

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

We pray for Anthony McGeever, Joyce Reaburn, Irene Stewart, Packie Hynes, Phyllis McDonald, Jose Pereira de Oliveira and Anna Mikellides who have died recently and remember also Bill McCarthy, Angela Trechman, Jack Ryan, Irene Stewart, Ronald Young, Denis Evinson and all the faithful departed.

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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| Sat 4th | 10.00 am | Sick and Housebound |
| | 10.30 am | Exposition and Benediction |
| | 5.30 pm | Bill McCarthy (RIP) |
| Sun 5th | 9.00 am | Angela Trechman (RIP) |
| SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT | 10.30 am | Sr. Philomena McCluskey (intentions) |
| | 12.00 pm | Jack Ryan (RIP) |
| | 6.00 pm | Pro Populo |
| Mon 6th | 9.30 am | Carlo Fernandes (B'day intention) |
| Tue 7th | 9.30 am | Joyce Reaburn (RIP - LD) |
| | 10.30 am | Tuesday Prayer Group |
| | 12.00 pm | Funeral - Anthony McGeever (RIP) |
| | 2.30 pm | St Anthony Prayer Group |
| Wed 8th | 9.30 am | Irene Stewart (RIP - LD) |
| | 10.00 am | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament |
| Thu 9th | 9.30 am | Packie Hynes (RIP - LD) |
| Fri 10th | 9.30 am | Phyllis McDonald (RIP - LD) |
| Lent Abstinence | 1.00 pm | Austerity Lunch at the Presbytery |
| | 7.00 pm | Stations of the Cross |
| Sat 11th | 10.00 am | Sick and Housebound |
| | 10.30 am | Exposition and Benediction |
| | 5.30 pm | Ronald Young (RIP) |
| Sun 12th | 9.00 am | Gerald De Campos (Intentions) |
| THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT | 10.30 am | Jose Pereira de Oliveira (RIP - LD) |
| | 12.00 pm | Denis Evinson (RIP - anniv) |
| | 6.00 pm | 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**

*Please note Fr Dennis is away on Retreat this week
Wednesday - Saturday*



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In our gospel this Sunday, Jesus brings his disciples away from the noise and business of the market place and takes them up a mountain. This is not unusual in itself. We know from the gospels that Jesus himself often went to the mountain top to pray on his own. While they are on the mountain, something very strange and unusual happens. Jesus is changed in a very dramatic way; he is transformed beyond all recognition. *His face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light.* Imagine the surprise and shock of those who were with Jesus. Yet even with this amazing experience, Peter is still able to proclaim this great prayer, 'Lord it is wonderful for us to be here.'



As we continue our Lenten journey and Jesus continues his own journey towards Jerusalem, he knows what he is facing. He will be betrayed, denied, condemned and crucified. Perhaps he feels and senses the disciples fear and anxiety and so wants to reassure them. So, he gives them a glimpse of the shape of things to come; he is revealed to them in all his glory.

Maybe this brief glimpse of Jesus in all his glory is also meant for us today. Perhaps like the disciples, we too experience fear, doubt and even a lack of faith. Perhaps we too need to be encouraged and strengthened by Jesus, especially as we continue our journey through Lent. We too need know that our prayer, fasting and sharing with the poor is not an end in itself or that it is all done in vain. We are heading towards the resurrection and the new life of Easter, but we have a distance to go yet. But the experience of Jesus transformed offers each of us taste of what lies ahead of us. If we share in the suffering and passion of Jesus, we will also share in his resurrection. As St. Paul tells us in his letter to the Romans, *if we have become one with him in his dying as he did, in the same we shall be one with him by being raised to life as he was.* (Romans. 6.5)

This is the hope in which we are asked to have faith as we make our way through Lent. When we are tempted to give up and give in, let us look to Jesus changed and transformed. May see in him the future that is promised to us, not only at Easter but in the fullness of God's Kingdom.

Deacon Wayne

REGULAR LENTEN DEVOTIONS

Wednesdays & Saturdays

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament one hour
after the morning Mass on these days**

Fridays

**Austerity Lunch at the Presbytery at 1.00 pm
Stations of the Cross at 7.00 pm**

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200 CLUB - JANUARY DRAW

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| 4 | £157.50 | Comfort Babauemi | 56 | £31.50 | Alexandra Kelly | |
| 5 | 7 | £31.50 | Edward Pease | 188 | £19 | John Gordon |
| 3 | £19 | Lydia Paul | 66 | £19 | Mary O'Sullivan | |

Congratulations to all our winners

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

Growing in Strength - Rooted in Love

Our CAFOD volunteers spoke at all masses last Sunday and envelopes were handed out. The collection will be taken up after all Masses this weekend. Thank you, as always, for your generous support.

COLLECTION LAST SUNDAY: £1,200 MANY THANKS

This amount does not include that given via Tap and Pay at the church door. Parishioners have asked for details re the Parish Bank account

PARISH BANK DETAILS: HSBC

Sort code 40-05-20

Acct. No.: 11263137

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: Friday at 4 pm - we meet in number 62.

PRAYER GROUPS:

The Tuesday morning Group meets at about 10.30 am in church

St Anthony Prayer Group: Meehttps://www.tangney-tours.com/

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for Couples celebrating 5th 10th 25th 30th 40th 50th and 60th+ wedding anniversaries

Please send your names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email) to: Marriage & Family Life, Agency for Evangelisation, Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London SW1P 1QN family@rcdow.org.uk 020 79312363
Please email details using Email or Word format only.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

21st - 28th JULY 2023

Once again Cardinal Vincent Nichols will lead the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. This is a truly wonderful week of prayer, intercession, and fun! More details and booking forms about this wonderful pilgrimage will soon be available. Further information with regard to this week can be had from Fr Dennis or Gerald in the parish office.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

19th - 27th November

Bp John Sherrington and Fr John Farrell will lead the annual pilgrimage to the Holy Land this year. Further details may be found on the parish notice board and by going to: <https://www.tangney-tours.com/>

LENTEN ALMS - CARDINAL'S APPEAL

The Cardinal has asked that our Lenten Alms collection be directed to his appeal fund. The funds raised will go to support parishes in their work to further the mission of the Church; to serve the evangelisation of youth, to develop marriage and family life projects and to help those on the margins of society. There are leaflets for you to take home next weekend as well as special envelopes please return them to the Presbytery. Many thanks.