

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Teddy Osborne; Richard Green; Monique Inagohi; Numi Bababunmi;
 Frances Brosnahan
 and all the faithful departed.

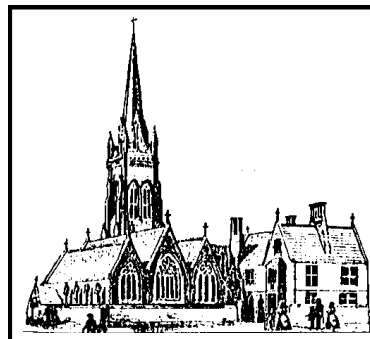
**OUR SATURDAY MORNING MASS IS OFFERED FOR
 THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND**

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER 2026
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Saturday	9th May		
		6.00 pm	Teddy Osborne (RIP - anniv)
SUNDAY	10th	8.30 am	-
		10.00 am	The people of the Parish
6th SUNDAY OF EASTER		12 Noon	Richard Green (RIP)
		6.00 pm	Monique Inagohi (RIP)
Monday	11th	9.30 am	-
Tuesday	12th	9.30 am	Numi Bababunmi (RIP - anniv)
St Pancras, Martyr		10.30 am	<i>Tuesday Morning Prayer Group</i>
		2.30 pm	<i>St Anthony Prayer Group</i>
Wednesday	13th	7.30 pm	Vigil Mass of the Solemnity of the Ascension, with conferral of the Sacrament of Confirmation
Thursday	14th	9.30 am	-
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD		6.00 pm	<i>Exposition and Adoration</i>
		7.30 pm	Ints of Aida Berkman & sons
Friday	15th	9.30 am	Ints of Carmela Bertorelli (health)
Saturday	16th	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: Solidarity : We are one human family whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. We are our brothers' and sisters' keepers, wherever they may be. Loving our neighbor has global dimensions in a shrinking world. At the core of the virtue of solidarity is the pursuit of justice and peace. Pope Paul VI taught that "if you want peace, work for justice." The Gospel calls us to be peacemakers. Our love for all our sisters and brothers demands that we promote peace in a world surrounded by violence and conflict.

"The solidarity which binds all men together as members of a common family makes it impossible for wealthy nations to look with indifference upon the hunger, misery and poverty of other nations whose citizens are unable to enjoy even elementary human rights. The nations of the world are becoming more and more dependent on one another and it will not be possible to preserve a lasting peace so long as glaring economic and social imbalances persist." (St. John XXIII, Mater et Magistra, no. 157)

"At another level, the roots of the contradiction between the solemn affirmation of human rights and their tragic denial in practice lies in a notion of freedom which exalts the isolated individual in an absolute way, and gives no place to solidarity, to openness to others and service of them. . . It is precisely in this sense that Cain's answer to the Lord's question: 'Where is Abel your brother?' can be interpreted: 'I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?' (Gen 4:9). Yes, every man is his "brother's keeper", because God entrusts us to one another." (St. John Paul II, The Gospel of Life [Evangelium Vitae], no. 19)

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 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 now as follows: **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!

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION, THURSDAY THIS WEEK: We have Holy Day Masses at the usual times on Thursday this week, to enable the faithful to keep the Obligation: at **9.30am and 7.30pm.** In addition there is a Vigil Mass of the Solemnity on Wednesday evening at 7.30pm - However, note that this is the Mass for the conferral of the Sacrament of Confirmation, and so is both longer and busier than would otherwise be the case.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND COLLECTION: Thank you for supporting this last weekends. The collection has raised £907, supporting priestly formation in the modern world, as well as work to foster vocations, comes at a price. Please and the fostering of vocations in our diocese.

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!*

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

HELP NEEDED IN NEXT STAGE OF THE ASSISTED SUICIDE FIGHT: Proposed legislation has thankfully failed, but WILL be re-introduced. Can you help join a petition to plan now to support and defend the conscience rights of NHS staff? See the poster to scan the QR code or follow link to online petition at biocentre.org/petition-on-conscience-protection.

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.

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.