

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

Catherine Wilson; Stanisława & Władysław Czwalgą; Catherine Ann Paul; Laurel Gloria Baptiste; Bernard Johnston; Richard Green; Frances Brosnahan and all the faithful departed.

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

**4th SUNDAY OF EASTER 2026**  
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**Saturday 25th April**

**SUNDAY 26th**  
**6.00 pm Mary Walker (RIP)**  
**8.30 am The people of the Parish**  
**10.00 am Catherine Paul/ Laurel Baptiste (RIP anniv)**  
**4th SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**12 Noon Bernard Johnston (RIP)**  
**6.00 pm Ints of Seamus Cathcart**

**Monday 27th 9.30 am Catherine Wilson (RIP - anniv)**

**Tuesday 28th**  
*No Mass today. Church open 11am - 3pm*

**Wednesday 29th**  
*No Mass today. Church is closed.*  
St CATHERINE OF SIENA  
CO-PATRON OF EUROPE

**Thursday 30th**  
*No Mass today. Church open 11am - 3pm*  
St Pius V, Pope

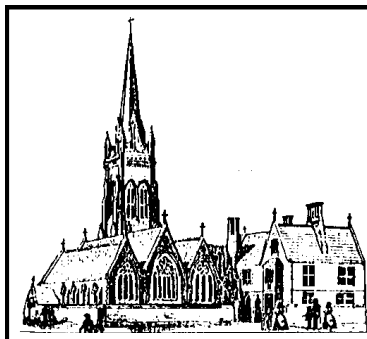
**Friday 1st May 12.00 Noon Stanisława & Władysław Czwalgą (RIP - anniv)**

St Joseph the Worker

**Saturday 2nd**  
*No Morning Mass. Church opens at 4.30pm*  
St Athanasius

**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)**



**CATHOLIC CHURCH OF  
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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: Third Principle: **Rights and Responsibilities: The Catholic tradition teaches that human dignity can be protected and a healthy community can be achieved only if human rights are protected and responsibilities are met. Therefore, every person has a fundamental right to life and a right to those things required for human decency. Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities--to one another, to our families, and to the larger society.**

Some words from Church teaching from St John XXIII:

"We must speak of man's rights. Man has the right to live. He has the right to bodily integrity and to the means necessary for the proper development of life, particularly food, clothing, shelter, medical care, rest, and, finally, the necessary social services. In consequence, he has the right to be looked after in the event of ill health; disability stemming from his work; widowhood; old age; enforced unemployment; or whenever through no fault of his own he is deprived of the means of livelihood." (St. John XXIII, Peace on Earth [Pacem in Terris], no. 11)

"In human society one man's natural right gives rise to a corresponding duty in other men; the duty, that is, of recognizing and respecting that right. Every basic human right draws its authoritative force from the natural law, which confers it and attaches to it its respective duty. Hence, to claim one's rights and ignore one's duties, or only half fulfill them, is like building a house with one hand and tearing it down with the other." (St. John XXIII, Peace on Earth [Pacem in Terris], no. 30)

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: WRCDDT ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY FULHAM



**HOLY HOURS FOR VOCATIONS:** Today 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. These will be on Thursday evenings as follows: **7 May 8pm-9pm; 14 May 6 - 7pm, before the evening Mass of the Ascension; 28 May 8 - 9pm.** 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!

**PRIEST TRAINING FUND COLLECTION:** Today, also Good Shepherd Sunday, sees the annual collection for this vital fund. Supporting priestly formation in the modern world, as well as work to foster vocations, comes at a price. Please support the collection as you can - *mainly by prayer* - but also if you can by a financial offering. There's an option on the contactless tablets, and envelopes at the door of church for gift aided cash donations. Thank you!

**NEXT NEWSLETTER:** There won't be a printed Newsletter next weekend. However, an online version will be posted in time for Sunday. The priest's Mass Intentions will be displayed on the notice board by the side entrance of church.

**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!*

**CONCERT AT CATHEDRAL HALL:** This Thurs 30 April at 6.30 pm. The Friends of Westminster Cathedral welcome Orion Symphony Orchestra to play Mozart Clarinet Quintet & Schubert Quartettsatz. Tickets £12 including refreshments afterwards book online <https://tinyurl.com/FriendsConcert30042026> or email [friends@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:friends@rcdow.org.uk)

### THE GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK WRITES WITH A MESSAGE:

"Sunday is the Feast of Our Lady, Mother of Good Counsel; the following day (27th April) will see the 58th Anniversary of the Abortion Bill becoming law. Since that terrible day almost 11 million babies have been killed by abortion in the uk. A third of pregnancies in this country end in abortion. On this Good Shepherd Sunday let us remember that for every two Priests that are ordained, another one may have been aborted. Please take a moment to pray to Our Lady, Mother of Good Counsel for our work and for the mothers and babies that we seek to help." Here's a link to the work of Good Counsel Network: <https://www.goodcounselnetwork.com/our-patrons>

**PROCESSION OF OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN:** 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*

**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](mailto:youth@rcdow.org.uk) or <https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/events/jp2-cup-2026>

**FORMING CATHOLIC STUDENT LEADERS:** Two summer courses exploring faith, ethics and leadership for sixth form students, offered by the Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst. "Join us for 6 days in the beautiful Ribble Valley to explore themes linked to The Common Good (Year 12, 10-15 August) and to The Human Ecology (Year 13, 5-10 July). Meet new friends, discuss and share with peers, tutors and academics, learn new skills, develop your relationship with Christ, build your character." See poster in church. Info at [www.christianleadershipformation.com](http://www.christianleadershipformation.com)