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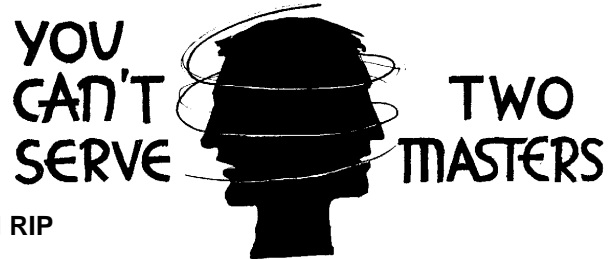
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## **Twenty-Fifth Sunday of the Year**

Saturday	21 <sup>st</sup>	6.00 pm	Thomas Murray RIP
Sunday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Celine Conway RIP
Monday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30 am	André Fisher RIP
Tuesday	24 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Anne Rafferty RIP
		7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Thursday	26 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	<b>REQUIEM FOR ANNE McALINDEN RIP</b>
		7.30 pm	In Thanksgiving to Mat Talbot
Friday	27 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Saturday	28 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Freda Herman RIP
Sunday	29 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Michael Farrell RIP
		6.00 pm	Polish Mass



**SATURDAY:** Exposition with Benediction: 10.00 - 11.00am. Reconciliation: 10.15–10.45 am & 5.15 - 5:45 pm

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Amos 8:4-7, 1Timothy 2:1-8, Luke 16:1-13.

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Amos 6:1, 4-7; 1Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31

**COLLECTIONS:** Church: £553 The Home Missions: £330 Stations of the Cross: £6,700  
Thank you for your generosity.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Pamela Simblett, Peggy Gallagher, Margaret Birch, Lita Yong, Ken Ellis, Anne Steere, Patrick Ryan, Sheila Tune, Brenda Peazold, Rosie Grove, Mary Wessel, Gina Palermo, Elizabeth Hoskins, Joan Cutmore, Christine Watson, Gordon Milne, Alfred Deacon, Ester Park, Marie Garselis, Roni Horstead, Ronnie Tyler, Jenny Begley, Bill Hogg, Breda Schlimgen, Michaela Finn, Winifred Lyons, Yvette Allen, Leslie Lee, Kerry McStravick, Lydia Van Melsen

**2. THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY: BERNARD BANDY** and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Shepherd Wadsworth, Anne Rose, Michael Irving, Ray McGlone, Patricia Knox, Betty Hayes, Mary Empson, Anne Casement, Theresa Steer, Joy Wood, Patricia Brown, Kathleen Tyler, Martine Jackson, Neville Shopland, Tom McErlean, Alice Perry, Edna Whitehouse, Margaret Hollander, Allan Bradbury, Sophia Kapture.

**3. WELCOME TO ANY VISITORS** to our Parish this weekend. We do hope that you have enjoyed your stay

**4. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019:** Is your son or daughter in Year 3 this term? If so, they are at the age where they can start the preparation course for First Holy Communion. Please collect a letter and application form from the Sacristy and return it to the Parish Office as soon as possible. The first meeting for parents will be on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 8.00 pm in The Good Shepherd Chapel and the first lesson for the children will be on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October from 4.30 – 5.30 pm

**5. CONFIRMATION 2019/20:** If you are in Year 10 or above and considering being Confirmed next year you are invited to join our preparation programme that will be starting soon. Please collect an application form from the Sacristy and return to the Parish Office as soon as possible

**6'24 HOUR PRAYER VIGIL FOR THE PARISH':** Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October from 7.30 pm until Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October concluding with 6.00 pm Parish Mass. As part of our Jubilee celebrations our 24 hr Prayer Vigil for the parish is less than a month away. It is a time for giving thanks to the Lord for the Grace he has poured out on us and to pray for our future. It begins with Friday Payer Group and finishes with the Vigil Mass on Saturday evening. It won't be completely silent- there is a timetable of events, available in both porches. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for the 24 hrs and cannot be left unattended. Therefore there are sign-up sheets where we ask you to let us know the times you might plan to attend so that we can ensure there is sufficient cover. Night Owls, insomniacs and early risers are all welcome to join those of us who have elected to stay over-night. We look forward to sharing this special time with you."

**7. EDGE YOUTH GROUP IS BACK THIS WEEKEND, AND WE'RE LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS** We meet every few weeks in 'The Barn' from 7pm to 8.45pm on Sunday evenings. This Sunday (22nd) is the first meeting after the summer, and we'd love to see loads of new people. It's a really friendly group, so if you're in Year 7-10 and want to make some friends and have some fun, come along. Any questions - [Jack.Regan@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Jack.Regan@abdiocese.org.uk)

**8. TRAIDCRAFT** will be on sale after all Masses **this** weekend

**9. CAFOD HARVEST SUPPER:** Many thanks to all those who helped create and those who supported the delicious Harvest Supper. £561 was raised

**10. 'SCHOOL OF PRAYER':** This is a two-day introduction to 'Weeks of Guided Prayer' which will be happening in our area on the 12<sup>th</sup> October from 10.00 am – 4.00 pm and 13<sup>th</sup> October from 11.00 am – 4.00 pm at Chatsmore Catholic High School. The Jesuits together with the Diocese will be delivering this exciting course which will provide a comprehensive exploration of prayer in many forms. Our Deanery has been chosen to host this event, which will in time take place in all other Deaneries in the Diocese, and we look forward to welcoming you.

**11. A KSC RACE NIGHT** supporting St Mary's Catholic Primary School Inclusion room and KSC charities will be held on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> Oct at 7.00 for 7.30pm start in The Barn. There will be a licenced bar and raffle

**13. MARY'S MEALS:** Tony is in the Main Porch collecting sponsors for Simon Halley who will be cycling the London to Brighton Ride this weekend to raise money for Mary's Meals.

**14. DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September from 7.00 pm Youth Group meets again

Friday 4<sup>th</sup>- Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> - 24-hour Prayer Vigil for the Parish

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 3.00pm – Parish Jubilee Concert

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Saints & Sinners

**15. TURNING TIDES (WCHP) HARVEST APPEAL** during which items are requested that can be stored and used as needed throughout the year. Please could you donate: Boxer Shorts, Men's Socks, Dish Cloths, Dishwasher Salt, Dishwasher Tablets, Dishwasher Rinse Aid, Shampoo and Conditioner, Tinned Fruit and Veg, Pickles or chutney, Shaving Foam or Gel, Washing Powder, Razors, Herbs, Liquid Soap. There is a blue box in the West Porch for your donations. Many thanks in advance

**Father Liam says: How surprising it would be to have three** British Prime Ministers in one year! Not as much as was the case forty-one years ago when there were three Popes not only in one year but in a period of little over three months. 1978 was the year of the three Popes – two of whom are now canonised. Pope Paul VI died on 6<sup>th</sup> August that year after a pontificate of 15 years and after some years of poor health.

Cardinal Albino Luciano, Archbishop of Venice succeeded him as Pope John Paul I on 26<sup>th</sup> August on the fourth ballot and on the first day of the Conclave. He was 67 years old and seemingly in good health. He died just 33 days later, on 28<sup>th</sup> September – the shortest pontificate of modern times. The Conclave met on 14<sup>th</sup> October and after eight ballots Cardinal Karol Wojtyla, Archbishop of Cracow was elected – the first Polish pope in history. He took the name John Paul II. He was 58 years old and was elected on the second day of voting – the first non-Italian Pope since Hadrian in 1522. He died on April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2005 – 7 weeks short of his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday after one of the longest pontificates in history.

To go back to John Paul I and his pontificate of 33 days. He had about 15 minutes after being elected in which to choose a name. The first Pope to change his name was Sergius IV in 1009 who had not been blessed with a Christian name. Cardinal Luciano chose the name John Paul – the first double barrelled name in the history of the Papacy. John XXIII and Paul VI were his immediate successors – the two Popes who in turn had presided over the Second Vatican Council. In choosing their names he wished to show his determination to keep the spirit of the Council alive. When he spoke to the people on the following day, his first word – 'Yesterday' got a laugh. He went on: 'Yesterday morning I went to the Sistine Chapel to vote peacefully. I never would have imagined what was to take place!' He had not started with any conventional form of address, such as 'Dear children' and he used the first person singular. There was no 'royal we'. Giovanni Paolo was rather cumbersome in Italian and so it was soon abbreviated to the more familiar and friendly, Gianpaulo. In that same address he went on to say: 'The world knows well that the sublime perfection which is not attained by scientific research and technology has already reached a peak, beyond which yawns the abyss, blinding the eyes with darkness. The danger facing modern man is that he would reduce the earth to a desert, the person to an automaton, brotherly love to planned collectivisation, often introducing death where God wishes life.' He left his hearers to identify the precise nature of these perils but surely he was thinking about ecology, nuclear weapons, the all-powerful state and abortion. He spoke about ecumenism, which would be pursued in the spirit of Christ's priestly prayer 'That all may be one.' 'Division', he said, 'remains a cause for concern and indeed a contradiction and a scandal in the eyes of non-Christians and non-believers. We intend to dedicate our prayerful attention to everything that would favour union. We will do so without diluting doctrine but at the same time without hesitation.'

John Paul I hated pomposity. He had a smile that reached out to everyone he met. He refused a coronation and the tiara – the triple crown. There were to be no more gestatorial chairs in which Popes used to be carried shoulder high through the crowds, nor were there to be swaying ostrich feathers. It had been usual that an extra month's salary would be paid to all Vatican workers – including Cardinals. But he decided that this should be cut in half. This did not increase his popularity. He soon found that the Vatican had its share of jealousies. 'I have nothing but malice directed against everything and everyone,' he complained. Had he lived this quiet, gentle, smiling man may well have achieved much. But he was found dead in his bed and following Vatican custom, when a Pope dies there is no post-mortem or autopsy. There were rumours that he may have been murdered. The Vatican is an independent State with no police force of its own. The Italian police can enter only if invited – which they were not. Most people who have investigated the matter are convinced that the Pope died of natural causes. The Catholic world was shocked. It was as though a vision of hope and reconciliation had been glimpsed and then suddenly extinguished. Rejoicing had been suddenly turned to mourning.