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N E W S L E T T E R

11th May 2025 ✠ Fourth Sunday of Easter

MASS TIMES

WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday Vigil Mass 6pm & Sunday 9:30am & 11:30am.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 9:30am. *Friday abstinence.*

CHURCH OPENING TIMES: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 8am - 5pm. Saturday 9:30am-6:30pm. Sunday 8am-1pm.

PUBLIC ROSARY: In honour of Our Lady Queen of the May there will be public rosary in the Church at 10am on Wednesdays. All are welcome.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Saturday 10:30am – 11:15am followed by Benediction.

CONFESSION: Saturday 10:30am -11:15am (in the Sacristy) or by appointment

MASS BOOK THIS SUNDAY *Year C*

Order of Mass: pg.7
Hymns: see hymn board76
Reading and Prayers: pg.262
Preface IV of Easter: THE RESTORATION OF THE UNIVERSE THROUGH THE PASCAL MYSTERY, pg.74

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR EASTER

Thank you for your generous donation

3/ 4 May 2025

Envelopes	£ 178.71
Loose	£ 322.68
Total	**£ 501.39**

Church Cleaning TEAM 2: J O'Connell, J Sellings, (Wednesday)

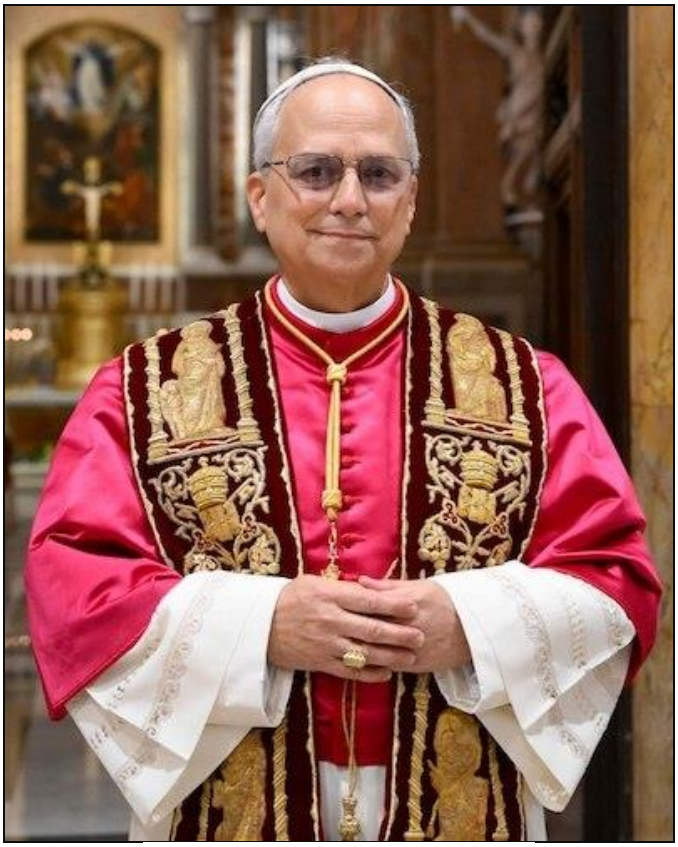
Lavina will not be available on Mondays & Thursdays.

PARISH NOTICES

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH: The Weekly Donation Envelopes 2025-2026 are available for collection from the Parish Office during weekdays or please see Fr Christian after Mass. *Kindly recycle all old envelopes*. If you wish to **cancel** your box of envelopes, please contact or email the Parish office ASAP - *sunburyonthames@rcdow.org.uk*

Contactless in our Parish is in the porch to the right as you enter. Contactless payments are *touch-free*. Simply select the set sum of amounts or by tapping 'Other' you can enter the amount that you wish to give. If you are registered for Gift Aid, please use the same card that is registered for your Gift Aid donations. Donations made via the contactless giving device will go straight to the Parish account as **OFFERTORY COLLECTION.**

Habemus Papam!



OUR NEW HOLY FATHER

POPE LEO XIV

Prayer for the Pope

V. Let us pray for Leo, our Pope.

R. May the Lord preserve him, and give him life, and make him blessed upon the earth, and deliver him not up to the will of his enemies.

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful,
look favourably on your servant Pope Leo XIV,
whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd; grant, we pray, that by word and example
he may be of service to those over whom he presides
so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care,
he may come to everlasting life.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Bethlehem Nativity Group TBNG: A group from Bethlehem, The Holy Land, will visit us **TODAY** to briefly talk about the Holy Land and sell religious articles made out of Olive Wood to help and support the poor Christian families, any help you could give to them it will be appreciated.

St Ignatius 100 club It's the end of year draw **TODAY** with £300 in extra prizes. Look out for Marek or Helen before and after all the masses if you have any questions about your membership or if you'd like to join. We welcome new members! Marek & Helen

Readers Rota: The new rota is available in the Church Porch and online on the Parish website - *Parish Groups*.

Priest Training Fund: Next Sunday is the Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place on the **weekend 17/18 May**. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 50 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 13 of whom are from our own Diocese. 2 of these are deacons for Westminster. We also have 2 seminarians at the Royal English College in Valladolid. Last year 3 deacons who studied at Allen Hall were ordained priests. This 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.

REGULAR NOTICES

Anointing of the Sick: If you know of someone in the parish who is very ill please contact Fr Christian to arrange a visit.

Funerals: To book a funeral, please contact the Parish Office.

Sunday Tea/Coffee Morning: Every Sunday after 9:30am Mass in the Manning Room. All are welcome.

Family Rosary and Fish & Chips on the first Friday of each month: The first one will be on Friday 6th June, and the rosary will be prayed for the intention of the repose of Pope Francis's soul. Come and pray the Rosary at 6pm in the Church, followed by Fish & Chips in the Manning Room. Please place your food order by Wednesday 4th June to Dan Robinson (07535 958 924).

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

Baptism: To arrange for the baptism of any child under the age of seven please contact the Parish Office to book a meeting.

All parents will need to complete a short course on the Sacrament of Baptism, usually held at noon on Saturdays. A child's baptism can be booked for any Saturday which works, again at noon.

First Holy Communion 2025: Mass Attendance cards

1. The child should be present with his/her Attendance card.
2. Please make sure the Attendance Card has the Child's full name, this will help the Stewards to identify the card and in case the Attendance card is lost.
3. Please DO NOT forget to bring your Childs Attendance card to Mass every weekend.
4. Stickers are issued before Mass and will not be issued for a missed Sunday.

Becoming Catholic 2025: Welcome home! Please contact Fr Christian by telephone or email to organise a meeting.

FR CHRISTIAN WRITES

Introducing Pope Leo XIV

This past week, the cardinals of the Church, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, elected a new successor to St Peter: Pope Leo XIV. His election brings with it not only joy, but a renewed sense of unity and hope for the Church throughout the world.

Pope Leo XIV, formerly Robert Francis Cardinal Prevost, is the first American-born pontiff and a member of the Augustinian Order. Born in Chicago in 1955, his life has been shaped by his missionary work and deep love for the Church. He spent many years ministering in Peru as a pastor and seminary lecturer, and later served as Prior General of the Augustinians before becoming a bishop and, more recently, a trusted servant of the Holy See.

He comes to the Chair of Peter with long experience, a profound sense of the Church's pastoral mission, and the heart of a shepherd. His roots in religious life, missionary service, and episcopal ministry will, we pray, give him the grace to guide the Church with wisdom, humility, and courage.

As he stepped out onto the balcony of St Peter's Basilica to greet the world for the first time, he began with the words of the Risen Christ:

"Dearest brothers and sisters, this is the first greeting of the Risen Christ, the good shepherd who gave his life for God's flock. I too would like this greeting of peace to enter your heart, to reach your families, to all people, wherever they are, to all peoples, to the whole earth. Peace be with you!

This is the peace of the Risen Christ, an unarmed and disarming peace, humble and persevering. It comes from God, God who loves us all unconditionally. We still have in our ears that weak but always courageous voice of Pope Francis who blessed Rome!

The pope who blessed Rome gave his blessing to the world, to the entire world, that Easter morning.

Allow me to follow up on that same blessing: God cares for us, God loves all of us, and evil will not prevail! We are all in God's hands. Therefore, without fear, united hand in hand with God and among ourselves, let us move forward.

We are disciples of Christ. Christ goes before us. The world needs His light. Humanity needs Him as the bridge to reach God and His love."

These are words of hope: words that spring from the very heart of Easter. The Church continues, as it has for two thousand years, to proclaim that Christ is risen, that evil will not have the last word, and that we are never outside the care of God.

Let us pray for Pope Leo XIV, and for Holy Mother Church. May his pontificate be marked by fidelity to the Truth, mercy, and our unity in Christ.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please pray for our recently departed parishioners:
Leonie Andrews, Margaret Tuck, James (Jim) Webb, William Ogle, Richard Chapman

FUNERAL

Eileen Sargent – Monday 12th May, 12:30am

+Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen+