

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

We pray for Ugo Lopez who has died recently and remember also Cornelia Giwa and Elizabeth Ajayi, Luke Wall, Chad Solomon, Tadeusz Dymiter, Frank Burke, Anibal and Laurinda Afonso and all the faithful departed.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

OUR SATURDAY MORNING MASS IS ALWAYS OFFERED FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOUSEBOUND

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat 17th	10.00 am	Martin Kennelly (RIP - anniv)
St Ignatius of Antioch	10.30 am	Exposition and Benediction
	5.30 pm	The Sick and the Housebound
Sun 18th	9.00 am	Pro Populo
29th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	10.30 am	Ugo Lopez (RIP)
	12.00 noon	Cornelia Giwa & Elizabeth Ajayi (RIP - anniv)
	6.00 pm	Luke Wall (RIP)
Mon 19th	9.30 am	Chad Alexander Leon Solomon (RIP)
Tue 20th	9.30 am	Winnie Abner (ints)
Wed 21st	9.30 am	Christine Cannon (get well)
Thu 22nd	9.30 am	Tadeusz Dymiter (RIP - anniv)
St John Paul II		
Fri 23rd	9.30 am	Frank Burke (RIP)
Sat 24th	10.00 am	The Sick and the Housebound
Saturday Memoria Of Our Lady	10.30 am	Exposition and Benediction
	5.30 pm	Zenobia Danilenko (RIP - anniv)
Sun 25th	9.00 am	John Byrne (RIP)
29th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	10.30 am	Tracy Drakes (RIP)
	12.00 noon	Virginia Formalejo (RIP)
	6.00 pm	Pro Populo

**PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL MASSES ARE ONLINE AT:
www.stthomasfulham.com**

Bible Study - Friday 4.00 pm at 62 Rylston Road

PLEASE NOTE!!

Please do not congregate outside church after Mass in groups larger than 6! It has been brought to our attention that a number of parishes have been reported to the authorities for breaking the COVID rules and spot checks have been made. As you are aware very large fines may be levied from those who offend.



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PLEASE CONSIDER DOWNLOADING THE NHS COVID-19 APP. IT MAKES REGISTERING FOR TEST AND TRACE MUCH SIMPLER.

THE CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER EVERY WEEKDAY FROM 9.00 AM UNTIL 10.00 AM AND FROM 4 - 5 PM

THE 'BIBLE ALIVE' AND 'MY DAY BY DAY' FOR OCTOBER ARE AVAILABLE AT THE MAIN DOOR OF THE CHURCH

1ST RECONCILIATION AND 1ST HOLY COMMUNION:

Parents of children who are in Year 3, or above and who wish their children to make their First Reconciliation and their First Holy Communion next year, are advised that the registration forms for this Sacramental Programme are available this weekend. Please remember that forms may only be collected by a parent or guardian of the child from Fr Dennis, Fr Linferd or Deacon Wayne after Mass on Saturday evening or Sunday. Closing date for applications - 8th November

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE

Fr Dennis will be available for interviews with parents requesting the signing of such a certificate from Monday onwards. You can book an appointment by contacting the parish office. You will need to obtain and bring with the relevant document required. This can be found at: <https://www.catholiceducation.org.uk/guidance-for-schools/admissions> - also there is the Guidance from Bishop's Conference about the document which I would recommend you read.

To comply with Covid safety guidelines, we will allocate 20 minutes for each appointment and will expect you to be on time. If you miss your slot your appointment will have to be rebooked - SORRY!

My Dear Friends,

This weekend we listen, once again, to a story that is very familiar to all of us, and we all know that when the Pharisees dragged the name of Caesar into their dispute with Jesus, it was a rather obvious attempt to trick him into making an incriminating statement that they'd be able to use against him later on.



We, however see it for what it is, a 'Catch 22' situation. Because to say that tax should be paid to Rome would make him appear a traitor to his countrymen, while a denial would have left him behind bars as an enemy of the state. But aware of their malice, Jesus neatly sidesteps the issue and draws attention to Caesar's image on the coin saying: *'Render to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.'* He challenges them to take their responsibility to God as seriously as their obligation to the state.

Now while God and 'Caesar' each have a claim over us, neither allegiance should cancel out the other. Jesus does not specify what constitutes the dividing line between our duty to God and our obligation to society.

The gospel reminds us that we are members of God's kingdom and citizens of the country in which we live, with obligations to both. As Christians we are not only members of the church but also members of society. But tensions can exist between our loyalty to God and our duty to our country especially when political questions touch upon faith and morality. Religion and politics do mix and overlap, so crucial issues of conscience often emerge, and in these instances we must put God and his laws first, even if it brings us into conflict with the state. For we are obliged to bring the gospel into every aspect of our lives.

Normally conflicts of interest are rare and our loyalty to the laws of our country need not contradict our obedience to God. And a good Christian, by keeping his thoughts on heaven whilst having his feet firmly planted on the earth, can love God and country and be faithful to both. But our Christian lifestyle in an ever more secular world should result in giving a certain tone to society. For we are chosen to be the saving hands of Christ and are called to spread the good news in different ways, and on many levels.

Living in an imperfect world highlights the need for Christian men and women in public life who are not afraid to express their allegiance to God in social and religious affairs. Their fresh vision points out spiritual values which others would fail to take into account.

The most important goal for all of us is to work out our salvation. It takes a lifelong effort to give to God what is his due. This is something we must keep uppermost in our minds. By remaining steadfast in our faith, at home and in public life, we show that our reward is not to be sought in this world. If we have been neglectful in these matters we can start now by coming before God at this Mass in faith and offer ourselves completely to him in union with Jesus Christ on the altar.

Every blessing,

Many of you have expressed your concern with regard to the financial situation of our parish at this time. The Finance Committee has been working hard to assess our shortfall in income which comes to **£20,000**. This is very worrying, and we are very grateful for your help. Details of our parish bank account are below should you wish to donate directly.

YOUR NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES MAY BE COLLECTED FROM THE PRESBYTERY

Finally, if you are a tax-payer and would wish your offering to be Gift Aided, please let us know and we will help to sort this out.

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THE NOVEMBER DEAD LIST

November is the month dedicated to the Holy Souls. Unfortunately the usual envelopes and prayer lists have not yet arrived from the printers, but they will be available on the newspaper table from next weekend. Please return them with your offerings as soon as possible. Sadly, as a result of the present pandemic, there will be no cemetery mass this year, but we will be having a Years Mind mass during the month of November and there will be a Solemn Sung Mass for all the faithful departed at 9.30 am and 8 pm on November 2nd - All Souls Day..

ST THOMAS' SCHOOL

St. Thomas' is a warm and welcoming school that offers a Catholic education to children aged 4-11. If your child is starting primary school in September 2021, our virtual open evening on Tuesday 17 November at 6:00pm, via Zoom, will give you the opportunity to meet our Heads and learn more about the school's ethos and vision. To register your interest please contact us on 0207 385 8165 or admin@stthomasrc.lbhf.sch.uk