

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Timothée Cogombles; Tunji Ayanlaja; Juliana Ajeigbe; Mary Joynt;
Masline Joseph;
and all the faithful departed.

Our Saturday Mass is usually offered for those who are unwell

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2026
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Saturday	25th	6.00 pm	-
SUNDAY	26th	8.30 am	-
17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		10.00 am	Timothée Cogombles (RIP)
		12 Noon	Tunji Ayanlaja (RIP - anniv)
		6.00 pm	The People of the Parish
Monday	27th	9.30 am	-
Tuesday	28th	9.30 am	Juliana Ajeigbe (RIP - anniv)
		10.00 am	<i>Tuesday Morning Prayer Group</i>
		2.30pm	<i>St Anthony of Padua Prayer Group</i>
Wednesday	29th	<i>No Mass today. Church is closed,</i>	
<i>Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus</i>			
Thursday	30th	9.30 am	-
		11.30 am	Funeral Mass of Mary Joynt (RIP)
Friday	31st	9.30 am	-
<i>St Ignatius Loyola, Priest</i>			
Saturday	1st August	10.00 am	The sick and housebound
		10.30 am	<i>Exposition and Benediction</i>
<i>St Alphonsus Liguori Priest & Doctor of the Church</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 week some more from Pope Leo commenting in his Sunday Angelus address about the parables we heard in the Gospel last Sunday, especially that of the Wheat and the Weeds:

“Following the parable of the sower, Jesus continues to address the crowds using a series of images: the good wheat and the weeds, the mustard seed and the yeast in the dough. These three short parables recall the coming of the Kingdom of God in history, its action in human lives, and the way it grows, expands and transforms the world from within. Through these images, Jesus warns us against the temptation of thinking that God is a powerful figure who imposes himself by force.....Instead, God favours smallness, a sign of his discreet love, by which he leaves us *free* to accept or reject him. His love makes its presence felt even among the weeds, acts in a hidden and invisible way like the smallest of all seeds, and leavens the dough without making a sound.

Brothers and sisters, through these parables, Jesus reveals something important about the manner in which God works in our lives and in history. We sometimes expect God to do something spectacular; we want him to intervene from on high, immediately uprooting the weeds of evil. We imagine a strong and powerful God, and, unfortunately, we also model our way of being Christians and way of being the Church on this image. However, the Kingdom of God spreads even amidst the weeds, requiring us to train our vision so we can discern the good that sprouts despite the darkness of evil, and avoiding rash judgments.

God’s way of acting must also become the way in which we live....amidst the reality that surrounds us. We are called to adopt a Gospel-centered approach, without hastily opposing others through arrogant judgments, without imposing ourselves through power and force, and without losing trust in God’s work. As the then-Cardinal Ratzinger said, it is a matter of submitting ourselves to the logic of the seed - which is not that of success and greatness, but that of making ourselves small and serving others. In this way, we will become like small seeds of the Gospel that sprout, and leavens of love that transform the dough of the world.”

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

S.V.P.(SOCIETY OF St VINCENT DE PAUL): The next meeting of our new SVP Conference is on Thursday 17 September 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.
- **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. ON SALE TODAY**
- **Currently the contact telephone number for any calls to the SVP is the Parish Telephone: 020 7385 4040**

A GREAT FUN OPPORTUNITY WEDNESDAY THIS WEEK: Our parishioner voice coach Matthew Collins loves helping people to explore their spoken voices - especially with the help of Shakespeare! WEDS 29 JULY (5.45pm - 7.45pm) he's offering another workshop at Brompton Cemetery chapel: **Explore Shakespeare Sonnets by Speaking Them**. Tickets £16.50 - refreshments served. To book go to www.matthewcollins.com. Poster & QR code in church.

THANK YOU FROM STELLA MARIS: The recent appeal to support the work of Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea) raised £505.51. Thank you for your contributions to this important but often invisible ministry of the Church.

PETER'S PENCE 2026: The annual collection for Peter's Pence (supporting the charitable initiatives of Pope Leo) raised £445.20. This fund helps many causes, including for example Vatican Radio, an important link for many around the globe.

PROPOSED SUNDAY PARKING RESTRICTIONS: The period of consultation ended this week. However, it is still worth contacting your MP, Councillors and Council Officers to register opposition to the plan to impose all day parking restrictions seven days a week around the church. We have had some encouraging messages from local councillors.

MARCH FOR LIFE 2026, SAT 5 SEPT: The *March for Life* is a growing act of witness in the UK and many other nations, not just Catholics but all pro-life communities. The theme this year is "Abortion hurts the family." Details of the theme and events at www.marchforlife.co.uk . 10.30 - 1pm Pro-Life Family Summit with events for all ages at Emmanuel Centre, Marsham St SW1

10.30am Mass at Westminster Cathedral with many of the bishops of England and Wales

March 1.30pm Tufton St, SW1 - **3pm** Parliament Square for speeches.



DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM SAT 19 SEPT: The cost of hiring a coach for this is now too much to make it possible for us. So, we are combining with White City parish. See the sign-up sheet in church: We have 24 places. The cost for coach + pilgrim donation is £30. Coach leaves 7am and return is about 8pm. It is a long day, but usually a lovely event. This year with Archbishop Richard.

ARE YOU A NEW STUDENT GOING TO UNIVERSITY SOON? See the flyers in church for information about Catholic support for student societies. Contact www.catholicstudentnetwork.co.uk

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.

INFORMATION FROM URSULINE HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS WIMBLEDON: Join one of our open events to hear why Ursuline High School may be the right choice for your child, take a tour of the school, and meet many staff and students. In addition, we'll share our prospectus, enrichment, wellbeing & personal development programmes, the application process and other important information. YEAR 7 (MAIN SCHOOL), 2027+ ENTRY Open Evening: Wed 23rd Sept 6.00 - 8.30pm.

Open Mornings: Monday 28th September - Friday 2nd October 2026. See poster or visit: www.ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk/admissions/open-events-2/

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE OF REPARATION & PRAYER FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE SAT 1ST AUGUST: This pilgrimage, led by Bishop Peter Collins of East Anglia, will go to England's Nazareth, the National Catholic Shrine at Walsingham. In the last year abortion up to birth has been legalised and there is a continued effort to make assisted suicide legal. Please join the pilgrimage to help build the 'great prayer for Life' asked for by Pope St John Paul II. Coaches from Westminster Cathedral and Southwark St George's Cathedral, details on poster in church.