

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Tony Brosnan;
and all the faithful departed.

Our Saturday Mass is usually offered for those who are unwell

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 2026
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Saturday	29th	6.00 pm	Ints of Juliette Findlay (health)
SUNDAY	30th	8.30 am	-
		10.00 am	The People of the Parish
22nd SUNDAY IN		12 Noon	Ints of Peter Nwanosike (in thanks)
ORDINARY TIME		6.00 pm	-
Monday	31st	9.30 am	-
			<i>Church is closed after Mass</i>
Tuesday	1st	9.30 am	The care of creation
		10.00 am	<i>Tuesday Morning Prayer Group</i>
		2.30pm	<i>St Anthony of Padua Prayer Group</i>
Wednesday	2nd		<i>No Mass today. Church is closed</i>
Thursday	3rd	9.30 am	-
St Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church		12 Noon	Funeral Mass of Michael (Tony) Brosnan
Friday	4th	9.30 am	-
Saturday	5th	10.00 am	The sick and housebound
St Teresa of Calcutta		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

There comes a moment towards the end of every vacation when work starts creeping back into your thoughts. You might be lying beside a pool, or finishing an leisurely lunch when suddenly you remember: your inbox exists. Soon there will be alarms again. Shoes that require socks. A colleague asking, "Good vacation?" approximately 14 seconds after you've walked through the door.

Even if you like your job, returning can feel surprisingly daunting. The freedom of vacation disappears overnight. If work is already difficult - perhaps you're unhappy there, overwhelmed, or worried about a colleague, that last Sunday evening can feel heavier still. So this is exactly the moment a prayer can help. Not just any regular prayer, or even a prayer asking God to make us excited about Monday morning. Rather, you can ask for the grace to return well: to have patience with people who immediately need things from you, energy for the work waiting on your desk, and perspective not to let 643 unread emails convince you civilization has collapsed.

A prayer before returning to work:

Lord, Thank you for the time I have had to rest, for the people I spent it with, and for the moments when work felt wonderfully far away.

Now, as I return, help me not to carry tomorrow's worries before tomorrow arrives. Give me energy for what needs doing, patience with the people I meet, and wisdom to know what truly matters.

When the workload feels overwhelming, help me take one thing at a time.

When I am frustrated, guard my words. When I feel unnoticed, remind me that the value of my work is not measured only by who praises it, and when things go wrong, give me enough humour not to make every small disaster enormous.

Help me remember that my work is part of my life, but it is not the whole of my life. May I do it honestly, generously and well, while keeping space in my heart for the people and things that matter beyond it. Walk through the door with me on that first morning back. And, if possible, Lord, let me remember my password. Amen.

Finally, there's a temptation after vacation to believe we need to return transformed: more organized, more productive, finally on top of everything. By Tuesday afternoon, reality generally intervenes. A gentler goal might be simply to return present. St. Joseph, who spent so much of his life doing ordinary work without applause or recognition, is a particularly good companion here. His work mattered because of the love and responsibility with which he did it, not because every day in the workshop was thrilling. Most of us could probably say the same. 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 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.
- **Currently the contact telephone number for any calls to the SVP is the Parish Telephone: 020 7385 4040**

THIS WEEK'S SAGA: You may have noticed that this week we were the victim of vandalism - obscene and other images have been spray painted on the front wall of church. This happened in broad daylight. Mercifully the colour of paint makes the damage less obvious than it might be. We have to follow procedure for a Listed Building to remove these marks, and this process is underway.

FREE ART EXHIBITION: Our parishioner and local artist, Elizabeth Topsy Meyer is exhibiting her works at the Azca Auction until the 31st August. Pop in to view at 188 Hammersmith Road W6 7DJ or view/ purchase online. www.azcauctions.com. A portion of the proceeds will be for the work of *Aid to the Church in Need UK*. See poster in church.

NEXT WEEKEND: MISSION APPEAL BY THE SPIRITANS: This year the Mission Appeal made in our diocese is from the Spiritan Congregation. They will be with us at all Sunday Masses on 5/6 Sept. They write as follows: *"Founded in 1703, The Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers) are dedicated to sharing hope and love worldwide. For over 300 years, our mission has been clear: to evangelize the poor and the needy, pursue justice, foster peace, care for creation, inspired by Luke 4:18 and advance God's kingdom here on earth. Today, more than 3,000 Spiritans from all continents bring this mission to life in over 60 countries, serving where the need is greatest—hospitals, parishes, prisons, schools, and refugee communities. We also support integral development for young people and work for justice globally. Pope Francis reminded us in 2023, we serve "in simplicity of life, respecting peoples and cultures," embracing the most abandoned with fraternity and prayer. Your support and prayers keep our mission alive. Together, we carry Spiritan light to the world's darkest corners."*

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.



BROMPTON CEMETERY OPEN DAY: Sun 6 Sept, 11 am - 5pm. With a variety of attractions and activities, stalls, tours, performances, refreshments, local charities and organisations, and much much more. Volunteers on hand to look up family records. See poster in church. <https://brompton-cemetery.org.uk/openday.html>

SOCIETY FOR PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN: Day Conference on Sat 12 Sept. Holiday Inn Regent's Park, Carburton Street, W1 See spuc.org.uk/spuc-national-conference/ for details

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM SAT 19 SEPT: The coach is now full, but Fr James will keep a list in case places become available. Pilgrims signed up: it's time to make your payment!

WESTMINSTER YOUNG ADULTS MEET: 8th Sept Mass at 7pm; Talk at 7.45pm. Join Westminster Youth Ministry for *Resonate*, the monthly Mass and Talk for those aged 18-35. Venue: Westminster Cathedral Crypt, followed by a live panel Q+A! The panel will bring together three different vocations in the Church: priesthood, religious life, and marriage. This evening is an opportunity to hear honest, real, faith orientated reflections from people who are living out their vocation in very different ways. Whether you are discerning your future, wondering what God is calling you to, trying to understand vocation more deeply, or simply curious.

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

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.