

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Josef Piwowarczyk; Maria Marin, Cecelia Eglyn Prince; Patrick Boyle; Anastasia Holder; Sebastiano Galluccio; Richard Green; Frances Brosnahan and all the faithful departed.

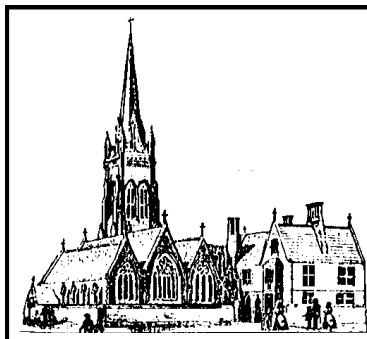
**OUR SATURDAY MORNING MASS IS OFFERED FOR
THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND**

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER 2026
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Saturday	2nd May		
		6.00 pm	Josef Piwowarczyk (RIP - anniv)
SUNDAY	3rd	8.30 am	The people of the Parish
		10.00 am	Maria Marin (RIP)
5th SUNDAY OF EASTER		12 Noon	Cecelia Eglyn Prince (RIP - anniv)
		6.00 pm	Patrick Boyle (RIP)
Monday	4th	9.30 am	Ints of Kathleen McDonagh (Bday)
THE ENGLISH MARTYRS			
Tuesday	5th	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	6th		<i>No Mass today. Church is closed.</i>
Thursday	7th	9.30 am	-
		8.00 pm	<i>Exposition and Adoration</i>
Friday	8th	9.30 am	Sebastiano Galluccio (RIP - anniv)
		12.00 pm	Funeral Mass of John Richard Green
Saturday	10th	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: Principles Four and Five: Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

A basic moral test is how our most vulnerable members are faring. In a society marred by deepening divisions between rich and poor, our tradition recalls the story of the Last Judgment (Mt 25:31-46) and instructs us to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first.

"Still, when there is a question of defending the rights of individuals, the poor and badly off have a claim to especial consideration. The richer class have many ways of shielding themselves, and stand less in need of help from the State; whereas the mass of the poor have no resources of their own to fall back upon, and must chiefly depend upon the assistance of the State." (Leo XIII, On the Condition of Labour [Rerum Novarum], no. 37)

The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers

The economy must serve people, not the other way around. Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God's creation. If the dignity of work is to be protected, then the basic rights of workers must be respected--the right to productive work, to decent and fair wages, to the organization and joining of unions, to private property, and to economic initiative.

"The economic sphere is neither ethically neutral, or inherently inhuman or opposed to society. It is part and parcel of human activity and precisely because it is human, it must be structured and governed in an ethical manner." (Pope Benedict XVI, Charity in Truth [Caritas in Veritate], no. 36)

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

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HOLY HOURS FOR VOCATIONS: Following 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: Thank you for supporting this last weekend. The collection is still open today, 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!

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!

200 CLUB MARCH RESULTS: The winners of the March Draw are: 61: £156.25 Madeleine Leport; 21: £31.25 Nancy McDermott; 22: £31.25 Gerard Cronin; 192: £18.90 Sue Lutchmansingh; 147: £18.90 Mary Lou Pitts; 68: £18.90 Elizabeth Mariano. Congratulations to the winners. The 200 club is our Parish Lottery. Application forms in the rack by the side door. *You have to be in it to win it!*

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

SACRED HEART SCHOOL HAMMERSMITH CONCERT: In aid of "one of Europe's rarest organs". Friday 19 June at 7pm. Recently discovered to be a precious survival from Paris, removed from a Sacred Heart house at a time of repression of the Church. See poster, and come to hear and see this fascinating bit of history.

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>

PAX CHRISTI ENGLAND & WALES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Sat 6 June 11am - 4pm at Maria Fidelis School, 1 Drummond St London NW1. See poster in church

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

CALLING YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULTS (AGE 18-35): "EVANGELIUM" CONFERENCE: 21 - 23 August at Oratory School, Reading. A conference on Catholic faith, life and culture to help make faithful young Catholic adults effective for mission. Many fine speakers. See poster for details.