

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

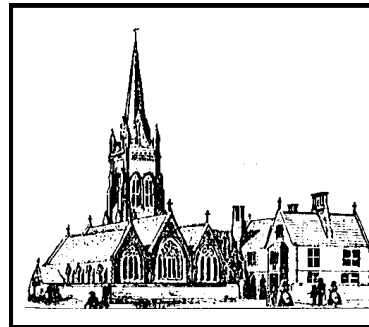
We pray for Isabel Santos, Tim Crowley, Luis Henrique de Campos and Declan Collins and Kathleen Caruana who have died recently and remember also Kenneth Lettman, John Moyna, Balvina Balmonde, Kathleen Culkin, Rory Burke, Jerzy (Jnr), Zenobia & Jerzy Danilenko, Thomas Ajayi, Gerald Simpson and all the faithful departed. May they rest in peace.

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

CHRIST THE KING

Sat 19th	10.00 am	Holy Souls + Sick and Housebound
	10.30 am	Exposition and Benediction
	5.30 pm	Holy Souls + Kenneth Lettman (RIP)
Sun 20th	9.00 am	Holy Souls + Pro Populo
CHRIST THE KING	10.30 am	Holy Souls + Balvina Balmonde (RIP)
	12.00 pm	Holy Souls + Tim Crowley (RIP)
	6.00 pm	Holy Souls + John Moyna (RIP - anniv)
Mon 21st	9.30 am	Holy Souls + Kathleen Culkin (RIP)
Presentation of BVM	2.30 pm	St Anthony Prayer Group
Tue 22nd	9.30 am	Holy Souls + Rory Burke (RIP - anniv)
St Cecilia, V& M	10.30 am	Parish Prayer Group
Wed 23rd	9.30 am	Holy Souls + Luis Henrique de Campos (RIP - LD)
Thu 24th	9.30 am	Holy Souls + Mass of Thanksgiving
St Andrew Dung-Lac, Pr & Companions, Martyrs		
Fri 25th	9.30 am	Holy Souls + Thomas Ajayi (RIP - aniv)
	4.00 pm	Bible Study Group
Sat 26th	10.00 am	Holy Souls + Sick and Housebound
	10.30 am	Exposition and Benediction
	5.30 pm	Holy Souls + Jerzy (Jnr), Zenobia & Jerzy Danilenko (RIP)
Sun 27th	9.00 am	Holy Souls + Declan Collins (RIP - LD)
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	10.30 am	Holy Souls + Isabel Santos (RIP - LD)
	12.00 pm	Holy Souls + Gerald Simpson (RIP)
	6.00 pm	Holy Souls + Pro Populo

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



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My dear friends, next Sunday sees the beginning of the Advent season and there are two initiatives that I would like to draw to your attention.



The first is concerned with our outreach to those in our community who are finding life particularly tough, for surely none of us are unaware of the 'cost of living crisis'? Advent is a special season in the Church's year when we prepare to celebrate the coming of Christ, but for people experiencing poverty, Christmas can be a difficult time. The Advent Giving Calendar, displayed on our church notice board, is designed for us to use during this season as we think about those who might need some extra help. Each day in Advent, we are being encouraged to find the corresponding star on the calendar, which will tell us what is needed. Then any items collected may be dropped off at the Presbytery and we will make sure that they are taken to our local food bank for distribution. A copy of the calendar can be downloaded by scanning the special code on the poster – it works, I've tried!

Also, during this Advent Season, and as part of our preparation for Christmas, you are invited to take part in the tradition of the "La Posada." A tradition that is celebrated in many countries and which gives us an opportunity to take some time to reflect on what these Advent days really means for us, and to pray together with the Holy Family.

The statue of an expectant Mary and Joseph will journey around a number of homes during the season. Each night will be spent in a different home. The Holy Family, on their way to Bethlehem, will start their journey from church on the first Sunday of Advent. At the end of our 10.30 am Mass, Father Dennis and Fr Linferd will bless the box containing the statue and everything you will need for the "Posada devotion" to be celebrated in your home (advent candle, prayer sheets, etc). The first family will then take the Holy Family to their home and the "travelling Nativity" will spend the night with them. They will then arrange a

suitable time for the next family on the list to collect the image so that the “journey” can continue. A short prayer, which is supplied, may be said by the family that hosted Mary and Joseph as they hand over the statue to the next family. Finally, the Holy Family is brought back to church during Midnight Mass. The image of La Posada is on display at the altar this weekend for you to see. If you wish to host the Posada and welcome Mary and Joseph into your home, please sign up as soon as possible.

Every blessing,



AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED CHRISTMAS CARD SALE - 26th / 27th November

Are you thinking about your Christmas cards and where you might purchase them? Then think no further! A generous selection of religious cards will be on sale after all Masses on the weekend of 26th and 27th November. Buying these cards will help the wonderful work of ACN. Your purchases will support the suffering Church throughout the world

FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY

Scripture - 'God Who Speaks' - 'Journeying through Advent'. We are delighted to offer a series of 4 online talks by Fr John Deehan, Thursday evenings, 7.30pm – 8.30pm. Registration details will be available in the autumn.

24th November, *A Prophet in Waiting, Isaiah*. The OT Readings for Advent
1st December, *Unfinished Business – Paul and James*. The New Testament Readings for Advent.5

8th. December, *Waiting in Expectation*. The Gospel Readings of Advent

CONFIRMATION 2023

Those wishing to make their Confirmation next year and who are in Year 9 or above are invited to collect a form from Fr Dennis, Fr Linferd or Deacon Wayne after Mass this week. Forms may only be collected by the candidate and must be returned by this coming Wednesday - late applications will not be accepted.

200 CLUB - OCTOBER DRAW

16	£141.25	Peter Hrekow	104	£28.25	Yolanda Rios Guerrero
52	£28.25	Finola Juster	175	£17	Julien Mghabghab
30	£17	Janet Dunne	41	£17	Thomas Grobel

NOVEMBER DRAW

230	£141.25	Alessandra Vernazza	75	£28.25	Krystyna Miller
74	£28.25	Alda Mendes	16	£17	Shirley Mills
66	£17	Mary O'Sullivan	6	£17	Alexandra Barros

Congratulations to all our winners

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

The Bible Study Group: Classes re-start this coming Friday at 4 pm all are welcome—we meet in number 62.

PRAYER GROUPS:

The Tuesday morning prayer group meets at about 10.30 am

St Anthony Prayer Group: meets in church on Monday at 2.30 pm

RCIA - ROMAN CATHOLIC INSTRUCTION FOR ADULTS

Adults wishing to be prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation are asked to come to the Presbytery this Tuesday evening 7. 30 pm Thanks.

CAFOD World Gifts: Give a gift of hope this Christmas

In Advent, let's share the promise of hope that has been made to us with our sisters and brothers around the world. You can buy CAFOD's World

Gifts for family and friends this Christmas online at

<https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/> or pick up a catalogue in church.

World Gifts such as “super soup kitchens”, “trees for life”, or “water for a family” will help transform lives in a world filled with challenges

SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND

The annual collection for sick and retired priests of the diocese will be taken up this weekend. All retired and ill priests are supported by this fund and the number is set to double by 2025. Most retired priests are dependent in some way upon the Diocese for their care. These priests have baptised our children, counselled us in times of sorrow, and celebrated with us in times of joy! Having received so much from their generosity, this annual collection allows us, in turn to assist them in their later years.

Many, many thanks for your kindness, generosity and help.

PARISH FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2021

A copy of the Parish Financial Statement can be seen on the noticeboard. It covers the last 3 years, 2019, 2020 & 2021 and shows the impact of the Covid pandemic. Grateful thanks to Mr Charles Noel for all his hard work in preparing this report.

COLLECTION LAST SUNDAY - £1500

Thank you for your generosity.