

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

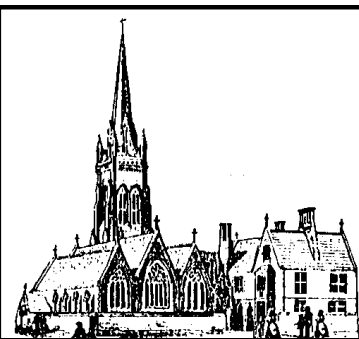
Eddie Green; Richard Green; Danuta Nowak; Francis O'Connor; Tony Rosa; Andrea Moroni; Eamon Clinton; Masline Joseph;
and all the faithful departed.

12th - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2026
Parish Mass Book Page 93 and following

Saturday	20th	6.00 pm	Eddie Green (RIP)
SUNDAY	21st	8.30 am	The people of the Parish
		10.00 am	Ints of Jean White (80th birthday)
12th SUNDAY IN		12 Noon	Danuta Nowak (RIP - anniv)
ORDINARY TIME		6.00 pm	Francis O'Connor (RIP)
Tuesday	23rd	9.30 am	-
Thursday	25th	9.30 am	-
Saturday	27th	6.00 pm	-
SUNDAY	28th	8.30 am	Tony Rosa (RIP)
		10.00 am	-
Ss PETER & PAUL		12 Noon	Andrea Moroni (RIP)
APOSTLES		6.00 pm	The people of the Parish
Tuesday	30th	9.30 am	Eamon Clinton (RIP - anniv)
Thursday	2nd July	9.30 am	-
aturday	4th	6.00 pm	-
SUNDAY	5th	8.30 am	Masline Joseph (RIP)
		10.00 am	The people of the Parish
14th SUNDAY IN		12 Noon	Ints of the Mariano Family (Thanks)
ORDINARY TIME		6.00 pm	-

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY 5.00 - 5.40PM

THE PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY
11AM - 3PM, (Closed on Wednesday except Holy Days)



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Dear Friends

I highlighted last week that June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. One reason why the Sacred Heart of Jesus is singled out for solemn devotion is because of the human struggle with *loneliness*. As one longing heart puts it: *"In what does the human being's wretchedness actually consist? We can say that the root of the human being's wretchedness is loneliness, is the absence of love - is the fact that my existence is not embraced by a love that makes it necessary."* The Sacred Heart of Jesus is the antidote. The 11th-century St. Peter Damien wrote:

It is in this adorable Heart that we find all the weapons necessary for our defence; all the remedies proper for the cure of our evils, all the most powerful aids against the assaults of our enemies, all the sweetest consolations to solace our sufferings, all the purest delights to fill our souls with joy. Are you afflicted?...Does the remembrance of your past sins trouble you? Do you feel your heart agitated by uneasiness, fear of passion? Go and throw yourself, so to speak, into the arms of Jesus Christ. Enter into his Sacred heart. It is a sanctuary, a retreat for holy souls, a place of refuge where our souls are in perfect safety."

Nothing pleases Jesus more. *"The supreme longing of Jesus' Sacred Heart,"* noted the English convert, Robert Hugh Benson, *"is that he should be admitted to that inner secret chamber of the soul where the human being is most himself, and therefore most utterly alone."* Pope Benedict XVI encouraged us: *"God's heart calls to our hearts, inviting us to come out of ourselves, to forsake our human certainties, to trust in him and, by following his example, to make of ourselves a gift of unbounded love."* And Pope Francis said: *"Now is the time to say to Jesus: Lord, I have let myself be deceived; in a thousand ways I have shunned your love, yet here I am once more, to renew my covenant with you. I need you..."*

Following the feast of the Sacred Heart, we have remembered also the Immaculate Heart of Mary, so closely bound to her son, and also, less well known as a devotion, but very beautiful, the Most Chaste Heart of St Joseph, marked last Wednesday, bringing together all the Holy Family as an antidote to all our loneliness.

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: WRC DT ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY FULHAM

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
- The Food Hub collection is up and running, and you'll find the collection point at the back of church near St Joseph's shrine. Posters in church show you what items are needed for donation.
- **SATURDAY 18 JULY 2PM -4PM: AFTERNOON TEA:** See the posters in church. Do you know someone elderly, or less mobile, who would like so come to an afternoon of chat and a little entertainment?
- Look out for the great SVP Summer Raffle - more details soon.
- **Currently the contact telephone number for any calls to the SVP is the Parish Telephone: 020 7385 4040**

MARY'S MEALS WRITE: "We would like to thank everyone in the parish for their wonderful generosity when we visited last weekend. Donations of £1759.15 will enable Mary's Meals to feed 91 children one good meal every school day for a whole year. Thank you so much for your support, please continue to pray for the work of Mary's Meals. God bless you all."

MORE HUMAN: Pope Leo's first encyclical *Magnifica Humanitas* speaks of what it means to be human, especially with in the age of AI. Join us for these 3 short workshops to introduce and explore aspects of this timely document with input, as well as reflection and prayer. In St Aloysius Parish Hall, Phoenix Rd, London NW1 1TA, Mondays 13 Jul, 21 Sep, 23 Nov, 7.30-8.45pm. All Welcome! Register to attend on <https://tinyurl.com/MoreHuman26> These workshops will also be online, email info@fcjecojustice.co.uk for more information.

NEWS FROM NOT DEAD YET UK: Stop assisted suicide being brought back: Assisted suicide campaigners are bringing back the Leadbeater Bill in the new Parliament just started. **Not Dead Yet UK** has launched a simple tool to help you email your MP about the risks this Bill poses to people with disabilities. Please take 30 seconds to email your MP today using the tool here: <http://action.notdeadyetuk.org/> Even if you have written before, this is a very good thing to do.

PROPOSED SUNDAY PARKING RESTRICTIONS: The Council are proposing to extend parking restrictions on Saturday evenings and all day Sunday to every street in the vicinity of the church. If you have an option to take part in the consultation survey, please, if you feel able, opt to keep things as they are. Restrictions will cause awkward problems for many worshippers.

"WE BELIEVE" FESTIVAL OF CATHOLIC LIFE 24-27 JULY: Notice has come rather late for this year's festival (started last year at Sy Mary's Seminary, Oscott, Birmingham). A couple of our parishioners attended and raved about it. *WeBelieve Festival* brings the Church together in England and Wales. It is an opportunity to discover the traditions and charisms that flow through the Church, to experience the joy of community, and to encounter personally the Lord Jesus, our salvation. Poster in church and info at webeliefefestival.com

St MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC GRAMMAR SCHOOL, FINCHLEY: **OPEN EVENING:** For Secondary Transfer - Weds 24 June. Parents and girls interested in entrance tests are invited to visit the school that day une between 5 - 7pm. Headteacher talks will be held at 5pm and 7pm. Full details of the Admissions Policy can be found on the School's website St Michael's Admissions 2027-28. www.st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk See poster in church.

"INCLUSIVE MASS" FOR THOSE WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS: **FAMILUES 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.*

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.

ART COMPETITION: A national Catholic schools Art Competition has been launched in the lead-up to *Adoremus* festival. Young people are invited to reflect on themes such as the Blessed Sacrament, the presence of Jesus, and the beauty of our cathedrals. Entries will be judged by a professional panel of art experts, with categories for ages 6-8, 9-12, 13-15, and 16-18. A winner will be selected in each category, along with one overall winner. The winning entry will feature on prayer cards given to all the event. Entries to be submitted by simply sending a photo of the artwork to artcompetition@christian.art Deadline for entries: 15 September 2026. See poster.