OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Parish Notices

✠ STATEMENT FROM BISHOP JOHN SHERRINGTON, AUXILIARY BISHOP OF WESTMINSTER:

I am sorry to have to inform you that Fr. Fortunato Pantisano was convicted of financial offences on 20th August in City of London Magistrates' Court. The conviction relates to his ministry in the Parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Fulham. The Diocese of Westminster has cooperated fully with the authorities throughout the investigation.

Sentencing is expected to take place in September. It is not appropriate to make any further comment until all legal proceedings have been completed.

Fr. Fortunato Pantisano resigned as parish priest effective from 1 February 2024. He withdrew from public ministry when matters came to light which needed further investigation. Canonical proceedings will now follow.

Please be assured of my prayers for the parish and all concerned at this time.

✠ A MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR GENERAL:

Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of Perpetual Help,
We have all been looking forward to Fr Saviour Grech taking up his appointment as Parish Priest here at Stephendale Road. However, on Thursday 29 August Fr Saviour contacted me to let me know that health issues and the need for extended treatment and care prevents him from doing so. He is sorry about this and knows that the situation will be disappointing. I responded to him, letting him know that he and those involved with his treatment and care in Malta are in our prayers. Fr Richard Andrew has kindly agreed to continue as Parochial Administrator for the time being. He and Susan in the Parish Office will continue to work together for the good of the parish. Please be assured that the needs of the parish are receiving the attention of the Archbishop's Council.
With prayers and best wishes,
Fr Martin
Mgr. Martin Hayes

✠ A MESSAGE FROM FR RICHARD ANDREW: Dear Parishioners,
I am writing as your Parochial Administrator, (the priest in charge for the time being,) in the same newsletter which gives the news from the Vicar General of our Diocese of Westminster, that sadly Fr Saviour Grech who had been due to arrive this week as the new Parish Priest, is unable at this time to take up this position due to health issues and the need for treatment. This is of course very disappointing for him and for all of us, at a time when we had been hoping to begin a new chapter in the life of Our Lady's Parish.

In the circumstances I am very willing to continue to be your Parochial Administrator, as requested by the Vicar General. Although because of also being Parish Priest of Holy Trinity Brook Green, I am only able to be with you occasionally at Sunday Mass or other events, I liaise every week with Susan Keogh, our able Parish Administrator. I am most grateful to her and the rest of the team for their dedication, including our finance committee, catechists and all those with a particular ministry or role, for the conscientious and committed way in which they enable the life of the parish to continue, carefully following all the diocesan requirements. I am also grateful to our supply priests who enable us to celebrate our two Sunday Masses.

We can be encouraged by the first reading at Mass today, which invites us to trust in God's providence. The prophet Isaiah writes, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. Look, your God is coming...' The responsorial psalm affirms, 'It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever.' We shall continue to rely on the Lord, and on the motherly care of Our Lady, who is our Perpetual Help.

✠ **CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE:** Because you are applying for a place in a Catholic School for your child, please follow these steps:

1. Request a Priest Information Form from the Parish Office.
2. If your application is for secondary school, request this any time from now until before the autumn half term. This is because the closing date for secondary school applications is usually early November.
3. If your application is for primary school, do not request the Priest Information Form until after half term. This is because the closing date for primary school applications is not until the new year.
4. Return the form once you have completed it. This form is not sent to the schools you are applying to, but will help Fr Richard, who as our Parochial Administrator is the priest who will be signing the certificates. If Fr Richard needs to see you before signing the Certificate, the Parish Office will let you know the times he will be available at the Parish Office.
   The Priest Form is available at the back of church.

✠ **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025:** The forms for First Holy Communion are now available at the back of church. Please complete and hand either to Jackie Charles or drop through the office door.

✠ **PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please can you remember the sick of our parish in your prayers: Tom and Connie Arowojolu; Baby Gloria; Jacqueline Kelleher; Patrick Murphy; Maureen Palmer; Alma Smith.

✠ **PARISH CONTACTS:** Fr Richard remains the priest in charge. Here's a guide on who to contact for your enquiry. For all other enquiries or if you're not sure who to contact please email the parish office:

Fr Richard Andrew: School forms; Marriage; Deaths; Pastoral needs richardandrew@rcdow.org.uk
Jackie Charles: First Holy Communion and Confirmation jackc58@hotmail.co.uk
Liz Cetin: Baptism Preparation Classes cetinliz@yahoo.com

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✠ **SUPPLY PRIESTS FOR SEPTEMBER:**

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