

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

and all the faithful departed.

Our Saturday Mass is usually offered for those who are unwell

**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2026**  
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| <b>Saturday</b>       | <b>19th</b> | <b>6.00 pm</b>   | <b>Intentions of our Walsingham pilgrims</b> |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>         | <b>20th</b> | <b>8.30 am -</b> |                                              |
|                       |             | <b>10.00 am</b>  | <b>The People of the Parish</b>              |
| <b>25th SUNDAY IN</b> |             | <b>12 Noon</b>   | <b>Intentions of Kimberly Pabaira</b>        |
| <b>ORDINARY TIME</b>  |             | <b>6.00 pm -</b> |                                              |

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| <b>Monday</b>                    | <b>21st</b> | <b>9.30 am -</b> |  |
| St MATTHEW, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST |             |                  |  |

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| <b>Tuesday</b> | <b>22nd</b> | <b>9.30 am -</b> |                                         |
|                |             | <b>10.00 am</b>  | <i>Tuesday Morning Prayer Group</i>     |
|                |             | <b>2.30pm</b>    | <i>St Anthony of Padua Prayer Group</i> |

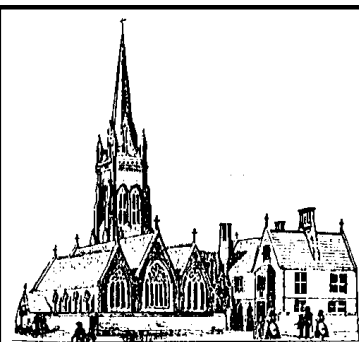
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| <b>Wednesday</b>               | <b>23rd</b> | <i>No Mass today. Church is closed</i> |  |
| St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest |             |                                        |  |

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| <b>Thursday</b>        | <b>24th</b> | <b>9.30 am -</b> |  |
| OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM |             |                  |  |

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| <b>Friday</b> | <b>25th</b> | <b>9.30 am</b> | <b>Bunmi Adedayo (RIP - anniv)</b> |
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| <b>Saturday</b>             | <b>26th</b> | <b>10.00 am</b> | <b>The sick and housebound</b>    |
| Ss Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs |             | <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

On March 4, the International Theological Commission, which supports the work of the Holy Father, published *Quo Vadis, Humanitas?* — “Where are you going, humanity?” a big document on Christian anthropology in the face of modern challenges much in the news. It served as one of the main sources of Pope Leo’s encyclical *Magnifica Humanitas*, published in May. It says “...reflection on the human being seems to go beyond the human, questioning the specificity of human nature itself.” It is a detailed, and at times technically demanding engagement with one of the most consequential questions of the century: What happens to the human person when technology begins to redefine what it means to be one? In comes weeks, we’ll look at its five central claims:

**1. Technology is not the enemy — but it carries ambivalence from the start:**

The Commission acknowledges that technological progress has “greatly improved the possibilities for medical intervention and so of public health,” and that science and technology “correspond to a true vocation that comes from God.”

But every tool humanity has ever made carries within it what the document calls a fundamental ambivalence. Drawing on Benedict XVI’s warning in *Caritas in Veritate*, it notes that “when human beings give in to a purely functional view of technology, they may see it as a tool for unconditional freedom, allowing them to disregard the limitations inherent in life and in things, dreaming of an absolute autonomy that authorises them to create or recreate themselves.” The problem is not technology but the ideology that sometimes accompanies it - the claim that what technology can do, it should do, and that human nature is merely another material to be enhanced, optimized, and eventually transcended.

More next week... for our prayers and engagement with current debate.

### 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

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**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**

**SECOND COLLECTIONS & MISSION APPEAL:** In the coming weeks I apologise there are a number of requests for financial support coming that we are required to make:

**TODAY IS HOME MISSION SUNDAY: to support the work of the Bishops' Conference Mission Directorate.** The work of the Directorate is described thus: "The Mission team works in: Catechesis and evangelisation; helping to deepen knowledge of the beauty of Holy Scripture; marriage and family life; the National Office of Vocations; loving and protecting the great patrimony of our historic churches and cathedrals; serving the liturgy of the Church; promoting Christian Unity and Interreligious dialogue; supporting the work of chaplaincy in Higher Education and in Prisons; and in supporting the work of those who do much to share the gospel with young people today."

**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. Envelopes are available in church today and poster gives link to more information on this year's theme.

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: 18TH OCT:** The collection that day is to support the work of "MISSIO" the Vatican umbrella charity to support mission work around the world. Pick up a copy of "Mission Today" at the doors of church for more information.

**MISSION APPEAL:** Fr Christian writes: "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.

**MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING:** Once again Alexandra invites you to her home for a Coffee Morning in support of MacMillan Cancer Support. Friday this week, 25th Sept, between 9am - Midday, at 44 Mendora Road. Also see poster in church.

**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](mailto:stradapie@gmail.com). Tickets on sale from 19 September after Sunday Masses.

**ENDORSEMENT OF SCHOOL APPLICATIONS: I now assume all Secondary transfer enquiries have been made.** 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.

**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)

**WIMBLEDON COLLEGE OPEN EVENING:** 24th Sept. The headteacher will give a number of talks during the evening. Details at [www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk/openevents](http://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 28<sup>th</sup> Sept from 9.00am until 11.00am and also in the evening from 5pm until 8pm, and 1<sup>st</sup> October 2026 from 9.00am until 11.00am. You can register at [www.gumleyhouse.com/Open-Events](http://www.gumleyhouse.com/Open-Events) Poster in church.

**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO JIM:** Jim McNelis celebrated his 90th birthday on Friday. We send him Birthday Greetings! As he has been worshipping at St Thomas's since 1962, I know his many friends will wish him many happy returns!

**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"