

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Karolina & Kacper Kopcinski; Richard Ogundiran; Patrick Dunne;
Doreen & Mike Rocwadowski; Abisogun Bababunmi; Joseph McDonagh;
Barbara Earner; Jeanne Mullane
and all the faithful departed.

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

PENTECOST SUNDAY 2026
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Saturday	23rd May		
		6.00 pm	Karolina & Kacper Kopcinski (RIP)
SUNDAY	24th	8.30 am	The people of the Parish
		10.00 am	Ints of Nancy McDermott (health)
PENTECOST SUNDAY		12 Noon	Richard Ogundiran (RIP - anniv)
		6.00 pm	Patrick Dunne (RIP - anniv)
Monday	25th	9.30 am	Doreen & Mike Rocwadowski (RIP - anniv)
Tuesday	26th	<i>No Mass today. Church opens at 11.00am</i>	
		2.30 pm	<i>St Anthony Prayer Group</i>
Wednesday	27th	<i>No Mass today. Church is closed.</i>	
<i>St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop</i>			
Thursday	28th	9.30 am	Joseph McDonagh (RIP - anniv)
		8.00 pm	<i>Exposition and Adoration</i>
Friday	29th	9.30 am	Abisogun Bababunmi (RIP - anniv)
<i>St Paul VI, Pope</i>			
Saturday	30th	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... It's tempting to believe that the Holy Spirit only came to the apostles at Pentecost, and that he is no longer active in the world. Yet, to believe that would be to deny the great gift Jesus promised when he said to his disciples, "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always" (John 14:16).

St Josemaria Escriva explains in his homily "*The Great Unknown*," "*The solemn coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost was not an isolated event. There is hardly a page in the Acts of the Apostles where we fail to read about him and the action by which he guides, directs and enlivens the life and work of the early Christian community.*" According to Escriva, "*It is he who inspires St. Peter's preaching, who strengthens the faith of the disciples, who confirms with his presence the calling of the Gentiles, who sends Saul and Barnabas to the distant lands where they will open new paths for the teachings of Jesus. In a word, his presence and doctrine are everywhere.*"

The *Catechism*, explaining how the Holy Spirit has always been present in the world and will continue to be, "*From the beginning to the end of time, whenever God sends his Son, he always sends his Spirit: their mission is conjoined and inseparable ... The Holy Spirit, whom Christ the head pours out on his members, builds, animates, and sanctifies the Church. She is the sacrament of the Holy Trinity's communion with men*" (CCC 743,747).

This continual presence of the Holy Spirit should give us hope, knowing that God is with us, even in our weaknesses. As Escriva points out, "The Holy Spirit is present in the Church of Christ for all time, so that she may be, always and in everything, a sign raised up before all nations, announcing to all people the goodness and the love of God. In spite of our great limitations, we can look up to heaven with confidence and joy."

God did not forget about us or leave us as orphans. He continues to show his love for us through the presence of the Holy Spirit. This is a simple fact that should give us hope, knowing that we are not alone. Let us continue to open our hearts to the Holy Spirit, welcoming him and allowing him to have a greater impact on our lives.

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: WRCDT ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY FULHAM



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 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!

200 CLUB APRIL DRAW RESULTS: The results of the April Draw are as follows: Mary Millington Buck: £156.25; Douglas Miller: £31.25; Fr Dennis Touw: £31.25; Matthias Siller: £18.90; Monica Lopes: £18.90; Alexandra Barros: £18.90. Congratulations to the winners. The 200 Club is our Parish Lottery - application forms by the side door of church.

S.V.P.(SOCIETY OF St VINCENT DE PAUL): The next meeting of our new SVP Conference is on WEDNESDAY 17 JUNE 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

EUCHARISTIC OCTAVE & CENTRAL LONDON CORPUS CHRISTI

PROCESSION: The Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament, Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane will again be hosting a Eucharistic Octave from 30 May - 7 June. This has been organised by several London parishes to celebrate our Eucharistic

Lord in the lead up to the Solemnity of Corpus Christi and includes the celebration of Masses in the various Rites of the Church and the Quarant'Ore devotions. Full details can be found at <https://catholiclondon.org>. See poster in church.

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.*