

Deacon James introduces himself to us...

I was born in Omagh, in County Tyrone, Northern Ireland to Glaswegian parents Charles and Mary Boyle. My father was stationed there at the time in his role as Medical Officer to The Argyll and Southern Highlander Regiment. On leaving the army my father took up the post of General Practitioner in the small rural village of Roslea, in County Fermanagh, in Northern Ireland, close to the border with the Irish Republic. I am the fourth of seven children, with two sisters and four brothers, although we lost the eldest tragically in a road accident when I was five. We are all fairly close. I was a bright, gregarious child and enjoyed school, playing football, hanging out with my brothers, and serving Mass several times a week, something I kept up until I started secondary school. I remember my childhood as a happy time on the whole. After attending St Tierney's, local Catholic primary school, I went to St Michael's Grammar in the county town of Enniskillen. After my 'A' levels I went to study in Queen's University, Belfast and once qualified, I worked as an IT consultant, mostly in the finance industry. The work took me all over the British Isles and I met many wonderful, inspiring people along the way.

I received a clear call from the Lord to Priesthood in my mid thirties, and went forward to begin my studies in Maynooth, the national seminary in Ireland, where I studied philosophy and pastoral theology. Later on I ended up coming to London to study for the Diocese of Westminster when Cardinal Nichols decided to send me to Rome to complete my studies in theology. I continued my training last year assisting with pastoral work in Ruislip before being ordained a Deacon in the Cathedral in June this year. I am delighted to be ministering as a Deacon in Brook Green for the year and hope to be ordained to the Priesthood in June 2025. I am very much looking forward to my time in this wonderful parish, and to getting to know you all in the weeks and months ahead.

Catherine McNeil is taking responsibility for the rota for Readers at 10.00am Mass. Please see Catherine if you would like to do a Reading. Thank you Catherine for taking on this important role.

Prayer Workshop at Nazareth House Prayer Centre on Thursday 19th September at 2pm. All welcome.

Holy Trinity Cine Club: for children in **Year 7 to Year 9, and Year 10 to 12** on a Friday evening once a month. Cine Club for 15+ years olds at 7.00pm on Friday 20th. Quality 'surprise' movie followed by discussion and pizza. All are welcome, suggested donation of £5 towards running costs. Contact cineclubbg@gmail.com. See poster in the church porch.

Preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism: If you have a child for **Baptism** under 5 years old please email us for an application form. You will be contacted once the form has been received. A copy of one of the Catholic parents' baptism certificate will be required. Baptisms can only take place on Saturdays at 11am. **The next baptism course is on Monday 30th September at 7.30pm.**

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24th Sunday of the Year 15th September 2024

Today's Readings p. 582-586
Is 50:5-9; James 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35



Office Hours: Mon-Fri 10am-1pm and 2pm-4pm

Please note the change in our phone number: 020 7603 0814

Times of Mass and Devotions for the week beginning Sunday 15th September

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| Saturday | 9.30am |
| <i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i> | 6.00pm followed by Confessions |
| Sunday 15th September | 8.30am Mass |
| <i>24th Sunday of the Year</i> | 10.00am Family |
| | 11.30am Solemn Mass followed by Confessions |
| | 6.30pm Mass |
| Monday | 6.00pm Mass |
| <i>SS Cornelius & Cyprian</i> | followed by Adoration and Benediction |

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| Tuesday <i>St Hildegard of Bingen</i> | 6.00 pm Mass followed by Rosary |
| Wednesday <i>feria</i> | 6.00pm Mass |
| Thursday <i>feria</i> | 9.00 am Mass followed by Rosary |
| Friday <i>St Andrew Kim Taegon</i> | 9.00 am Mass followed by Divine Mercy Prayers |
| Saturday <i>St Matthew</i> | 9.30am 6.00pm followed by Confessions |
| Sunday 22nd September <i>25th Sunday of the Year</i> | 8.30am Mass 10.00am Family Mass 11.30am Solemn Mass followed by Confessions 6.30pm Mass |

Today's Bible Readings

Yesterday, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, we celebrated Jesus lifted up on the cross in his saving death and resurrection, drawing us to himself. This theme is echoed in today's Bible readings. The first reading, from one of Isaiah's Songs of the Servant of the Lord, is a remarkable prophecy of our Lord's cross and passion, in which he offers no resistance to those who insult and strike him, but trusts that the Lord is coming to his help.

In the Gospel, in response to Jesus' question as to his identity, Peter is the one from the apostles to speak up and say 'You are the Christ.' But Jesus immediately goes on to prophesy that he will be rejected by the chief priests and scribes, and to suffer grievously, to be put to death and rise again on the third day. When Peter remonstrates with him, Jesus rebukes him and says 'Get behind me Satan, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' Finally Jesus reminds any potential disciple of his that he must renounce himself and take up his cross and follow him, if he is to save his life.

First Communion Programme

This weekend there is another opportunity for parents to speak to Fr Richard or Deacon James outside church after a Sunday Mass, if they wish to receive an application form for the First Communion programme for their child in Year 3 or 4 for this coming year. The Programme is for those families who already regularly attend Sunday Mass in Holy Trinity Church. It is not possible to enquire by phone, email, or in the parish office.

Adults who would like to enquire into the possibility of becoming Catholics, or adult Catholics hoping to be confirmed, please speak to one of the clergy or contact us by e-mail.

If you wish to request a Certificate of Catholic Practice because you are applying for a place in a Catholic School for your child, please follow these steps:

1. Request a Priest Information Form from the Parish Office by email
2. If your application is for Secondary School, request this any time from now until before the autumn half term. This is because the closing date for secondary school applications is usually early November.
3. If your application is for primary school, do not request the Priest Information Form until after half term. This is because the closing date for primary school applications is not until the new year.
4. Return the form into our letterbox once you have completed it. This form is not sent to the schools you are applying to, but will help Fr Richard or Fr Juan who will be signing the certificates. We will contact you once the forms have been received.

We are seeking to appoint a new Catechetical Coordinator for our parish, in succession to Sr Jenefer, who retired in the summer. This paid, 30 hour a week role, is advertised on the diocesan website, where a full job description can be found. Closing date for applications is 2nd October. Please spread the word to any who may be interested in applying. Diocese of Westminster Careers – Vacancies in the Diocese of Westminster (rcdow.org.uk)

Prayers for the Sick - 'Lord, the one whom you love is sick.' (John 11:4)

Every week we include in this newsletter requests for prayer for the sick, which parishioners submit to us. Prayer for the sick is an important part of our ministry to them. But we need to check that the list contains the names of those currently sick, so that our prayers are up-to-date. Therefore, next week we will start with a fresh list. Please let us know any names you would like us to include, even if they are on the current list, and then renew the request after no more than four weeks. Requests can also be made for prayers for the repose of the souls of the recently deceased.

Please pray for the sick especially: Martin and Shirley Foster. **We commend to God those who died recently and those with anniversaries around this time:** Bridget McMahon.

Road Closure this Weekend near the Church - all day 14th/15th September

A short part of our road alongside 43 Brook Green beyond the Church towards Hammersmith Road is closed to traffic due to the erection of a large crane as part of the building works being undertaken by Bennett Construction Ltd. It is possible to reach and leave the church by car at the Shepherds Bush Road end of our road Brook Green. There is an explanatory map provided by the company on our church porch noticeboard. Pedestrian access is not be affected.