

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

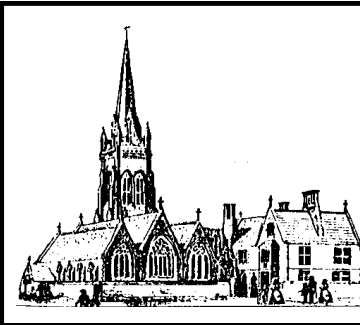
We pray for Debora Castella, Margaret Lobo and all those who have died recently and remember also Ronald Young, Jose Rodrigues, Joao and Maria Dos Anjos Guerra, Miro Rodrigues, Richard Ogundiran, Michele Astuti, Leo Astuti, Doreen & Mike Rozwadowski and all the faithful departed.

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

EASTER VII

Sat 20th	12.30 pm	Our First Holy Communion children
	5.30 pm	Ronald Young (RIP)
Sun 21st	9.00 am	Thanksgiving St Anthony
SEVENTH	10.30 am	Jose Rodrigues (RIP)
SUNDAY	12 noon	Joao & Maria Dos Anjos Guerra (RIP)
OF EASTER	6.00 pm	Pro Populo
Mon 22nd	9.30 am	The Holy Souls
	6.00 pm	NO RCIA this week - sorry!
Tue 23rd	9.30 am	Miro Rodrigues (RIP)
	10.30 am	Tuesday Prayer Group
	2.30 pm	St Anthony Prayer Group
Wed 24th	9.30 am	Richard Ogundiran (RIP - anniv)
Thu 25th	9.30 am	Michele Astuti (RIP)
St Bede the Venerable		
Fri 26th	9.30 am	Leo Astuti (RIP)
St Philip Neri Pr	4.00 pm	Bible Study
Sat 27th	10.00 am	Sick and Housebound
ST AUGUSTINE	10.30 am	Exposition and Benediction
OF CANTERBURY	5.30 pm	Doreen & Mike Rozwadowski (RIP - anniv)
Sun 28th	9.00 am	Sebastian Galluccio (RIP - anniv)
PENTECOST	10.30 am	William Dwyer (RIP)
SUNDAY	12 noon	Pro Populo - 175th Anniversary of St. Thomas' Church
	6.00 pm	Antonio Bertorelli (RIP - 30th anniv)

**CONFESSION: AFTER BOTH MASSES ON SATURDAY OR BY ARRANGEMENT WITH ONE OF THE PRIESTS
THE PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN
WEEKDAYS 11 AM UNTIL 3 PM**



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My dear friends, last Thursday was Ascension Day, a day of great importance, for this is the day when the Church celebrates Our Lord re-taking His place at the right hand of the Father. When the apostles set off for home, they were filled with joy, but we're also told that they felt sad, for after all Jesus had left them, and they knew in their hearts that he would not return now until the end of time. But Jesus hadn't abandoned them anymore than he abandons us, for if that were so then Christianity would be no more than a remembrance religion leading nowhere. And that is simply not the case.



What we proclaim is the message of Easter, the message that Jesus is risen and that he lives on in us. For the feast of the Ascension reminds us that the time of preparation is over. The time Jesus has taken to get his disciples ready for their task is done, and the time of their mission is begun. Now they are to go out and establish the Church, and the Gospel shows us how the disciples understood their mission and how we must understand ours too.

Jesus told the disciples to go and proclaim the Good News to the entire world. Those who believe will be saved, he said, and those who reject Him will be condemned, and the disciples went and did just that, and the Lord continued to work through them. Yes, the time for his physical presence was over, but the time for His presence in the world through the Church, through prayer, through the Sacraments and through lives of service had just begun. And that is the most important message of the Ascension for us, that Christ needs us to be his witnesses in the world today. For all of us, in our day to day lives, are constantly being challenged to witness to our faith. There is always one more person to visit, one more opportunity for prayer, one more opportunity to be at Mass, and Jesus is with us in all of this ... with us here and now, for when we proclaim the life of Jesus Christ, He works through us.

But proclaiming the gospel means far more than just teaching the faith. Proclaiming the Gospel means making Christ real to others, for that is the commission that we received at our baptism. For through baptism Jesus lives

within us, and so we are called to make his presence real for others. People do not become Christians simply through the words of the Gospel. People become Christians through the presence of Jesus Christ.

There are so many people who will not believe unless, like Thomas the apostle, they see him and touch him, and we must make that possible. Certainly this is a day of festival, but it's also a wake-up call, a day for us to recognise our responsibility to bring the person of Christ into the lives of others.



Every blessing,

NURSES WILL YOU LEND US A HAND?

The Westminster Pilgrimage to Lourdes is seeking volunteer registered nurses for our annual pilgrimage from 21st - 28th July. Working with other volunteer doctors and nurses in a special designed care setting, you will be part of a very special and faith filled community. For more information, please email your contact details to fulham@rcdow.org.uk or speak to Gerald in the Parish Office.

THE FEAST OF PENTECOST

This is a most auspicious occasion for our parish, as it will be 175 years since the Mass of Consecration was celebrated here. That mass was celebrated by Bp (later, Cardinal) Wiseman and Fr (later, Saint) John Henry Newman preached. It must have been a grand occasion indeed. There will be a little drinks reception after the 12 noon mass to which we hope many will wish to come.

FAMILY MASS 10.30 AM MUSIC

After Easter we are hoping to start regular choir practices for our 10.30 music group. This is thanks to the generosity of our regular keyboard player. We are always looking for new members of the choir whether to sing or play. Please do think and pray about this, they're a wonderful group of people and this is a marvellous way to witness to one's faith.

200 CLUB - APRIL DRAW

79	£157	Anabela Miranda
137	£31.50	David de Freitas
95	£31.50	Molly Oliver
64	£31.50	David and Katy Lloyd
139	£31.50	Derek de Freitas
46	£19	Debi Donovan

There were 126 members in the April draw. Congratulations to all our winners.

COLLECTION LAST SUNDAY: £1,500 MANY THANKS

PARISH BANK DETAILS: HSBC

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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: Tuesday morning Group meets at about 10.30 am in church.

St Anthony Prayer Group: Meets on Tuesday at 2.30 pm

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 21st - 28th JULY

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 are available on line or may be collected from the presbytery. Further information with regard to this week can be had from Fr Dennis or Gerald in the parish office.

Shrine of St Augustine, Ramsgate + Canterbury Cathedral

Fr Linferd will be leading a Pilgrimage to Canterbury and Ramsgate on June 13th - the feast day of St Anthony of Padua. As you are aware the architect of our own church was Augustus Pugin and his tomb is to be found within the abbey. This visit to the Abbey at Ramsgate will be a wonderful opportunity to see a work that is regarded as one of his most glorious achievements. If you wish to be included in this trip please sign the list on the newspaper table. Departure will be very early in the morning if all is to be achieved and a good deal of walking will be involved.

Do keep this in mind if you are booking this trip.

The cost will be about £40

PILGRIMAGE TO FLORENCE, ASSISI AND SIENNA

Sunday 22nd - Friday 27th October £1069

Fr Andrew Gallagher is leading a pilgrimage to these wonderful cities and is inviting members of our parish community to join his parish group. Fr Dennis hopes to be part of this group!

ANNUAL PRIEST TRAINING FUND COLLECTION

Thank you very much for your generous response to this appeal. We have been able to send £1045 to the Diocese - a truly wonderful amount. If you missed the collection last Sunday, then envelopes can still be left at the Parish Office.