

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:
 Eddie McLaughlain ; Walter Burke; Frances Brosnahan; Stanislaw & Wladyslaw
 Czwalga; Tony Whyatt; Sonia Funcheon; Barbara Earner; Jeanne Mullane
 and all the faithful departed.

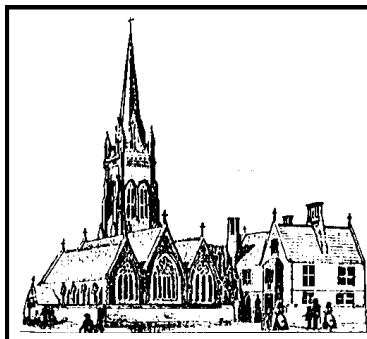
**OUR SATURDAY MORNING MASS IS OFFERED FOR
 THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND**

7th SUNDAY OF EASTER 2026
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Saturday	16th May		
		6.00 pm	Eddie McLaughlin (RIP - anniv)
SUNDAY	17th	8.30 am	Intentions of Elizabeth Walsh
		10.00 am	Walter Burke (RIP)
7th SUNDAY OF EASTER		12 Noon	Frances Brosnahan (RIP)
		6.00 pm	The people of the Parish
Monday	18th	9.30 am	Stanislaw & Wladyslaw Czwalga (RIP)
Tuesday	19th	9.30 am	Tony Whyatt (RIP - anniv)
		10.30 am	<i>Tuesday Morning Prayer Group</i>
		11.30 am	Funeral Mass of Frances Brosnahan
		2.30 pm	<i>St Anthony Prayer Group</i>
Wednesday	20th		<i>No Mass today. Church is closed.</i>
Thursday	21st	9.30 am	Sonia Funcheon (RIP)
Friday	22nd	9.30 am	-
Saturday	23rd	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: Seventh and final principle: Care for Creation:

We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan, it is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored.

"The dominion granted to man by the Creator is not an absolute power, nor can one speak of a freedom to 'use and misuse,' or to dispose of things as one pleases. The limitation imposed from the beginning by the Creator himself and expressed symbolically by the prohibition not to 'eat of the fruit of the tree' (cf. Gen 2:16-17) shows clearly enough that, when it comes to the natural world, we are subject not only to biological laws but also to moral ones, which cannot be violated with impunity. A true concept of development cannot ignore the use of the elements of nature, the renewability of resources and the consequences of haphazard industrialization - three considerations which alert our consciences to the moral dimension of development." (St. John Paul II, *On Social Concerns*, no. 34)

"The environment is God's gift to everyone, and in our use of it we have a responsibility towards the poor, towards future generations and towards humanity as a whole. . . Our duties towards the environment are linked to our duties towards the human person, considered in himself and in relation to others. It would be wrong to uphold one set of duties while trampling on the other." (Pope Benedict XVI, *Charity in Truth* [nos. 48, 51])

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. The remaining date for this is next week on Thursday evening **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!

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 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.

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 APOSTOLATE: First Saturday Divine Recollection Day Walsingham, Sat 6 June from 10:30 am to 4:30 pm. Include Holy Mass, Talk, Hour of Mercy with Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. Call Millie on 07957594646 for info. Coaches from Ealing Broadway, North London, and Victoria.

DIOCESAN YOUTH MINISTRY (AGES 18-35): NEXT YOUNG ADULTS MASS: Tuesday 9 June 7pm at Westminster Cathedral Crypt, Victoria St, London SW1P 1LT. "Join us for our monthly diocesan Young Adult's Mass, situated in the sacred and historical crypt hidden beneath Westminster Cathedral. Come along to celebrate Holy Mass led by our youth chaplain Fr Francis, and for the opportunity to meet like-minded young Catholics and to participate in the Sacred Liturgy together.

ENGAGED AND MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT: Run by the Verbum Dei Community on the Isle of Wight - 13th - 15th June. It wants to explore how Catholic families are called to be "...like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season." (Ps 1:3) Our couples' retreats want to give space for the couple to nurture their relationship in the love of God, to grow in their communication and explore their renewed purpose and mission. For more info. Please contact verbumdei.iow@gmail.com or at www.uk.verbumdei.org.

"INCLUSIVE MASS" FOR THOSE WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS: FAMILIES AND FRIENDS: At Holy Cross, Parsons Green, invites you to a Mass for children and adults with additional needs, to be celebrated by Fr Bernard Akoeso on Saturday, 27 June 2026 at 2:00 p.m., followed by light refreshments. All are most welcome, particularly parishioners and visitors with additional needs, together with their families, friends and carers. *There's a similar even in Hounslow parish soon. 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.