

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

We pray for Lily McKinney, Elizabeth Corcoran, Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Peggy Igoe and Carol Byrne who have died recently and we remember also Frank Burke, Blanca Garivello, Bunmi Adedayo, Anna Patricia Nicholas, Virginia Formalejo, Regina Dziedzic, Sebastian Britto 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**

**27th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

Sat 2nd October	10.00 am	The Sick and the Housebound
The Holy Guardian	12.30 pm	Holy Baptism
Angels	5.30 pm	Patrick & Della Mary (good health)
Sun 3rd	9.00 am	Maura Lenehan (RIP - anniv)
TWENTY-SEVENTH	10.30 am	Pro Populo
SUNDAY OF	12.00 pm	Frank Burke (RIP - anniv)
THE YEAR	6.00 pm	Blanca Garivello (RIP - anniv)
Mon 4th	9.30 am	Peggy Igoe (RIP)
St Francis of Assisi		
Tue 5th	9.30 am	Lily McKinney (RIP - LD)
	2.30 pm	St Anthony Prayer Group
Wed 6th	9.30 am	Elizabeth Corcoran (RIP - LD)
Thu 7th	9.30 am	Patrick and Della Mary (good health)
Fri 8th	9.30 am	Catherine Britto (ints)
	7.30 pm	Mass of Confirmation
Sat 9th	10.00 am	The Sick and the Housebound
	12.30 pm	Holy Baptism
	5.30 pm	Diarmuid Beckett (get well)
Sun 10th	9.00 am	Pro Populo
TWENTY-EIGHTH	10.30 am	Kathleen Fitzpatrick (RIP - LD)
SUNDAY OF	12.00 pm	Peggy Igoe (RIP - LD)
THE YEAR	6.00 pm	Carol Harman Byrne (RIP - LD)

**ALL MASSES ARE ONLINE AT: [www.stthomasfulham.com](http://www.stthomasfulham.com)  
THE PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN MON / TUE / WED / THURS /  
AND FRI FROM 11.00 AM UNTIL ABOUT 3 PM**

**Please note that the Parish Office is closed at the weekend.**



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**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES**

**Baptism** – the next Baptism course has begun details re Baptism from Deacon Wayne at the Parish Office. 020 7385 4040 Ext 4

**Reconciliation/1st Holy Communion** – registration forms are available and may be collected from Fr Dennis + Fr Linferd and Deacon Wayne after Mass (only) Saturday evening and after all the Sunday Masses. Please note this is the last Sunday forms are available - please note -

**NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE TAKEN**

**200 CLUB - AUGUST WINNERS**

	19	£136.25	Pierce Ryan		
68	£27.25	Elizabeth Mariano	79	£27.25	Anabela Miranda
40	£16.50	Steve and Lilian Greene	87	£16.50	Pat Mullen
	22	£16.50	Gerard Cronin		

Congratulations to all our winners

**COUNTERS**

Permission has been given for our regular counters rota to re-commence. Gerald would be most grateful if those who helped with this important ministry in the past would let him know if, in what continues to be difficult times, they would like to continue. Thank you for your help.

**ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY SCHOOL**

“You are invited to tour **St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School** with the Head of School, every Wednesday at 9.30am during term time. Come and see our school and hear from our staff on how St Thomas of Canterbury could be the perfect start to your child’s education. Please call 020 7385 8165 or email [admin@stthomasrc.lbhf.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stthomasrc.lbhf.sch.uk) for more information.”

Ours is a world of rapid social change. And so the words of Jesus in today's gospel about the permanence of marriage is ever more demanding in an age where nothing is permanent and everything changes. In a world where only the new seems to be interesting Jesus tells us to stick with the original. Where the message of business, education and the media is "be flexible," and "get rid of the obsolete" Jesus says. "What God has joined together let not man divide"



This prohibition on divorce stops us right in our tracks. It is so demanding, so contrary to what we see and know, so much against the grain that many would say it's out of date. But Jesus is quite definite. Assuredly, it is a hard teaching and a lofty challenge. What value can it have in our modern society?

Perhaps we should begin by reminding ourselves that marriage is "a reflection of God's love" and a sharing in it. The permanence of the marriage bond, what the Church calls its 'sacramental character', is precisely this, it is a sign of God's love, a love that is everlasting. God is faithful to us. God won't stop loving us no matter what we may do, no matter how unfaithful we are, God keeps on loving us. And it is this love that is given to us in all the sacraments, not least in the sacrament of marriage. That is why it is to be forever. For the "forever" of the marriage vows is an echo of God's "forever" to us. But neither is it automatic as well we know, it requires much effort and real commitment. It demands faith. Both parties must believe in each other, and in their future together. They must believe in marriage in general and in their own marriage above all. They must learn to recognise the presence of Christ in one another and be ready to believe that he will be there for them "for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health" and that's something the world doesn't understand. For the world is always provisional, passing and pragmatic. Whereas marriage in Christ is for life. The values of the world are for the time being. Christian marriage is for now AND for the time to come. It is a sign of God's kingdom in the world. And that is why marriage is a sacrament and a vocation. It is a way of being a disciple .... of following Christ in the world. And that is why the family is called the "domestic Church," because it is an image of the family of God. It is where reconciliation heals division, where togetherness drives out loneliness, where life is nurtured and children are "formed by the gospel".

This is the vision of marriage which the gospel places before us again today. It is important that we hear it and recommit ourselves to it. When we get caught up in the struggles of everyday life it is sometimes possible for the vision to cloud over, and we forget the things that once were so vivid for us. In this way the gospel renews our hope.

But we must also be mindful of those for whom the vision has proved impossible. We must be concerned for them not out of any superiority or smugness, but simply because our Lord loves them none the less. So let us hear again the Lord's call to fidelity and permanence. Let us make the words of the psalmist our own: "May the Lord bless husbands and wives all the days of their lives."

### CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

The Family Fast Day was last Friday, and today we can support people around the world who are dedicating their lives to protecting God's creation. By giving we will be helping the people who have done the least to cause the climate crisis but are being hit the hardest. We can give online or by returning your CAFOD envelope at the end of Mass.

### PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

We are receiving on-line donations from a number of parishioners for whom we have no details . Thank you for your generous support . If you started donating during 2020 but have not registered your details or not received a gift aid from ( we can claim back tax you pay at no cost to you) then please pass your details to the parish office marked ' Planned Giving'. This can be in person or by email to [fulham@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:fulham@rcdow.org.uk)

### NOTICES:

**SOCIAL DISTANCING:** Please do not crowd into the benches. Should you not wish anyone to sit next to you please take one of the small laminated cards and place it on the seat beside you - return it to the basket at the end of Mass.

**MASKS:** The wearing of masks is not obligatory. But the wearing of a mask helps many to feel more confident, so, although it is a voluntary decision we encourage people to do so - especially whilst moving around the church.

**TRACK AND TRACE:** The opportunities for Track and Trace will remain in place and people are encouraged to maintain this discipline.

**GEL: PLEASE CONTINUE TO GEL YOUR HANDS**

### SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFER

Fr Dennis will be available to sign Secondary School Transfer Forms on the following dates only:

**Saturday 9th and 23rd October from 2 to 4 pm.**

Please come, with your child, to the Bowden Room where parents or guardians will be greeted and then will be seen in strict order of arrival. Please remember that forms can only be signed if you are a regular Mass attendee here at St Thomas. School forms must be accompanied by a Catholic Practice Form, which can be downloaded. **Please note that this form states quite clearly that a priest may only sign it if you have been attending Mass at St Thomas for the last 2 years.**