



OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PARISH NOTICES

✘ **BAPTISM:** If you are thinking to have your child Baptised at Our Lady's or elsewhere who will need to arrange a meeting with the Parish Priest as soon as you can. Thank You!

✘ **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 23/24:** Registration for the First Holy Communion 2023/24 is now open. This is for children in year 3 and above. Please do arrange a meeting with the Parish Priest as soon as possible. **Registration will close soon.**

✘ **CAFOD:** Next week there will be CAFOD Fast day please do take an envelope and return to us as soon as possible if you wish to contribute. Thank you.

✘ **MISSIO:** Missio Sunday is on 22nd October. All the faithful are called to take part in whatever way they can. Please do take an envelop from the back of the church and return it as soon as you can with your donation. If you want more information please do visit <https://www.missio.org.uk>

✘ **ITALIANI A FULHAM:** Giovedì 5 Ottobre alle 6:30pm si terrà un incontro nel centro parrocchiale dove si discuterà di Comunità Italiana a Fulham, insegnamento della lingua italiana e molto altro. Registrati al piú presto. Un rinfresco verrà offerto alla fine dell'incontro. Per ulteriori informazioni controllate il volantino nella bacheca all'ingresso della chiesa. Grazie!

✘ **SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH:** Our Church and parish ministry needs your ongoing financial support to survive. Just a reminder - it costs approx. £6,000 a month to cover just the parish's basic running costs and as you will see from the information shared it's been some time now that we don't manage to cover this cost. We do not receive money from the diocese or Vatican or Government but rely 100% on your support. A regular standing order is a great way to support the parish. The parish finance committee kindly ask parishioners to move away from giving cash or using Planned Giving Envelopes for the Sunday Collection. We are encouraged instead to take out a Standing Order or donate online. Please think about and take action. Thank You!

Our account details are: **HSBC Bank**

Account Name: WRCDT Fulham 2.

Account Number: 41290274

Sort Code: 40-05-20

You can also donate online by visiting <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/stephendaleroad/donate/>

Thank you for your generous support!

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH Has Gone Digital - Again!

We have two **CONTACTLESS DEVICE** now, one at the back of the church and one on the side next to the candles' stands. You can now use your contactless debit/credit card to make a donation. Simply choose the amount you wish to donate and hold your card onto the reader. **PLEASE GIFT AID YOUR DONATION!**



✘ **GIFT AID DONATION:** If you pay sufficient UK tax on income or capital gains, or on a pension, then please consider Gift Aiding your donations. Gift Aid is a reclaim against your donation from HMRC on the tax that you have already paid. For every £1 that you donate, the parish can reclaim 25p, and it doesn't cost you a penny! For more info visit

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/stephendaleroad/donate/other-ways-to-give/>

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1st October 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On the afternoon of 6th September, 1910, a silent crowd of over five hundred people gathered in the Municipal Cemetery at Lisieux, in Normandy, France. There were many sick men and women among them. Soon they were joined by the local bishop and several priests and then by the Chief of Police and a group of doctors. They had come to exhume the body of a Carmelite nun who 13 years earlier, at the age of 24, had died a tragic and agonising death from TB – galloping consumption – in the local convent. Her grave had already become a place of popular pilgrimage. Hundreds of people claimed to have received great favours or healings, through her intercession.



Most of the crowd were convinced that this young nun was a saint. They were right. Today we know her as **Saint Therese of Lisieux or Saint Teresa of the Child Jesus**. However, on that September afternoon in 1910, she was simply Sister Therese. Many present hoped for a miracle and were convinced that her body would be perfectly preserved and incorrupt. They were greatly disappointed.

When the coffin was placed on the ground, the Bishop invited all present to pray. They sang Psalm 113 then the coffin was carefully open. Far from being incorrupt, every trace of flesh had disappeared. It was as if the TB which had racked her body in life, continued to destroy her body in death. Only the

skeleton remained. The skull was in place, separated from the body and the lower jaw was detached. The Carmelite habit in which she was buried, was rotting.

The crowd that had waited so patiently and hopefully was then allowed to venerate her remains. Later they were to be enshrined in the convent where she had died in 1897. It was these remains (her relics) that were taken to Rome in October 1997 when St There was proclaimed Doctor of the Universal Church by Pope John Paul II. Since then her relics have been to over 40 countries all over the world. Huge numbers have prayed before them, and many people have experienced conversion, healing, or an answer to prayer.

Why are the saints so important? Why are their relics so venerated? Because they help us to pass from Christianity as concept, theory, idea, opinion, “notion Christianity” – to Christianity as liveable, possible, actual achievable, “real Christianity”. Saints are living signs that God can change our hearts and refashion our lives. They witness to the power of grace. Pray to the Saints! It doesn’t matter how you approach them but get in touch! Ask for a favour, a grace for yourself, or for someone you love. Ask! You may be very surprised. The “Communion of Saints” is not a theory, not a concept, not an idea. It is for real! Be part of the communion of saints today.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

If you would like the Sanctuary Lamp lit before the Blessed Sacrament for a particular intention. Please speak with the parish office or send an email request to stephendaleroad@rcdow.org.uk. Suggested donation is £10 for each lamp, which burns for a whole week. You can place your donation in the candle’s box.

This week special intention is for: **Faithful Departed**

Missal Book <i>Mass on page 433-436</i>	Mass Times & Readings <i>Ezekiel 18:25-28; Psalm 24; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32.</i>	Mass Intentions
SATURDAY 30th September 2023	6pm Mass	Fr Brian McMahon Int.
SUNDAY 1st October 2023	TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9am Mass 11am Mass	People of the Parish Helena Duckett RIP