

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Eddie Green; Tess Beckett; John Quigley; Mariana Eisler;
Patrick Langan; Masline Joseph;
and all the faithful departed.

Our Saturday Mass is usually offered for those who are unwell

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2026
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Saturday	11th	6.00 pm	-
SUNDAY	12th	8.30 am	The people of the Parish
		10.00 am	Tess Beckett (RIP)
15th SUNDAY IN		12 Noon	John Quigley (RIP - anniv)
ORDINARY TIME		6.00 pm	Mariana Eisler (RIP - anniv)
Monday	13th	9.30 am	-
Tuesday	14th	9.30 am	Patrick Langan (RIP)
		10.00 am	<i>Tuesday Morning Prayer Group</i>
		2.30pm	<i>St Anthony of Padua Prayer Group</i>
Wednesday	15th	<i>No Mass today. Church is closed,</i>	
Thursday	16th	9.30 am	-
<i>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</i>			
Friday	17th	9.30 am	-
		11.30 am	Funeral Mass of Edward Green (RIP)
Saturday	18th	10.00 am	The sick and housebound
		10.30 am	<i>Exposition and Benediction</i>

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

This year we keep “Sea Sunday” on this 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time. It is a day that highlights for us the mission of the Church around the world to everyone who works at sea, but for us especially in the UK., as a traditionally maritime nation. We have the chance to pray for this work, and for the work of “*Stella Maris*” (formerly known as the Apostleship of the Sea), which is the charity of the Catholic Church supporting mission to seafarers. The Chaplains and Ship Visitors of *Stella Maris* provide practical help and pastoral care to seafarers and fishers in the UK and around the world and a whole range of ways



STELLA MARIS

Sea Sunday is also a way to bring to prayer all the needs of our world today, in crisis in so many ways. Seafarers are, without choice, there at the pressure points: the vital export of grain from Ukraine via the Black Sea; the disaster currently unfolding in the Straits of Hormuz. In port and at sea they are isolated from the life of the local church and from the sacraments.

Against this, the Gospel today reminds us that God’s will is that his grace and his life - which is his Holy Church - is to be available everywhere, like the seeds cast around by the sower in the famous parable we hear today. Sometimes that work takes a special effort and resources for special circumstances to make it a reality - that’s what *Stella Maris* is for.

So today by a work of prayer - and in a material way by a second collection - we can contribute to the mission of the Church in our nation and globally, so that the seed of the Gospel gets a chance to take root everywhere and that our brothers and sisters at sea hungering for that physical contact with the life of the Church are able to receive that ministry that here on land we can so often take for granted. (You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting ‘SEA’ to 70460 to donate £5.)

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 THURSDAY 16 JULY 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.
- **NEXT 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? Come along for a get-together at No.62
- Our SVP branch here in Fulham is selling tickets for the annual SVP summer raffle. Proceeds will go towards furthering the SVP's objective of 'Turning concern into action'. The top prize is £5,000, with £1,000 for second place, and 15 additional prizes of £100 each. Tickets will be sold after mass throughout the summer for £1 each, with the draw taking place on 24th September.
- **Currently the contact telephone number for any calls to the SVP is the Parish Telephone: 020 7385 4040**

St THOMAS' FRIENDS FOR FRIENDS SUMMER PICNIC: Pietro writes: The picnic of St Thomas Friends for Friends is confirmed for NEXT SUNDAY, 19th July after the 12:00 mass. We all bring our food and drinks and we share. **Everybody is invited.** If it is not raining (!), we will go to Bishop's Park, in the area in front of Doneraile Road. Participants should make their way independently, but if someone needs a lift they can write to me at stradapie@gmail.com and we'll do our best to organise a lift.

If it is raining, we would go to n.62. We expect to start eating by ca. 13:45, and the picnic to end by ca. 16:00.

NEWS FROM RIGHT TO LIFE UK: Unfortunately, Lauren Edwards MP has confirmed that she is bringing back Kim Leadbeater's assisted suicide Bill, with the next vote in the House of Commons on Friday 11 Sept. This means that we have just over 9 weeks to ensure MPs understand why this dangerous Bill must be rejected then. The good news is that it is going to be much more difficult for the assisted suicide lobby to gain traction and win this vote compared to the last time.

The assisted suicide lobby has now lost the last two major battles it has fought and only 12 MPs need to change their minds for the Bill to be defeated. Some MPs have already indicated that they may change their vote to oppose assisted suicide, so we should be encouraged. But we are not there yet, and this is going to be a big battle.

Right To Life UK has launched an *EasyAction* tool to help you email your MP to ask them to vote NO to assisted suicide in the vote in the House of Commons on 11 September.

Please take 30 seconds to email your MP today to ask them to vote NO to assisted suicide: <https://righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote>

PROPOSED SUNDAY PARKING RESTRICTIONS: The Council is 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 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. *We Believe 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 webelievefestival.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.

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.