

<b>Saturday 23rd September</b> St Pio of Pietrelcina	10am Agnes Ewings RIP 6pm Epifania Bello De Rodriguez RIP
<b>Sunday 24th September</b> 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10am Maureen Scantlebury RIP 5.30pm Philip Mc Cormack RIP
<b>Monday 25th September</b>	No Mass
<b>Tuesday 26th September</b> Sts. Cosmos and Damian St Pope Paul VI	10am Anselus Adolphus Junior Archer RIP
<b>Wednesday 27th September</b> St Vincent de Paul	10am Luis Rivero
<b>Thursday 28th September</b> St Wenceslaus St Lawrence Ruiz and Companions	10am David Gardiner RIP
<b>Friday 29th September</b> Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael	10am Andrew Walter Williams Ints 6:30pm Julia Madine RIP (Latin Mass) 7:30pm Our Lady's Prayer Group
<b>Saturday 30th September</b> St Jerome	10am Fr Philip De Freitas Ints 6pm Daniel and Helen O'Shea RIP
<b>Sunday 1st October</b> 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10am Graham Hill RIP 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, Bernadette Marchetti, Nigel Pell, Paul Gismondi, Victoria Monaco, Callum Jamieson, Tom Bailey, Jason Moreno, Anna Roache and Shirley Monaco.

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.

**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS**

To meet our budget we need £1,600 each week

Sunday's offering was	£713.03
Standing Orders	£400
Contactless	£185
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1298.03</b>

**Second Collection** Evangelii Gaudium £187.19  
**Thank you for your generosity**

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**This is a School Voucher Sunday**

**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.

**Contacts**

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**25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**

**Blessed Frédéric Ozanam's Story (Founder of the Society of St Vincent de Paul)**



A man convinced of the inestimable worth of each human being, Frédéric served the poor of Paris well, and drew others into serving the poor of the world. Through the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, which he founded, his work continues to the present day.

Frédéric was the fifth of Jean and Marie Ozanam's 14 children, one of only three to reach adulthood. As a teenager he began having doubts about his religion. Reading and prayer did not seem to help, but long walking discussions with Father Noirot of the Lyons College clarified matters a great deal.

Frédéric wanted to study literature, although his father, a doctor, wanted him to become a lawyer. Frédéric yielded to his father's wishes and in 1831, arrived in Paris to study law at the University of the Sorbonne. When certain professors there mocked Catholic teachings in their lectures, Frédéric defended the Church.

A discussion club which Frédéric organized sparked the turning point in his life. In this club, Catholics, atheists, and agnostics debated the issues of the day. Once, after Frédéric spoke about Christianity's role in civilization, a club member said: "Let us be frank, Mr. Ozanam; let us also be very particular. What do you do besides talk to prove the faith you claim is in you?"

Frédéric was stung by the question. He soon decided that his words needed a grounding in action. He and a friend began visiting Paris tenements and offering assistance as best they could. Soon a group dedicated to helping individuals in need under the patronage of Saint Vincent de Paul formed around Frédéric.

Feeling that the Catholic faith needed an excellent speaker to explain its teachings, Frédéric convinced the Archbishop of Paris to appoint Dominican Father Jean-Baptiste Lacordaire, the greatest preacher then in France, to preach a Lenten series in Notre Dame Cathedral. It was well-attended and became an annual tradition in Paris.

After Frédéric earned his law degree at the Sorbonne, he taught law at the University of Lyons. He also earned a doctorate in literature. Soon after marrying Amelie Soulacroix on June 23, 1841, he returned to the Sorbonne to teach literature. A well-respected lecturer, Frédéric worked to bring out the best in each student. Meanwhile, the Saint Vincent de Paul Society was growing throughout Europe. Paris alone counted 25 conferences.

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# PARISH NEWS

### New Parish SVP group (Society of St Vincent de Paul)

We have just started a parish SVP group to help with some of the social needs of the parish. The group will look at ways it can help parishioners who may be struggling with finance, and other social needs. They will offer a support mechanism for people in need. If you want to support the group or need some assistance please let me know.

“The SVP is an international Christian voluntary organisation dedicated to tackling poverty and disadvantage by providing direct practical assistance to anyone in need. In England and Wales there are currently over 10,000 voluntary members who visit the lonely, the sick, the marginalised and the imprisoned. In addition to member visits, the society also operates a number of special works, which seek to serve people in a wider area or give more specialised help in a certain aspect of the work. These Special Works currently include holiday schemes, children’s summer camps, furniture stores, community shops, support centres, soup runs, residential care, deaf clubs, debt counselling, community transport and asylum care. “

Taken from their website.

### Who is St Vincent de Paul? Feast day 27th September

Saint Vincent de Paul was born to a poor peasant family in the French village of Pouy on April 24, 1581. His first formal education was provided by the Franciscans. He did so well, he was hired to tutor the children of a nearby wealthy family. He used the monies he earned teaching to continue his formal studies at the University of Toulouse where he studied theology.

He was ordained in 1600 and remained in Toulouse for a time. In 1605, while on a ship traveling from Marseilles to Narbonne, he was captured, brought to Tunis and sold as a slave. Two years later he and his master managed to escape and both returned to France.

St. Vincent went to Avignon and later to Rome to continue his studies. While there he became a chaplain to the Count of Goigny and was placed in charge of distributing money to the deserving poor. He became pastor of a small parish in Clichy for a short period of time, while also serving as a tutor and spiritual director.

From that point forward he spent his life preaching missions to and providing relief to the poor. He even established hospitals for them. This work became his passion. He later extended his concern and ministry to convicts. The need to evangelize and assist these souls was so great and the demands beyond his own ability to meet that he founded the adies of Charity, a lay institute of woman, to help, as well as a religious institute of priests - the Congregation of Priests of the Mission, commonly referred to now as the Vincentians.

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**Catholic conference on the family at Our Lady and At Peter Church 14<sup>th</sup> October 2023** designed to help parents and Grandparents to support their children’s moral life as young adults. **Attendance is in Person or Online via**

**Zoom Details can be found at [www.eventcatholic.com](http://www.eventcatholic.com)**



### Adoration on Thursday Mornings

I am thinking of a possible extra day of Adoration, on Thursdays from 10:30 to 1pm. Please let me know if you have any thoughts on this. Fr Philip

### Teas/Coffees after 10am Mass

There will be tea and coffee in the hall after the Sunday 10am Mass

### THE WINNERS OF SUNDAY 24th September 200 CLUB

1	18	Giovanna Sciangula
2	190	Melissa Cunha

### 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.

### 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](mailto:bookingsolsp@gmail.com) or phoning **07708632289**

# NOTICE BOARD

### The late Bishop Howard Tripp

Bishop Howard Tripp’s first anniversary of death is on 3 October. There will be a Year’s Mind Mass for him - celebrated at St George’s Cathedral - the day after, on **Wednesday 4 October** at **12.30pm**. Bishop Paul Hendricks will be the main celebrant.

This Mass will be simply the usual lunchtime Cathedral Mass, but it was felt important to mark Bishop Howard’s first anniversary in some small way, in the place where he lies at rest in the Cathedral crypt.

Bishop Howard gave 24 years of devoted episcopal service as Auxiliary Bishop in the South West Area of the Diocese, and continued his episcopal service indirectly during his 18 years of retirement.

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