

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:**

We pray for Eunice Wilson, Millicent Clark and Peter McDermott who have died recently and remember also Christopher and Louie Allsop, Frank Burke, Peter & Kathleen McDonagh, Zuzanna Jelitko, Martin Dwyer, Edward Haran, Maciej Janas, Theresa Collins, Peter & Annie Byrne and all the faithful departed. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

**OUR SATURDAY MORNING MASS IS OFFERED  
FOR THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

<b>Sat 20th</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>The Sick and the Housebound</b>
	<b>5.30 pm</b>	<b>Christopher &amp; Louie Allsop (RIP - anniversary)</b>
<b>Sun 21st</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Pro Populo</b>
<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Frank Burke (RIP)</b>
	<b>12.00 noon</b>	<b>Peter &amp; Kathleen McDonagh (RIP - anniversary)</b>
	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>Mary Asantewaa (RIP)</b>
<b>Mon 22nd</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Eunice Wilson (RIP - LD)</b>
<b>The Chair of Peter</b>		
<b>Tue 23rd</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Souls in Purgatory</b>
<b>Wed 24th</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Zuzanna Jelitko (RIP - anniv)</b>
<b>Thu 25th</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Martin Dwyer (RIP - anniv)</b>
<b>Fri 26th</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Edward Haran (RIP)</b>
<b>Lenten Family Fast Day</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross (please note earlier time)</b>
<b>Sat 27th</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>The Sick and the Housebound</b>
	<b>5.30 pm</b>	<b>Maciej Janas (RIP - LD)</b>
<b>Sun 28th</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Theresa Collins (RIP - LD)</b>
<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>William Rogers (intentions)</b>
	<b>12.00 noon</b>	<b>Peter &amp; Annie Byrne (RIP)</b>
	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>Pro Populo</b>

**ALL MASSES ARE ONLINE AT: [www.stthomasfulham.com](http://www.stthomasfulham.com)  
DURING THIS TIME OF HEIGHTENED RESTRICTIONS  
THE OFFICE WILL BE OPEN TUE / WED / THURS  
MORNINGS AND ON TUE AND THURS AFTERNOONS  
UNTIL ABOUT 3 PM**



**CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY**

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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER  
MONDAY- FRIDAY FROM 9.00 - 10.00 AM AND SATURDAY 9.30 -  
11.30 AM SUNDAY MASS TIMES AS USUAL**

**THE CHURCH WILL NOT BE OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER IN  
THE AFTERNOON THIS WEEK DUE TO BUILDING WORK  
BEING CARRIED OUT IN THE ORGAN GALLERY**

**THE LENTEN PRAYER BOOKS 'MY DAY BY DAY' AND 'WALK  
WITH ME' ARE STILL AVAILABLE IN CHURCH AT £1 EACH.  
A VERY USEFUL HELP TO OUR KEEPING OF LENT**

**ASH WEDNESDAY - THEFT!**

Sadly- Ash Wednesday was marred by the theft of a substantial amount of money from the porch of the Presbytery! The matter is now in the hands of the police who have access to the extensive video recordings that our security cameras captured that day. However, should you, by any chance, have seen anything suspicious, please feel free to speak, in confidence, to Fr Dennis, Fr Linferd or Deacon Wayne about your concerns. This was indeed a sad beginning to this holy season and a reminder to keep things safe ... even in church.

Many of you have expressed your concern with regard to the financial situation of our parish at this time. 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.**

**WRCDT ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY FULHAM**

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We have just begun the Season of Lent. There are no flowers decorating our altar. The colour of vestments has gone from green, the colour of life, to a more sombre purple. The gospel reading gives us the rather alarming image of Jesus in the wilderness being tempted by Satan. Just after his baptism and before he begins his public ministry, Jesus spends forty days in the wilderness in fasting and prayer to prepare himself for what lay ahead. After that period of forty days, while still in the wilderness, Jesus was put to the test by Satan. The first two temptations begin with the words, 'If you are the Son of God...' These are subtle temptations. Satan recognizes Jesus' identity as Son of God, as proclaimed by God at the time of Jesus' baptism, 'this is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased'. Yet, Satan puts that identity to the test by suggesting that Jesus use his power as Son of God to work extravagant miracles, turning stone into bread, jumping from the pinnacle of the Temple. Then he will quickly have a large following. People will always be impressed by extraordinary signs. The third temptation was also subtle. Jesus came to proclaim the presence of God's kingdom, to create an alternate kingdom to all the various kingdoms of this world. Satan offers Jesus all these kingdoms of the world, the very goal of Jesus' mission. However, such an offer comes with a huge price. Jesus must first worship Satan and not God.

When Jesus gave his disciples and all of us the prayer that has become known as the Lord's Prayer, it included the petition, 'Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil'. Jesus seems to have been aware that just as he was tempted in a very fundamental way, so too would his followers be tempted. Just as his identity as Son of God was put to the test, so too would our own baptismal identity be tested. This gospel reading is placed at the very beginning of Lent because Lent is a season when we are invited to become more aware of the reality of temptation in our own lives. Jesus was tempted by what appeared on the surface to be something good, a quick and easy route to the coming of God's kingdom. We are not usually tempted by what is obviously bad. Rather, temptations emerge out of some good that we selfishly desire for ourselves alone.



In our struggle with temptation we have wonderful resources at our disposal, the Holy Spirit, the word of God, the sacraments, the inspiration of faithful followers of the Lord. We enter Lent in the knowledge that the Lord who was tempted in every way that we are is powerfully present to us in our own testing times, and will remain faithful to us, even when we fail.

With the power of the Holy Spirit in mind, Fr Dennis, Fr Linferd and I would like to commence the Sacrament of Confirmation after Easter. If you are in Year 9 or above and you wish to make your Confirmation, please speak to me (Deacon Wayne) or email me at [fulhamcatechist@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:fulhamcatechist@rcdow.org.uk) for more details,

God Bless,

*Deacon Wayne*

### **YEAR OF ST JOSEPH**

On the occasion of 150th anniversary of the proclamation of St Joseph as 'Patron of the Catholic Church' by Blessed Pius IX, Pope Francis has proclaimed 'A Year of St Joseph' from 8th December 2021 to 8th December 2021. Follow this link <https://rcdow.org.uk/faith/news/st-joseph/> to the Diocesan web page to discover more about this wonderful initiative. You can also find a full copy of the Holy Father's Apostolic letter there.

**APOSTOLIC LETTER-PATRIS CORDE OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS**

### **200 CLUB - JANUARY DRAW**

42	£137.50	Felicity Allpress			
74	£27.50	Alda Mendes	159	£27.50	Michael O'Sullivan
33	£16.50	Hazel Evinson	81	£16.50	John Moloney
		21	£16.50		Nancy McDermott

Congratulations to all our winners

### **CAFOD AND FAMILY FAST DAY**

This Lent, CAFOD invites us to join the Big Walk for Water event. Help give the boot to water poverty across the world by supporting our CAFOD collection. Consider Abdella, he lives in an extremely remote and mountainous part of Ethiopia. It takes him ten hours a day to collect water. He says his life is being wasted as he has no time for anything else. Give today to reach vulnerable communities around the world with water and to provide other vital support.