

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

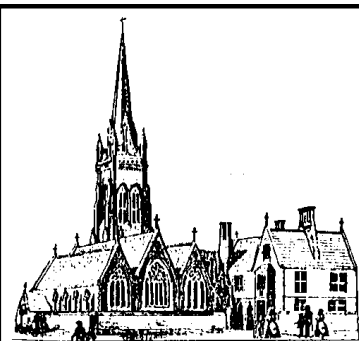
Alex and John McKee; Anne McCabe; Tadeusz Dziedzic
and all the faithful departed.

Our Saturday Mass is usually offered for those who are unwell

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Saturday	12th	6.00 pm	Alex and John McKee (RIP anniv)
SUNDAY	13th	8.30 am	Intentions of Pope Leo
		10.00 am	Christians of the Holy Land
24th SUNDAY IN		12 Noon	The People of the Parish
ORDINARY TIME		6.00 pm	Intentions of Fr James
Monday	14th	9.30 am	-
THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS			
Tuesday	15th	9.30 am	-
Our Lady of Sorrows		10.00 am	<i>Tuesday Morning Prayer Group</i>
		2.30pm	<i>St Anthony of Padua Prayer Group</i>
Wednesday	16th	<i>No Mass today. Church is closed</i>	
Ss Cornelius & Cyprian, Martyrs			
Thursday	17th	9.30 am	Anne McCabe (RIP anniv)
Friday	18th	9.30 am	Tadeusz Dziedzic (RIP)
Saturday	19th	<i>No Morning Mass or Devotions</i>	
		<i>(Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham)</i>	
		<i>Church opens at 4.30pm</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

Recent studies claim that the average work week is increasing, with more people working an average of 50 hours. What isn't readily recorded is the recent rise in stay-at-home jobs, where the line is often blurred between work and family life.

Furthermore, in many places Sunday is no longer a day of rest, and is simply included in the work week in order to get certain projects completed. As a result, the concept of rest is slowly disappearing from many people's lives. In response, Jesus would say, "from the beginning it was not so" (Matthew 19:8). St. John Paul II wrote in his encyclical *Laborem Exercens* how we need to look at the book of Genesis to understand the dignity of our work, as well as our inherent need to rest:

"This description of creation, which we find in the very first chapter of the Book of Genesis, is also in a sense the first "gospel of work." For it shows what the dignity of work consists of: it teaches that man ought to imitate God, his Creator, in working, because man alone has the unique characteristic of likeness to God. Man ought to imitate God both in working and also in resting, since God himself wished to present his own creative activity under the form of work and rest. God clearly shows us through his creative activity that human were not designed to lead lives of constant work. Even our bodies reveal this reality by the fact that it is impossible for a human being to never sleep. If a person never slept, their body would quickly shut down and essentially "force" them to sleep."

St John Paul goes so far as to say that workers have a "right to rest. In the first place this involves a regular weekly rest comprising at least Sunday, and also a longer period of rest, namely the holiday or vacation..." Rest must be part of our lives, and our soul needs that rest to not only survive in this world, but also to prepare it for what is to come. St John Paul explains that "man's work too not only requires a rest every 'seventh day,' butit must leave room for man to prepare himself, by becoming more and more what in the will of God he ought to be, for the 'rest' that the Lord reserves for his servants and friends."

In other words, Heaven is that "eternal rest" that we are destined to enjoy, and in order to prepare our souls for that rest, we must practice it now, engaging in periods of refreshing rest. As we go about our daily lives, remember that while work can be important, rest must also be given a primary place in our lives, allowing both our bodies and souls an ability to rest in the peace of Jesus Christ.

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.
- **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.

MISSION APPEAL BY THE SPIRITANS: Fr Christian has written to say "again a BIG THANK YOU for the lovely weekend we shared together in your parish during the Mission Appeal." Thus far the appeal has raised £1354.50 for the work of the Spiritan Congregation. Well done everyone.

200 CLUB AUGUST DRAW RESULTS: The winners were: 7: £136.25 Edward Pease; 38: £27.25 Charles Kavanagh; 46: £27.25 Debi O'Donovan; 5: £16.35 Celia Mostyn; 103: £16.35 Gloria Richardson; 87: £16.35 Paul Mullen. The 200 Club is our Parish Lottery, application forms by the side door of church.

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!***

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

CAFOD Family Fast Day is **Friday 2 October**. This Harvest, we're inviting parishes to help children have the food and safe water they need to

learn. Plan to take part in the Family Fast and proceeds will be collected on weekend of 3/4 Oct.

HARVEST PARTY: The annual parish Harvest Day Party will take place on 17th-October at 7pm in the school Hall. All parishioners are warmly invited to share a fun evening of friendship, music and delicious food. Tickets are £5 per adult. Kids under 12 are free. The inclusive group of St Thomas Friends for Friends will lead the organisation, and if you are happy to help, please contact Pietro Strada at stradapie@gmail.com. " Tickets on sale from 19 September after Sunday Masses.

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/

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

WIMBLEDON COLLEGE OPEN EVENING: 24th Sept. The headteacher will give a number of talks during the evening. Details at www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk/openevents. See poster in church.

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING: 7 Oct from 4.30pm to 7pm. Details at: <https://www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk/sixth-form/sixth-form-open-evening>.

GUMLEY HOUSE SCHOOL: invites families to our Open Events which will take place on 28th Sept from 9.00am until 11.00am and also in the evening from 5pm until 8pm, and 1st October 2026 from 9.00am until 11.00am. You can register at www.gumleyhouse.com/Open-Events Poster in church.

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 07812471701"