

Saturday 4th February	10am Abina Dale RIP and Michael Dale
	12 Mid-day Fr Philip's 25th anniversary Mass
	6pm Anna
Sunday 5th February 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10am Raimondo Family Ints 5.30pm People of the Parish
Monday 6th February St Paul Miki and Companions	No Mass
Tuesday 7th February	10am Graham Hill Ints
Wednesday 8th February St Josephine Bakhita	10am Aldiva and Mario Tavella Ints
Thursday 9th February	10am Majida Nissan Ints
Friday 10th February St Scholastica	10am Francisco Fernandes RIP 10:30 to 1pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:30 (Latin Mass) Rita D'Cruze Wellbeing
Saturday 11th February Our Lady of Lourdes	10am Mary Janaway 6pm Pdraig Garvey
Sunday 12th February 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10am Giovanna Sciangula and Family Ints 5:30pm People of the Parish

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK INCLUDING:
Jaime Molina, Jennifer Kirwin, Fr. David, Natalie Pell, Michael Hoskins, Colin Smitherman, James Gledhill, Florisa Di Valentino, Bernadette Marchetti, Nigel Pell, Paul Gismondi, Victoria Monaco, Callum Jamieson, Tom Bailey, Anthony Lydekker, Jason Moreno and Josephine Moreno.

Please pray for all those who have died recently.

Together the Catholic parishes of Barnes, East Sheen, Ham, Kew, Mortlake, Putney, Richmond, Roehampton and Wimbledon Common form Mortlake Deanery.

This is a School Voucher Sunday

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

To meet our budget we need £1,600 each week
Sunday's offering was £592.04
Standing Orders £400
Contactless Donations £130.00
Total £1122.04

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Victoria Drive, London SW19 6AD
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Head Teacher: Jeremy Tuke BA Hons PGCE
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PARISH VOUCHER SYSTEM

Those people who will require a school reference when applying to a Catholic School need to participate in this. By signing the vouchers the parish keeps a record of your mass attendance which is referred to when signing school reference forms.

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5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Jesus says his disciples are to let light shine (Matt 5:14-16). The light that we are to let shine is the light of Jesus. He is the light of the world (John 8:12). Jesus' light was first lit in us when we were baptized. When we were baptized, our baptismal candle was lit from the Paschal Candle. The Paschal Candle symbolizes Jesus. Lighting our baptismal candle from the Paschal Candle at baptism shows that at baptism we receive the light of Jesus. Now since baptism we are to be the light of the world.

Jesus says you don't light a lamp to put it under a basket but put it on the stand so that it gives light to all in the house. Jesus' disciples are to let Jesus' light shine. How do we let Jesus' light shine? Just before this Jesus taught the beatitudes so when we live the beatitudes we let Jesus' light shine. We let Jesus' light shine when we are poor in spirit by depending on God (Matt 5:3). We let Jesus' light shine when we are meek (Matt 5:5). We let Jesus' light shine when we hunger and thirst for righteousness (Matt 5:6). We let Jesus' light shine when we are merciful to others (Matt 5:6), when we are clean of heart (Matt 5:8) and when we are peacemakers (Matt 5:9). In the first reading today, in the prophet Isaiah (58:7-10), we heard lots of examples of how to let light shine. The reading said your light will shine in the darkness when you share your bread with the hungry, when you shelter the oppressed and homeless, when you clothe those who have no clothes and when you don't turn your back on your own, when you remove from your midst oppression, false accusation, and malicious speech. In other words, we let Jesus' light shine by being kind to others because whatever we do to others we do to Jesus.

When the world reacts to us with opposition or persecution, we are to react back with kindness, which is the light of Jesus, and that kindness will help save the world. As the world distances itself from God and opposes or persecutes those who remain faithful to God, ironically the world is persecuting those who are most able to help the world. What happened in the life of Jesus, is happening now in the lives of Jesus' followers. Yet when we are kind to others, we never know what good effects our kindness will have on others or how it may help them to come closer to Jesus. The lady responsible for the law case in the United States that legalized abortion (1973), was later influenced by pro-lifers who moved into an office next to her in Dallas (1995) and that paved the way for her conversion. She became pro-life herself and three years later, in 1998, was received into the Catholic Church. So, letting the light of Jesus shine, even in the midst of opposition or persecution, is helping to save the world. As Jesus said in the Gospel, "your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." (Mt 5:16)

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PARISH NEWS

Celebrating Tony Browne's Birthday last Sunday



RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

This Sunday is Racial Justice Sunday. There will be a Second Collection at this weekend's Masses.

CHANGE OF BANK ACCOUT DETAILS

Please note in future any cheques made out to the parish or payments via online banking need to be made to **RCAS Wimbledon Common**.

GIFT AID SCHEME

If you are a taxpayer, for every £1 you give to the parish, we can get another 25p. Please speak to: John O' Reilly 07977 538671.

Hail Holy Queen Prayer

To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn, then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

THE WINNERS OF SUNDAY 5th February 200 CLUB

1	162	Andrew Bird
2	16	Roberto Farina

Parish Hall—Bookings

If you are planning an event and would like to use the Parish Hall, bookings can be made by emailing bookingsolsp@gmail.com or phoning **07708632289**

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LOURDES by AIR - 5 - 9 June 2023 5 Days £560

Fr Philip is leading a pilgrimage to Lourdes. The package includes Return flights inc. taxes. 23kg bag in hold, 4 nights in 4* hotel on half board, Lourdes city tax, guided tours and a daily pilgrimage program.

Extras: Single room supplement (£30 x 4 nights = £120), compulsory travel insurance, snacks and drinks, optional excursion, entrance fees and any other costs of a personal nature.

If you would like to come a deposit of £200 per person is required.

NOTICE BOARD

Petition to stop the introduction of abortion up to birth

In 2021, abortion campaigners brought forward an amendment to a Government Bill that would have introduced abortion on demand, for any reason, up to birth (including sex-selective abortion).

This amendment did not go to a vote and pass, but the abortion lobby is expected to make another attempt to introduce this extreme abortion law change shortly. This would be the single biggest change to abortion legislation since 1967 and would introduce one of the most extreme abortion laws in the world.

Right To Life UK is running a petition to ask the Prime Minister to do everything in his power to stop the introduction of abortion up to birth. Please add your name to the petition here:

<https://righttolife.org.uk/signthepetitiontorishi>

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CHARITY CONCERT

Friends of the Holy Land have organised a stunning evening of virtuoso singing at Westminster Cathedral on the **16th of February at 7:30pm**: the London Welsh Male Voice Choir, with guest soloists The Priests, are performing a concert in aid of Friends of the Holy Land!

Tickets available at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lwmvc-concert-at-westminster-cathedral-tickets-470924316307>

Tickets £20 to £60

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