

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Mary Comfort Etin; Amanda Dreyfus; Eddie Green; Maureen Sweeney
and all the faithful departed.

Our Saturday Mass is usually offered for those who are unwell

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2026
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Saturday	1st	6.00 pm	Ints of the people of Kursk/Belgorod
SUNDAY	2nd	8.30 am	Mary Comfort Etin (RIP - anniv)
		10.00 am	Amanda Dreyfus (RIP)
17th SUNDAY IN		12 Noon	Eddie Green (RIP)
ORDINARY TIME		6.00 pm	The People of the Parish

Monday	3rd	9.30 am	Tess Beckett (RIP)
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Tuesday	4th	9.30 am	Maureen Sweeney (RIP)
St John Vianney, Priest		10.00 am	<i>Tuesday Morning Prayer Group</i>
		2.30pm	<i>St Anthony of Padua Prayer Group</i>

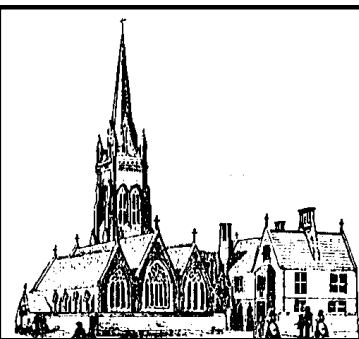
Wednesday	5th		
Dedication of Basilica of St Mary Major		<i>No Mass today. Church is closed,</i>	

Thursday	6th	9.30 am	-
The Transfiguration Of The Lord			

Friday	7th	9.30 am	-
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Saturday	8th	10.00 am	The sick and housebound
St Dominic, Priest		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

As we read the Gospel of St Matthew Sunday by Sunday this year we have now reached the end of the section on the parables of Jesus. Just as for the Newsletter for the last two weeks I attach some of Pope Leo's comments on the Gospel from last Sunday as he invites us to reflect on the parables:

*"At the heart of Jesus' teachings lies the mystery of the Kingdom of God, which today's Gospel likens to treasure and a pearl (cf. Mt 13:44-52). The parables convey the surprise of those who find something far beyond what they could have hoped for, so much so that selling or leaving everything behind no longer seems a sacrifice, but a gain. Indeed, from the very beginning, the evangelists portray Jesus' call to follow him as irresistible. It is a free choice, yet also urgent and capable of eliciting a ready and wholehearted response. **This is a first important aspect of how God is near and makes himself known: encountering his Kingdom marks a turning point that does not limit life but enlarges it. If anything must change on our part, it is only so that our lives may be opened to greater possibilities, not fewer.***

There is a second aspect that Jesus seems to attach great importance to: the one who finds the treasure hidden in the field is likely a peasant, while the pearl is recognized as precious by a merchant, perhaps a traveller. Two more parables follow, in which the protagonists are fishermen and a scribe well-versed in both the old and the new. Other parables compare the Kingdom to a woman kneading dough or tidying her house, to a king planning for war, a man designing a tower, administrators managing payments or investments, and to shepherds and farmers. In short, the Kingdom of God reveals its inestimable beauty in different ways, but calls everyone — men and women, young and old, rich and poor — to a profound renewal. Everyone is capable of understanding it and is drawn to it.

Brothers and sisters, all we have to do is ask for this gift, the very same one sought by the young King Solomon. It is the gift of recognizing the pearl of great price, of discerning the treasure for which it is worth selling everything."

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***

WELCOME TO DEVON PETRIE: Devon is one of our seminarians, discerning his vocation to the priesthood and studying at Allen Hall. It is important that each of our students has a place in the diocese to call "home" and Devon will now have his home here at St Thomas's. He is not on placement here and much of the time will be resident in the seminary. However, during vacations and at other times he will be here with us.

200 CLUB JUNE DRAW: There were 109 members for the June draw. The winners are: 32: Pearlina Lettman £136.25; 107: David Rolls £27.25; 108: Bridget Rooney £27.25; 97: Fergal O'Sullivan £16.35; 85: Angela Moyna £16.35; 164: Gabriella Logue £16.35. Congratulations to the winners. ***The 200 Club is our Parish Lottery - you have to be in it to win it! Application forms by the side door of church.***

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.

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.

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.

ENDORSEMENT OF SCHOOL APPLICATIONS: If you will be seeking the endorsement of a school application for ANY PURPOSE, Nursery, Primary, Secondary transfer etc, for ANY school or institution, between Sept - January, please register your intent with Fr James TODAY after your Sunday Mass. If you have any questions or doubts - ask Fr James after your Sunday Mass. (*Please note: Fr James won't be able to respond to Email or take telephone enquiries on this subject.*) Ample provision to meet to discuss possible endorsements will be available, but close to the closing dates for applications Fr James will be on annual leave.

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.