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PARISH NOTICES

✠ **FR BERNARD'S HOLIDAY:** Fr Bernard will be away until 10th September. Normal Mass times will resume from 12th September.

✠ **CATECHIST TRAINING:** Are you a new catechist or considering becoming one? Are you an experienced catechist wishing to learn more, develop your skills and deepen your faith? If yes, come to our three-day course for catechists in Vaughan House, Westminster. This free, practical course will take place over three Saturdays, the first one is on 12th September, 10am-4pm. It is open to all current and prospective catechists in the diocese, and attendance at all three days is required. Attendees should book in advance and bring a packed lunch. Please contact Jackie Charles on the above parish email if you are interested.

✠ **YOUTH LEADERSHIP:** Are you the current or next Youth Ministry Leader? **Upper Room Leadership Programme** equips Catholics to lead and inspire the next generation through faith, formation, practical training and ministry experience. The programme ends with a youth ministry qualification and pilgrimage to Lourdes with expectation for you to serve and lead in your parish! To sign up by **16 September 2026** and learn more please visit https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/

✠ **YOUNG ADULTS MASS AND RESONATE PANEL TALK:** Join Westminster Youth Ministry for **Resonate**, which is the Diocesan monthly Young Adults Mass and Talk. The Mass is held in the historic Westminster Cathedral Crypt, followed by a live panel Q+A! The panel will bring together three different vocations in the Church: priesthood, religious life, and marriage. This evening is an opportunity to hear honest, real, faith orientated reflections from people who are living out their vocation in very different ways. Whether you are discerning your future, wondering what God is calling you to, trying to understand vocation more deeply, or simply curious and have general questions to ask then this panel is for you! **8 September 2026**, **Mass - 19:00, Resonate Talk - 19:45** at Vaughan House 46 Francis Street, Westminster, London, SW1P 1QN.

✠ **OPPOSE ASSISTED SUICIDE:** 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. **There are cards at the back of church on the table you can send to our local MP Ben Coleman.** Simply complete his name and your name and address. It does need a stamp. **There will be a vote on Friday, 11 September 2026 - please contact your MP asap. 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

✠ **H&F HEALTHY HOMES: For residents struggling with damp, mould or rising energy bills:**

- Free home energy visits and behavioural change
- Free simple energy-saving measures and installations
- Support with energy debt
- Help accessing grants and benefits that can make a significant difference to household comfort and energy bills

Please visit the webpage H&F Healthy Homes | London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham to apply for support. There is a poster in the porch too.

✠ **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 at 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:** (During summer holidays please see the table below)

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
6th Sept	11am	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	125	Fr Joe Ryan
13th Sept	10.30am	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	128	Fr Bernard Akoeso
20th Sept	10.30am	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	131	Fr Bernard Akoeso
27th Sept	10.30am	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	134	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: Maureen Palmer