

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CATHOLIC CHURCH
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PARISH NOTICES

✠ **MASS TIMES:** Normal Mass times will resume this weekend.

✠ **CANDLES DIOCESAN POLICY:** Whoever changes the **sanctuary lamp** must ensure that the candle is extinguished before leaving it in the sacristy to cool down. ALL candles must be extinguished before we lock up the church. Only the sanctuary lamp is permitted to remain lit on the sanctuary in an appropriate container. Please note that when you want to light a votive candle please try to do so before Mass starts to get maximum burn time. Thank you for your understanding.

✠ **A MEDITATION TASTER FOR YOUNG ADULTS: Finding Peace in an Uncertain World**
Curious about meditation? Looking for a little more peace and stillness in the midst of everyday life? Join us for a welcoming day designed especially for young adults (18–45) to explore the practice of Christian meditation in a relaxed and supportive environment. Whether you are completely new to meditation or looking to reconnect with your practice, this day offers an opportunity to pause, reflect and experience silence together. Date: Saturday 12 September 2026 at The Meditatio Centre, St Mark's Church, Myddelton Square, London, EC1R 1XX https://www.tickettailor.com/events/wccmintheuk/2326178

✠ **LIVING WATER:** In the Gospel today Jesus tells us what to do if somebody does something wrong. "Where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them". The Season of Creation theme of "Living water" encourages us to immerse ourselves in the tears of creation, allowing our hearts to be touched by those suffering particularly from environmental degradation, as well as the suffering of all creation. We should all pray together for our common home.

✠ **OPPOSE ASSISTED SUICIDE:** There is a demo outside parliament this Friday 11th September from 9am. Placards will be provided. The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is back in the House of Commons and seeks to legalise assisted suicide. This would undermine the **sanctity** and **dignity** of human life.
We are against this Bill in principle and it remains deeply flawed and dangerous in practice. **This website has many useful resources:** Oppose Assisted Suicide - Catholic Bishops' Conference

✠ **THE CARDINAL VAUGHAN MEMORIAL SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2027 YEAR 7 ADMISSIONS:** Our **Year 7** open evenings will be held on **Thursday 17 September 2026** and **Tuesday 22 September 2026,** for boys who will be eligible for Year 7 entry in September 2027. The Headmaster will address parents and pupils at 4.30pm and again at 6.00pm. Following each speech, parents will be taken on a tour of the school. We therefore recommend you arrive in good time for either 4.30pm or 6.00pm.The online application form link for Year 7 is available on the school website www.cvms.co.uk/admissions

✠ **GUMLEY HOUSE SCHOOL:** Gumley House School is delighted to invite prospective families to our Open Events which will take place on Monday 28th September 2026 from 9.00am until 11.00am and also in the evening from 5pm until 8pm.There will be a second morning event on Thursday 1st October 2026 from 9.00am until 11.00am.You can register for these events on our website www.gumleyhouse.com/Open-Events

✠ **APPOINTMENTS WITH FR BERNARD:** Fr Bernard is only available to meet with parishioners on **Wednesdays** from 11am**.**

✠ **BAPTISM:** Before your child can be Baptised parents must make an appointment to meet with Fr Bernard, at least one of whom should be a Baptised, practicing Catholic. Under Canon Law there must be a reasonable expectation that Catholic parents requesting Baptism of their child should be practicing their faith. Fr Bernard requires the Baptism certificates of the parents and the Baptism **and** Confirmation

certificates of each Godparent. Please contact the office to make an appointment with Fr Bernard.

✠ **PARISH GROUPS:** Everyone, parishioners and non-parishioners, are welcome to join these groups:

THE EVERGREEN CLUB: meet on Mondays 1-3pm in the church hall for a chat over tea/coffee, biscuits and cake, play games and bingo. It's a chance to meet new friends and is open to all ages.

MEDITATION: Have you ever wondered what meditation is about? If so, why not join our meditation at Our Lady's in Stephendale Road. We meet every Wednesday from 6.30-7.30pm for this ancient way of silent prayer (entrance is at the first door to the left of the church building in Tynemouth Street). Introduction and guidance will be given. Any questions ask Fr Bernard or email Pia: pia.huber@gmail.com

✠ **PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please can you remember the sick of our parish in your prayers:
Connie Arowojolu; Patricia Bland; Manuel Da Costa; Bill Fleming; Cynthia James; Jacqueline Kelleher; Maureen Palmer; Alma Smith.

✠ **PLEASE GIFT AID YOUR CONTACTLESS DONATIONS:** When making your donation by card you will see the option to gift aid your donation on the screen, simply click yes. It is **essential** that you enter your **full name** and **full first line of your address and postcode**, it then remembers for future donations. For more info visit: https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/stephendaleroad/donate/other-ways-to-give/

✠ **NORMAL MASS TIMES:**

Our Lady's: Wednesday: **10am** Saturday: **10am** (followed by Adoration and Confession); **7pm** Vigil Mass; Sunday: **10.30am**

Holy Cross: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: **9.30am**; Saturday: **5.30pm** Vigil Mass;
Sunday: **9am** Family **12pm** Solemn (**Please check their website for Summer Mass times**)

DATE	TIME	CELEBRATION MASS	PAGE	PRIEST
13th Sept	7pm and 10.30am	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	128	Fr Bernard Akoeso
20th Sept	7pm and 10.30am	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	131	TBA
27th Sept	7pm and 10.30am	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	134	Fr Bernard Akoeso
4th Oct	7pm and 10.30am	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	137	Fr Bernard Akoeso

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

If you would like the Sanctuary Lamp lit before the Blessed Sacrament for a particular intention please send an email to the office. Each lamp burns for a week.
This week's special intention is for: Patrick Murphy (RIP)