

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:**

Zanobia Danilenko; Kathleen Coughlan; Patrick McEnroe Laura Collins  
and all the faithful departed.

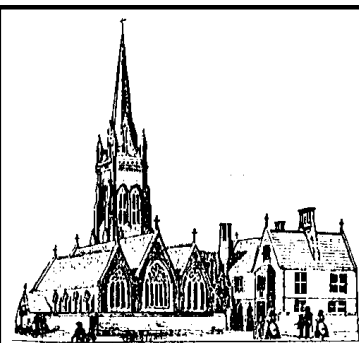
Our Saturday Mass is usually offered for those who are unwell

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 2026**  
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| <b>Saturday</b>                   | <b>5th</b>  | <b>6.00 pm</b>                         | <b>Zanobia Danilenko (RIP)</b>               |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>                     | <b>6th</b>  | <b>8.30 am</b>                         | <b>Kathleen Coughlan (RIP)</b>               |
|                                   |             | <b>10.00 am</b>                        | <b>-</b>                                     |
| <b>23rd SUNDAY IN</b>             |             | <b>12 Noon</b>                         | <b>Intentions of Felix McBrearty</b>         |
| <b>ORDINARY TIME</b>              |             | <b>6.00 pm</b>                         | <b>The People of the Parish</b>              |
| <b>Monday</b>                     | <b>7th</b>  | <b>9.30 am</b>                         | <b>-</b>                                     |
| <b>Tuesday</b>                    | <b>8th</b>  | <b>9.30 am</b>                         | <b>-</b>                                     |
| <b>NATIVITY OF THE</b>            |             | <b>10.00 am</b>                        | <i>Tuesday Morning Prayer Group</i>          |
| <b>BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>        |             | <b>2.30pm</b>                          | <i>St Anthony of Padua Prayer Group</i>      |
| <b>Wednesday</b>                  | <b>9th</b>  | <i>No Mass today. Church is closed</i> |                                              |
| <b>Thursday</b>                   | <b>10th</b> | <b>9.30 am</b>                         | <b>-</b>                                     |
|                                   |             | <b>11.30 am</b>                        | <b>Funeral Mass of Patrick McEnroe (RIP)</b> |
| <b>Friday</b>                     | <b>11th</b> | <b>9.30 am</b>                         | <b>Ints of Maria Fernandez (B'day)</b>       |
|                                   |             | <b>11.30 am</b>                        | <b>Funeral Mass of Laura Collins (RIP)</b>   |
| <b>Saturday</b>                   | <b>12th</b> | <b>10.00 am</b>                        | <b>The sick and housebound</b>               |
| <b>The Most Holy Name of Mary</b> |             | <b>10.30 am</b>                        | <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

Below is a statement from Bishop Jim about the plight of Christians in the Holy Land, shared with you this week for your prayer and potential action:

The last Christian town in the West Bank, Taybeh, has been declared a closed military zone by the Israeli army. The army/IDF, says that this is to address ongoing attacks by illegal settlers on the town. Bishop James Curry, Lead Bishop for the Holy Land for the Bishops' Conference, has expressed the bishops' concern:

"I was deeply alarmed to hear that Taybeh has been declared a closed military zone prohibiting Israelis, foreign nationals, and journalists from entering. It is claimed that this is designed to prevent attacks on residents by Israeli settlers, but it is far from clear that this move will achieve that objective. The Israeli government must find a way of protecting the legitimate communities from settler violence whilst allowing citizens to go about their normal business. This ban will lead to a vital loss of income from tourism and pilgrimages and, thereby, international scrutiny on the situation.

"The problem of settler intimidation is a very real one. When I visited the village as part of the Holy Land Coordination in January, the community reported ongoing attacks and intimidation..... Families were leaving because they simply could not see how they could raise their children in safety and security. It was unacceptable then and it is unacceptable now. The universal Church has been very clear on this – human dignity cannot apply to one person and not the other.

"We have shared these accounts with Catholic MPs and relevant All-Party Parliamentary Groups. There is a clear understanding of the seriousness of the situation, yet our government does not appear to be acting with sufficient urgency in responding to grave human rights abuses taking place in the West Bank....These attacks constitute a serious breach of international law and stand in violation of freedom of religion. I urge Catholics across England and Wales to stand in solidarity with the people of Taybeh. Please write to your Member of Parliament asking them to consider and act on the situation in Taybeh as well as in the wider West Bank.

"The Christian presence in the Holy Land is a vital part of the region's DNA and has survived for more than 2,000 years. It would be a tragedy for Palestinians and Israelis alike if it were to disappear altogether. "The parish priest of Taybeh, Father Bashar Fawadleh, summed it up when he pointed out that Christians simply want to live alongside their neighbours 'in peace, with justice and dignity."

### 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**

**VANDALISM UPDATE:** We can report that the person who spray-painted the front of the church has since been arrested whilst vandalising another church building. Unfortunately the process of removing the graffiti will take a while as we have to follow procedure for a Listed Building, and because it is more costly than you might think and an insurance claim will have to be made.

#### THIS WEEKEND: MISSION APPEAL BY THE SPIRITANS:

**WELCOME FR CHRISTIAN:** 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."*

**200 CLUB JULY DRAW RESULTS:** The winners were: 16: £136.25 Shirley Mills; 31: £27.25 Kathleen McDonagh; 2: £27.25 Matteo Merlo; 64: £16.35 David & Katy Lloyd; 79: £16.35 Anabela Miranda; 116: £16.35 Matthias Siller. The 200 Club is our Parish Lottery, application forms by the side door of church.

**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/](http://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! ***There's a note on the notice board for pilgrims with revised plans for the day!***

**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](http://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.

#### INFORMATION FROM URSULINE HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

**WIMBLEDON:** Join one of our open events to hear why Ursuline High School. Poster in church. YEAR 7 (MAIN SCHOOL), 2027+ ENTRY Open Evening: Wed 23rd Sept 6.00 – 8.30pm.

Open Mornings: Monday 28th September – Friday 2nd October 2026. Visit: [www.ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk/admissions/open-events-2/](http://www.ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk/admissions/open-events-2/)

**CARDINAL VAUGHAN SCHOOL** Sept 2027 Year 7 Admissions: Open evenings on 17 and 22 Sept. See poster in church or visit website [www.cvms.co.uk/admissions](http://www.cvms.co.uk/admissions)

**ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED:** "Very nice, friendly Italian lady, perfect English, looking to rent a small room in private house in exchange for occasional caring and or support for elderly or disabled person. References available. Contact Elizabeth (Topsy) on 07812472702"