

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

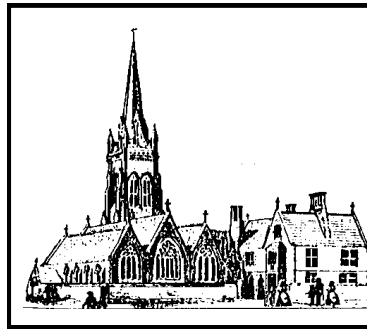
We pray for Eamon Dynes and Tunji Ayanlaja who has died recently and remember also Betty Furlong, Mary Comfort Etim, Mary Queenan and all the faithful departed. May they rest in peace.

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

EIGHTEENTH WEEK OF THE YEAR

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| Sat 30th | 10.00 am | Sick and Housebound |
| | 5.30 pm | Betty Furlong (RIP - anniv) |
| Sun 31st | 9.00 am | Eamon Dynes (RIP - LD) |
| EIGHTEENTH | 10.30 am | Mary Comfort Etim (RIP - anniv) |
| SUNDAY OF | 12.00 pm | Paciencia D'mello (ints) |
| THE YEAR | 6.00 pm | Pro Populo |
| Mon 1st Aug | 9.30 am | Catarina Britto (ints) |
| St Alphonsus Liguori, | | |
| Bp & Dr | | |
| Tue 2nd | 9.30 am | Deacon Wayne's Private Intentions |
| | 10.30 am | Parish Prayer Group |
| | 2.30 pm | St Anthony Prayer Group |
| Wed 3rd | 9.30 am | Aileen Shaw (Get Well) |
| Thu 4th | 9.30 am | Priests in the Diocese |
| St John Vianney, Pr | | |
| Fri 5th | 9.30 am | Peace and Harmony in the Word |
| Sat 6th | 10.00 am | Sick and Housebound |
| Transfiguration | 5.30 pm | Fr Paul McGinn (50th anniv ints) |
| of the Lord | | |
| Sun 7th | 9.00 am | Pro Populo |
| NINETEENTH | 10.30 am | Mary Queenan (RIP - anniv) |
| SUNDAY OF | 12.00 pm | Tunji Ayanlaja (RIP-LD) |
| THE YEAR | 6.00 pm | Aileen Shaw (Get Well) |

**ALL MASSES ARE ONLINE AT: www.stthomasfulham.com
TIMES OF CONFESSION: AFTER MASS ON SATURDAY
PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN WEEKDAYS 11 AM UNTIL 3 PM**



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“Beyond Vanity”

Today's readings reflect on the human desire for security and permanence. This desire can only be satisfied by looking beyond the fragile and transitory realities of this passing world which the Israelite thinker, Qoheleth, called “vanity”. The biblical sage, Qoheleth, in making this statement puts under scrutiny the values and practices that were accepted and cherished by the majority of the people in his day.

The word “vanity” as used by Qoheleth is usually grossly misunderstood. The Hebrew word translated as “vanity” literally means “vapor” or “breath”. Water vapour does not remain in the sky forever. No matter how high it reaches, it eventually condenses to form visible clouds of rain droplets that fall to the earth. In the same way, no matter how high one ascends the ladder of fame, recognition or material wealth, like vapour, one will return to the dust of the earth.

Stating that everything is “vapor” Qoheleth did not pass a value judgment on human experiences and achievement, calling them worthless and vain, as some imagine. He meant that everything is temporary and passes away; there is nothing permanent in this world. He honestly acknowledges that death brings all human endeavours and projects to an end. Since everything ends, human beings cannot find lasting happiness and permanent fulfilment in anything that they work for, create or experience in this world.

In the parable of the Rich Fool, as narrated by Jesus, God says to the rich man, “You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?” This fact of life prompted Qoheleth to say “... Vanity of vanities! All is vanity...” Neither Qoheleth nor Jesus is against wealth creation. However, the inordinate desire for material things gives birth to insubordinate triplets – consumerism, materialism, and hedonism. Such an insatiable desire and self-feeding approach to life soon degenerate into greed.

At the heart of greediness is a deep-seated feeling of insecurity. Jesus is the surest and most reliable security one can ever have. He is the solid rock on which a happy and lasting life can be built.



Financial Resilience and Cost of Living

Martin Lewis provides information about the recently cost of living support package. His website is regularly updated, and you can sign up for free weekly email round-ups

<https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/news/2022/05/rishi-sunak-martin-lewis-living-costs/>

Cost of Living Hub

Provided by the London Assembly, this portal helps people access information, support and advice about claiming benefits, dealing with debt, financial management and mental health support. To explore the hub, please visit <https://www.london.gov.uk/cost-living-hub>

Catholic Scripture Engagement Officer

a new role. Minimum of 20 hours per week up to full-time, as preferred Salary Range: £25,000–£29,000 pro rata plus flexible benefits. For details:

<https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/about-us/jobs/catholic-scripture-engagement-officer/>

Job vacancy: The Lay Community of Saint Benedict are seeking a **Discipleship and Digital Coordinator** (one-year contract, 4-days). The role would suit someone who is at ease digitally with online prayer, community, podcast creation. Closing date 17th July. For further details <https://www.lcsb.uk/vacancy>

MEETING WITH THE ITALIAN COMMUNITY IN FULHAM

There will be a meeting to discuss how to help Italian families staying in the UK especially after Brexit on Wednesday 22nd September at 6.30 pm in the Parish Hall, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 2 Tynemouth Street, Fulham, SW6 2QT

200 CLUB - JUNE DRAW

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| 75 | £141.25 | Krystyna Miller |
| 12 | £28.25 | Debra Byrne |
| 165 | £28.25 | Luciano Oredina |
| 107 | £17 | David Rolls |
| 193 | £17 | Raphaelle Mathias |
| 42 | £17 | Felicity Allpress |

Congratulations to all our winners

COLLECTION LAST SUNDAY - £1,092

Thank you for your generosity.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PARISH REGISTRATION:

If you have not completed a **Registration Form** recently, please take one and complete it now! Thank You!

BAPTISM PREPARATION: Contact Deacon Wayne.

The Bible Study Group:

Bible Study Sessions are stopping for the time being and will re-start again after the Summer break.

PRAYER GROUPS:

The Tuesday morning prayer group meets after coffee at about 10.30 am. **The St Anthony Prayer Group:** The Prayer Group will

THE VISIT OF THE RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE OF LOURDES TO OUR PARISH

3rd September 2022

We are to host the Relics of St Bernadette as part of a National Tour. This will be an historic event in the life of our parish and is sure to bring many blessings. The Relics will arrive here for an all night vigil on the 3rd September at 12.30 am, leaving the parish on Saturday at 10.30 am. I would like to thank all those who have volunteered to help.

All those who've not collected the forms may kindly collect them from Fr Dennis, Fr Linferd, or Dn Wayne so we may know your availability on that night and what you could help out with.

PLEASE NOTE

Anyone who wishes to participate in the Eucharist during the visit of the relics; **2nd September at 9.30 pm** and **3rd September at 9.30 am**, would need to book their place either by visiting the website www.stbernadette.org.uk or by getting in touch with us at the presbytery.