

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Jerzy & Jerzy Junir Danilenko; Goretti Connelly; Josephine Murphy; Douglas Klemis; Anastasia Holder; Vijay Laxmi Sharma; Richard Green and all the faithful departed.

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

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER 2026
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Saturday 18th April

SUNDAY 19th
3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

6.00 pm	Jerzy & Jerzy Junior Danilenko (RIP)
8.30 am	The people of the Parish
10.00 am	Goretti Connelly (RIP)
12 Noon	Josephine Murphy (RIP - anniv)
6.00 pm	Douglas Klemis (RIP - anniv)

Monday 20th 9.30 am Intentions of Mary Johnston

Tuesday 21st
St Anselm, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

9.30 am	Anastasia Holder (RIP)
10.30 am	<i>Tuesday Morning Prayer Group</i>
2.30 pm	<i>St Anthony Prayer Group</i>

Wednesday 22nd *No Mass today. Church is closed.*

Thursday 23rd
St GEORGE, Martyr, PATRON OF ENGLAND

9.30 am	Vijay Laxmi Sharma (RIP)
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Friday 24th
Ss Ernenwald & Mellitus bishops

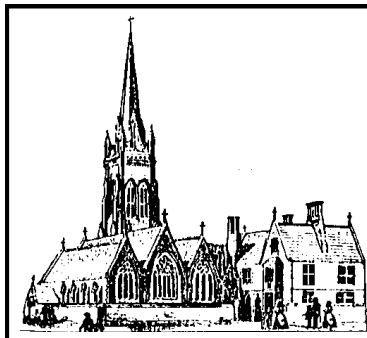
9.30 am	Deceased of Corcoran & Jordan families
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Saturday 25th
St Mark, Evangelist

10.00 am	The sick and housebound
10.30am	<i>Exposition and Adoration</i>

**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....

Easter is the longest celebration of the Church - 50 days of celebrating. This extended time of feasting is symbolic of the triumph of life over death, of joy over sorrow. This year, the bishops of the USA are proposing a particularly timely way to mark the 7 weeks of this season: dedicate each week to one of the core principles of Catholic social doctrine.

This week: Second Principle: *Call to Family, Community, and Participation.* The person is not only sacred but also social. How we organize our society - in economics and politics, in law and policy - directly affects human dignity and the capacity of individuals to grow in community. Marriage and the family are the central social institutions that must be supported and strengthened, not undermined. We believe people have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable. Some quotations:

"The first and fundamental structure for a 'human ecology' is the family *founded on marriage*, in which the mutual gift of self as husband and wife creates an environment in which children can be born and develop their potentialities, become aware of their dignity and prepare to face their unique and individual destiny." (St. John Paul II, Centenimus Annus no. 39)

"People in every nation enhance the social dimension of their lives by acting as committed and responsible citizens, not as a mob swayed by the powers that be. Let us not forget that 'responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation.'" (Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel, no. 220)

"But God did not create man as a solitary, for from the beginning 'male and female he created them'. Their companionship produces the primary form of interpersonal communion. For by his innermost nature man is a social being, and unless he relates himself to others he can neither live nor develop his potential." (Second Vatican Council, Gaudium et Spes, no. 12)

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.

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HOLY HOUR FOR THE DIGNITY OF HUMAN LIFE TODAY: SUNDAY 19TH 4.30 – 5.30PM:

Together with parishes across the UK and around the world we keep a Holy Hour of quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Come to "Stay with Jesus". Archbishop Richard writes to us: "This Sunday, I know that many of you in your own parishes will join the Bishops of England and Wales in a Holy Hour, praying

before the Blessed Sacrament for the promotion of a culture of life in our society. In so doing, we come together to pray that the dignity of life from conception to its natural end will always be recognised and that assisted suicide will not become law."

HOLY HOURS FOR VOCATIONS: Next Sunday is also Vocations Sunday, a day of particular prayer for particular vocations - especially to the Priesthood. Archbishop Richard asks that parishes pray before the Blessed Sacrament for this cause over the next month. More on this next week. We all want a second priest for our parish, as do so many parishes. These vocations come from parishes and families trusting in the Lord and living close to the Gospel. In our culture we have had a problem in this area for more than half a century. Let's change it!

HOLY PLACES ANNUAL APPEAL: THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THIS CAUSE: The Good Friday collection for the support of the Holy Places this year raised £1396.00 The current crisis in the Middle East makes this work even more important.

EASTER OFFERINGS: THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT: The financial offerings made at Easter go a long way to pay for the priestly ministry of the parish for the entire year. This year's total is £3598.00.

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!

ECUMENICAL EVENING PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE

EAST: At Our Lady of Victories, Kensington, Thurs 30 April at 7pm, with Bishop James Curry. Will include an address by Dr Harry Hagopian, an Armenian Christian. All are welcome to attend.

PROCESSION OF OUR LADY OF WILLES DEN: The May procession is on Sunday 10 at 3pm, Preacher is Fr Nigel Woollen, of Our Lady of Victories, Kensington. The intention of the Procession is the Protection of London, and for Peace. See poster in church.

S.V.P.(SOCIETY OF St VINCENT DE PAUL): The next meeting of our new SVP Conference is on THURS 21 May at 7.30pm in No. 62.

- We are seeking to know if there are people with mobility issues who would get to church if a lift was available. Know anyone in this situation? Please contact the office or Fr James

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

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.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK: 1 - 5June: From Heathrow, visit holy sites 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!