

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE (CCP) - RECEPTION & NURSERY 2025

If you need a Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP) for a child transferring to Catholic School for Reception & Nursery in September 2025, Fr. Shaun will be available in the crypt (beneath the church) to sign these on

- **Monday 4th November – 4 pm to 5 pm**
- **Saturday 9th November – 2.30 pm to 3.30 pm**
- **Wednesday 13th November – 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm**

No appointment is necessary; simply come to the crypt during one of the times listed above. Please bring the child for whom the application is made. Do not fill in a CCP beforehand, as Fr. Shaun will have the forms available at the meeting. If you are not already familiar with it, please review the parish policy on the issuing of CCPs: Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP) – Roman Catholic Parish of Hampton Hill (rcdow.org.uk) on the parish website.

CHARITIES GROUP EVENTS

- The Charities Group have donated £846 to the DEC for the Middle East, this was done through the Big Give scheme which will double the donation.
- Sale of Jams & preserves last weekend made over £300! Many thanks to everyone who supported this venture. Very special thanks to Mary Butlin who made ALL the produce.
- Tickets for Vamp 'til Ready will be on sale after all Masses from this weekend for Saturday, 30th November 7.30 p.m. £15 each. Donations this year to My Life TV, Park Lane Stables and Riding for the Disabled, and towards LED screens.
- Craft sale after all Masses on the weekend of 23/24 November - you may find some Christmas presents. Christmas Cards and Advent Calendars are on sale (Please bring cash)

MURDER MYSTERY PLAY

We are looking for parishioners to take part in a murder mystery play, either on stage or behind the scenes. The performance will be in the church hall in February 2025, with rehearsals on Sunday evenings in January/February 2025. If you are interested, please email mariejb27@hotmail.com by 1st November 2024.

DONATIONS TO THE FOOD BANK

Please remember the Foodbank - you have donated nearly 550Kgs. One item in your grocery order each week would make all the difference to a family in our area.

SAFEGUARDING

If you have any concerns or require advice regarding the safety or well-being of a child or vulnerable adult, please contact our parish safeguarding rep on: hamptonhillsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk. You can also contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team on 020 77989356 safeguarding@rcdow.org.uk

SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH FINANCIALLY

To avoid cash handling etc, please opt for Standing Order rather than the traditional way of loose plate offerings. Bank details are: **WRCDT – St Francis de Sales Church Hampton Hill** Sort Code **40-05-20** Account Number **61095447** or <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hamptonhill/donate/> You can also make donations using the contactless payment devices, which are in the porch. Volunteers are available to assist, if need be. **Gift Aid:** If you are a UK tax payer, we strongly encourage you to Gift Aid your donation, as the government will top up your donation by 25 percent, meaning a £20 offering becomes £25. The parish relies heavily on this extra support which comes at no additional cost to you. This facility is also available on the contactless device. Thank you for your continued financial support.

LAST WEEK'S PARISH COLLECTION

Loose	£204.23	Envelopes	£188.00	Contactless	£164.00
Standing Orders of September 2024		£6,324.65			

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ST FRANCIS DE SALES,
HAMPTON HILL & UPPER TEDDINGTON**
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+THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

3RD NOVEMBER 2024

FR SHAUN'S SUNDAY THOUGHT

In this Sunday's Gospel, a scribe asks Jesus which commandment is the greatest. Jesus responds by summarising the entire law with two commandments: to love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength and to love your neighbour as yourself. The passage concludes with the scribe agreeing with Jesus, and Jesus affirming that he is "not far from the kingdom of God."

The command to love God with everything we have suggests that our relationship with God should be holistic and all-encompassing. It's not just about following rules or rituals; it's about a deep, heartfelt devotion that influences every aspect of our being – our emotions, thoughts, and actions.

Loving one's neighbour as oneself is also profound because it challenges us to see the value in every person. It implies that genuine love for God will naturally extend to others. True spirituality is not just vertical (between us and God) but also horizontal (between us and others). In essence, how we treat others is a reflection of our relationship with God.

Jesus' final comment, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God,' suggests that understanding and embracing these commandments bring one close to living in the reality of God's reign. However, it also indicates that merely knowing the truth isn't enough; it requires action. Loving God and others isn't a theoretical exercise but a practical lifestyle.

In reflecting on today's Gospel, we might consider whether our love for God truly encompasses all aspects of our life and if our love for others reflects the selfless love God has shown us. It calls us to examine whether religious practices are an end in themselves or a means to express love for God and humanity.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUN 3RD 6.00 PM (SAT)	THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS DAY)	Gerard McGloin RIP
9.00 AM 11.00 AM	+THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	People of the Parish Kay McGrane INTS
MON 4TH 9.30 AM	St Charles Borromeo, Bishop	Holy Souls
TUE 5TH 9.30 AM	Feria	Holy Souls
WED 6TH 9.30 AM	Feria	Antoinette Raffe RIP
THU 7TH 9.30 AM	Feria	NO MASS TODAY
FRI 8TH 9.30 AM	Feria	Holy Souls
SAT 9TH 9.30 AM	THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA	Holy Souls <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>
SUN 10TH 6.00 PM (SAT)	THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA	People of the Parish
9.00 AM 11.00 AM	+THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Terence Pike RIP Holy Souls

FROM THE PARISH DIARY

SUN 3RD NOV	3.00 – 5.00pm	Refreshments in the Hall after the 9am & 11am Mass Fr Shaun's Archaeology Talk – Hall
MON 4TH NOV	7:00 – 9:00pm 4.00 – 5.00pm	Renewal Band rehearsal – Church New members welcome CCP Signing – Hall
TUE 5TH NOV	7:00pm 8:00 – 9:15pm	Alpha – Hall Choir rehearse (Choir loft) – New members welcome
WED 6TH NOV		
THU 7TH NOV		
FRI 8TH NOV		
SAT 9TH NOV	2.30 – 3.30pm	CCP Signing – Hall
SUN 10TH NOV		

PARISH NOTICES

NAME TAG SUNDAY

This Sunday is Name Tag Sunday. Everyone is invited to wear their name as a sign of our desire to be a community known by name.

FUNDRAISING APPEAL - LED SCREENS FOR THE CHURCH

Our special fundraising appeal for the installation of two 86-inch LED screens in the church continues. The screens will enhance our worship experience by displaying prayers, hymn lyrics, and visuals that promote fuller participation during Mass. The cost for this project is around £16,000. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has already contributed to this appeal. So far, we have raised **£8346.00**. If you took home a donation leaflet, please place it in the box marked "LED Screens Appeal" in the Welcoming Area. Additional leaflets are available for those who missed last week's launch. You can support this project via:

1. **Appeal Donation Leaflet:** Complete the leaflet and make a cash/cheque donation or bank transfer. BACS transfers should be made to Account No. **61095447**, Sort Code: **40-05-20**, quoting your **surname** and **initials + LED Screens**. Cheques should be made payable to **WRC DT St Francis de Sales Church Hampton Hill**

2. **Contactless Donation:** Use the Dona contactless machines in the Welcoming Area.

3. **The Parish Website:** <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hamptonhill/donate/>

If you are a UK taxpayer, please consider ticking the Gift Aid option on the leaflet, contactless machine, or website page. This will increase your donation by 25p for every £1 you give, at no extra cost to you. Thank you for your generosity and support in helping us achieve this important enhancement to our worship space.

Fr Shaun

FR SHAUN'S ARCHAEOLOGY TALK - SUNDAY 3RD NOVEMBER - 3PM - 5PM

This Sunday (3rd November) in the Parish Hall, Fr Shaun will give an illustrated talk about his experiences on the archaeological excavations at the Roman forts of Vindolanda and Magna on Hadrian's Wall. The talk will include some historical background to Hadrian's Wall and the two forts, together with an explanation of the nature of the excavations and some of the discoveries that have been made during these digs. Fr Shaun is running this event as a fundraiser to support the LED Screens Appeal, and all proceeds will go to that cause. The entrance cost will be £10 per adult and £5 per child and can be paid on the day. Light refreshments will be served. We hope to see you there!

REQUEST FOR WELCOMERS & READERS - TO COMMENCE JANUARY 2025

We are seeking to expand our teams of readers and welcomers for our weekend Masses, with new members joining these ministry rotas from January 2025.

Readers: You will read at Mass once every 5-6 weeks. One of our regular readers, David Wright, will be happy to explain the role and mentor you.

Welcomers: As part of the ministry of welcome, you will serve every 4-5 weeks and will be teamed with an experienced Welcomer to guide you. If you can help or would like more information, please email the Rota Co-Ordinator, Alex Bemrose, at Alex.bemrose23@gmail.com.

NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

During November, we pray in a particular way for the repose of the Holy Souls, especially for our own departed family members, loved ones and friends. The weekday Masses throughout November will be offered for the Holy Souls. In the Welcoming Area, you will find Holy Souls sheets, on which you are invited to write the names of your departed loved ones. Please place your list in one of the white Holy Souls envelopes with your offering (the Diocesan recommended stipend is £10) and place the envelope in the wooden box marked 'November Dead List' on the Piety stall counter. During November, your Holy Souls lists will be placed together in front of the altar as a focus for our prayer.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR APPEAL on 12TH & 13TH OCTOBER raised an astounding £2394.41. They are overwhelmed by your support and assure you of their prayers.