



**SAINT THEODORE OF CANTERBURY
HAMPTON ON THAMES
Sunday April 14th 2024
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**



Welcome to all at Mass today and especially anyone who is new. Please take this Newsletter home with you. You may wish to share it with family and friends. This newsletter can also be found via our website. We ask God's blessing on you and your loved ones this week and let us pray for each other.

MASSES THIS WEEK

- Sunday 14**
6 pm
8.30 am
10.30 am
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
Evelyn Britten (Int)
Dave Williams RIP
For all the People of our Parish
- Monday 15**
Easter Feria
NO MASS
- Tuesday 16**
9.30 am
Easter Feria
Holy Souls
- Weds 17**
9.30 am
Easter Feria
Michael D'Souza (Int)
- Thursday 18**
9.30 am
Easter Feria
Fr Raymond Hayne RIP
- Friday 19**
9.30 am
St Alphege
Fr Malcolm Ferrier RIP
- Saturday 20**
6pm
Easter Feria
Trudy, Paul and Family
- Sunday 21**
8.30 am
10.30 am
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Good Shepherd Sunday
For Vocations
For all the People of our Parish



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

We continue to think about the Resurrection this week, from three different perspectives: the Gospel gives us another story of Jesus appearing to his disciples - this time the beautiful story of the meeting in Jerusalem, when Jesus proves he is alive and no ghost by eating some grilled fish: he reminds the disciples that all he suffered and rise so the "repentance for the forgiveness of sins" could be preached to the whole world. The first reading shows us Saint Peter's doing just that, as he addresses the crowd in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost: he takes them through recent events (fifty days earlier), highlighting the important point, that he and the disciples can witness to the raising of Jesus from the dead, and calling them to "repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out." The second reading brings this into our lives: the resurrection is not just a historical event, which we remember. By baptism (which we renewed at Easter) we become part of Jesus in his dying and his rising, as he 'becomes the sacrifice that takes our sins away'. So all that Saint John tells us about the commandments and avoiding sin is our way of living the Resurrection.

Blessed Sacrament Lamp this week is for Michael D'Souza

Picture of Martyrdom of St Alphege taken by Fr Lawrence Lew OP and used with his kind permission

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

•CURRY AND QUIZ We look forward to hosting a Quiz and Curry night on Saturday April 27th, Doors open at 7pm Quiz Starts at 7.15pm. Chicken or Vegetarian options. Bring your own drinks. £15 - Teams of 6 - Book as a team or we will make up a team for you. Tickets are now on sale.

NEXT SUNDAY IS GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY, THE DAY AND THE 61ST WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE.



This year Pope Francis asks us to reflect on the fact that we are: [Called to sow seeds of hope and to build peace](#). The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place next weekend. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 49 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 13 of whom are from our own Diocese. We also have one seminarian in Valladolid and one at the Beda, presently on pastoral placement in Ruislip. There are also two on a propaedeutic year at Redemptoris Mater. Last year 3 deacons were ordained for Westminster Diocese. The Priest Training Fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation envelopes are available in the back of the church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you for your generosity.

FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERS Thank you to the ladies who have volunteered to deliver the food to the Food Bank. The rota is now available for you to collect from the Repository in the porch.

GIFT AID: If you are a Gift Aider and are no longer paying tax, it is of the **utmost** importance that you inform the office of this **in writing as soon as possible**. We do not want anybody getting surprise bills from HMRC. New planned giving envelopes were ordered some time ago and are ready for collection. Please contact the Parish Office for further details

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES THIS YEAR:

Will take place from 19th - 26th July. Full board costs range from £775.00 by coach to £1250.00 including flight and single room occupancy. For more information contact the Pilgrimage office on 020 7798 9173 or email



lourdes@rcdow.org.uk. Alternatively you can scan the QR code in the Church welcoming area. God willing Fr Philip will be travelling on this Pilgrimage. He will be accompanying the Jumbulance. It would be lovely if there is a little delegation from St Theodore's joining our Diocesan Pilgrimage. By scanning the QR code, details of the pilgrimage and guidelines for volunteering are given.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: Our next meeting will be on Thursday 25th April at 7 pm when we will be having a talk from "Embracing Age", a local charity working towards a world where older people are valued, connected and full of hope. Everyone is welcome to come and find out more.

CARE HOME CLOTHING DONATIONS - A local charity Embracing Age (Reg. Charity No. 1160400) has had a request for help from the manager of a local care home

who has asked for clothing for a male resident who is XXL in size as he has no family to support him. If you are able to help please contact Mary on mary@embracingage.org.uk or call / text 07757450951 to arrange a doorstep collection.

A YEAR OF ENCOUNTER: SVP and CAFOD are inviting parishes to reach out to their local candidates ahead of the next election. This is not about political affiliations, but rather about strengthening community participation as a local faith group and practising the culture of encounter that Pope Francis talks about. To this end, CAFOD are running online training sessions on Thursday 25th April 6.30pm or Saturday 4th May 11am. You can register for either training at cafod.org.uk/election-meeting and further information is available at yearofencounter@cafod.org.uk

VOCATIONS DAYS: 'COME AND SEE' Men who are interested in exploring vocations to the priesthood or the permanent diaconate are invited to come along to the Vocations Team's 'Come & See' Vocations Mornings on one of the following days: • Sat 16th March, 10am-2pm at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London SW1P 1QN; • Sat 20th April, 10am-2pm at Our Lady and St Vincent Church Hall, 243 Mutton Lane, Potters Bar EN6 2AT; • Sat 1st June, 10am-2pm at Our Lady's Hall (the undercroft) at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Rothamsted Avenue, Harpenden AL5 2DB. Refreshments and a light lunch will be provided. To find out more and to register attendance at one of the days, please contact: Canon Roger Taylor, Vocations Promoter, at: rogertaylor@rcdow.org.uk or Deacon Adrian Cullen, Director Permanent Diaconate at: adriancullen@rcdow.org.uk or call 07961 594725.

REPOSITORY: There are many new Mass and Occasion cards in the repository - all at very competitive prices!

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP: If you would like to sponsor the Blessed Sacrament Lamp, which burns next to the Tabernacle for

a special Intention, just let the office know your preferred week and your intention. The cost is just £10 for the whole week.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEWSLETTER should be received by the Parish Office in writing no later than 10am on Thursday.

A DAY IN CAMBRIDGE: An Interreligious Tour on Wednesday 24th April. The day will begin with a tour of the Woolf Institute, an organisation at the forefront of Christian, Jewish & Muslim dialogue. From here, we will visit the Cambridge Central Mosque (the "Eco-Mosque"). The day will then finish with Evensong at King's College Chapel. John Woodhouse, leader of the Westminster Interfaith Group, is running the day and it is free, but you are asked to make your own travel arrangements. Please do share this event – confirmation of attendance should be sent to John Woodhouse woodhousesop-ten@btinternet.com

DIOCESAN JOBS for further details, please visit <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE, London is holding a Divine Mercy Reflection on Saturday 13 April 2024 from 1 pm to 4:30 pm at St Mary's R C Church, 157 Aldershot Road, Guildford GU2. The Reflection will include the Holy Rosary, teachings on the Message of Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All Welcome. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information.

Parish Office opening hours this week:
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10.00am - 2.00pm

Offertory Collection for week up to and including 07/04/2024:

Envelopes: £251.00 Loose: £207.74

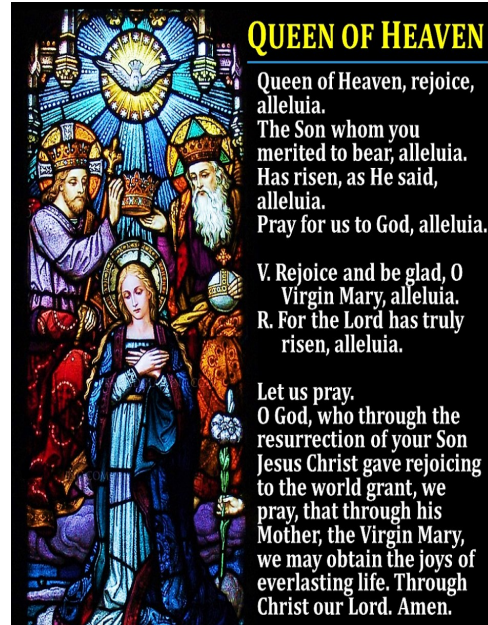
Contactless: £5.00 (£0.08 in fees)

Total: £463.66

Average MONTHLY Standing Orders: £2,001.00

(Thus average weekly on an annual basis = £461.77)

Thank You for your generosity



QUEEN OF HEAVEN

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
The Son whom you merited to bear, alleluia.
Has risen, as He said, alleluia.
Pray for us to God, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray.
O God, who through the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ gave rejoicing to the world, grant, we pray, that through his Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Regina Caeli laetare, Alleluia,
Quia quem meruisti portare. Alleluia,
Resurrexit, Sicut dixit, Alleluia.
Ora pro nobis Deum. Alleluia.

LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

Pope Francis, and in this Month of April we join him in praying that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world. For Cardinal Vincent Nichols and all Bishops. **For all in our Parish family especially those who are sick or housebound, those who care for them, those away from home, in Education, working away, on active service, or in Prison; for Peace in our World and especially for an end to the conflict in Ukraine and for peace in the Middle East. During Eastertide we pray for Victoria and all new members of the Church, the right use of media, the blessing of Human Work. For Priests and Deacons, Vocations to the Priesthood and the Religious life. For our Schools and other Christian communities in our Parish. For the Servants of the Mother of God. For His Majesty the King and all who govern in his name. For all those who died recently, especially Fr. Martin Chambers, (Bishop-Elect of Dunkeld), Seamus O’Kane (of the Dip / Railway Bell) for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, and those who have no one to pray for them.**

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS CLOSE TO OUR PARISH: PRIMARY SCHOOLS: St James School is our designated Parish School: St James, Twickenham: <https://www.st-james.richmond.sch.uk/> Mr. Beaty. Sacred Heart, Teddington: <https://www.sacredheartteddington.co.uk/> Mrs Green, St Ignatius, Sunbury: <https://www.st-ignatius.surrey.sch.uk/> Mrs O’Neill. **SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN OUR DEANARY:** St Richard Reynolds Twickenham. Mr R Burke www.strichardreynolds.org.uk St Paul’s Sunbury. Mr J. McNulty. www.st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk/

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE/ CONFESSIONS Saturday 5.15pm—5.45pm or by appointment.
BAPTISMS Please initially speak to Fr Philip after Sunday Mass. Adults wishing to enquire about the Catholic Faith should also speak to Fr Philip.
WEDDINGS For those couples wishing to get married here or elsewhere, it is important that you notify Fr Philip at least 6 months before your wedding date.
ANOINTING OF THE SICK On request. If you are about to undergo surgery or treatment, please do to hesitate to ask Fr Philip. If you are admitted to Hospital, please indicate that your details are to be passed to the R.C. Chaplain and that you would like the R.C. Chaplain to visit.

IF ANY ONE IS IN DANGER OF DEATH PLEASE DON’T HESITATE TO CALL FR PHILIP - 020 8979 3596 OR A NEIGHBOURING PARISH.