held in the birthplace of the Divine Mercy devotion. Cost: £600 + travel. Register by 30th April, for more information visit www.assumpta-eu.org/divine-mercy-pilgrimage-in-vilnius/ or email rebecca@assumpta-eu.org See poster in church.

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!