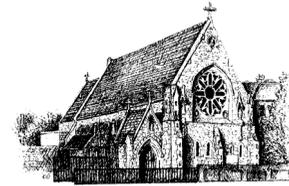




## Sub tuum praesidium

One of the most ancient prayers to Our Lady is the *Sub tuum praesidium*. Its simplicity and shortness make it easy to remember. Do pray it!

*We fly to your protection,  
O holy Mother of God.  
Despise not our petitions in our necessities,  
but deliver us always from all dangers,  
O glorious and blessed Virgin. .*



## OUR LADY & ST CATHERINE OF SIENA

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20TH JUNE 2021

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Parish Masses for the coming weeks:

Date	Feast	Time	Mass Intention
Sat 19th		6pm	Fr Michael Dunne, Int
Sunday 13th June	<b>Twelfth Sunday Ordinary Time</b>	9.30am	Monica JONES, Int
		11.30am	Francis and Philomena, Int
		6pm	Delroy DAVIS, RIP
Mon 14th		9.15am	Zaituni STAPPLETON, int
Tues 15th		7am	Fr Perry SYKES, int
Wed 16th		9.15am	Mary "Babs" KELLY, RIP
Fri 18th	<b>SACRED HEART</b>	12noon	Robustiano AMPLAYO, RIP

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Friday 11am–11.45am**

Reconciliation Saturday 5.00pm - 5.45pm.

**Parish Secretary:** Angela Braniff - Wed, 9.30am - 2.30 pm

**Columban Sisters** - Tel: 020 8980 3017

**St Agnes School**, Rainhill Way, E3 3ER Tel: 02089803076 - email: office@st-agnes.towerhamlets.sch.uk

The sanctuary lamp is burning in honour of **Abilio SOUSA, RIP**

This week is full of celebrations of English martyrs. Today, 20th June is the feast day of St Alban, a Roman soldier and the first to die for the Christian faith in our land. He was beheaded and a shrine was built on the site of his martyrdom. That shrine developed into a cathedral and later a town, bearing the name of the saint.

On Tuesday, 22nd June, we will rejoice in the feast day of St Thomas More and St John Fisher, martyrs of the Reformation. Thomas More was Chancellor of king Henry VIII. A great intellectual, married and with a large family, he opposed Henry's divorce. Such a n opposition, which he did on the grounds of his conscience brought him to death remaining the king's good servant but God's first. John Fisher was the bishop of Rochester and the only one who did not sign the Act of Supremacy, which made Henry head of the Church in England. Imprisoned in the Tower, he was beheaded for the faith.

Next weekend, our Diocese celebrates the feast day of St John Southworth, whose shrine is at Westminster Cathedral. He was born in Lancashire, trained at the English College in Douay (Northern France) and minister in the Westminster area. He was imprisoned a couple of times and upon release he continued ministering to the sick and homeless in our city, during a time of pandemic. After his final apprehension on 19 June 1654, he was tried at the Old Bailey, where he insisted on pleading guilty to being a priest. He was reluctantly condemned to be hung, drawn and quartered. His remains were recovered and sent to Douay where he laid till the French Revolution. Eventually his body came to the Cathedral. He is considered the patron saint of the diocesan priests and so the priestly ordinations in the diocese happen around his feast day, 27th June.

Next Saturday four men will be ordained for our diocese, William, Tim, Jakub and Marco. Pray for them and for an increase of vocations. Why not pray for me too as I begin my ministry forming the next generation of priests for our diocese.

## What is happening at St Catherine next?

Following the announcement of Fr Howard as new parish priest of Our Lady and St Catherine from September, this is how the next few months will look like.

Before the announcement, Fr Javier had booked his holidays for July, coinciding with a family wedding, so

1. **June**, masses as normal till 27th June. Then Masses on Tuesday 29th June, Sts. Peter and Paul at 9.15am and 7pm. No other masses that week.
2. **July**, masses will be celebrated only during weekend. Saturday 6pm, Sunday 9.30 and 11.30 (**note no Sunday evening mass**)
3. **August**, masses as usual, including Sunday evening mass
4. **September**, masses will be celebrated by Fr Javier only at weekends (Saturday 4th and 11th, 6pm and Sundays 5th and 12th, 9.30; 11.30 and 6pm).
5. Normal schedule from 18th September

## Certificate of Catholic Practice

Any family who will need a Certificate of Catholic Practice because their child is due to enter Nursery, Reception or Secondary School, should contact Fr Javier.

## Reconciliation

is celebrated Saturday 5pm and Sunday between morning masses and before evening mass. Otherwise please contact Fr Javier for an appointment,.

## Broadcast of 11.30am Mass

Broadcast of the 11.30am Mass on YouTube. You can find us on our New YouTube page: <http://bit.ly/StCatherinesLiveMass>. And on Facebook [www.facebook.com/StCatherineBow/](http://www.facebook.com/StCatherineBow/)

## Bow Food Bank

The Bow Food Bank continues to need our support. **The items for June are pasta and rice** We will collect them and take them to the Food Bank after the 11.30am Mass at the end of the month. For more information or if you want to volunteer, please check <http://www.bowfoodbank.org/wp/>

## Baptism

Baptisms are taking place. Please speak to Fr Javier to arrange a date.

## Wedding

Marriages are now allowed now with a limited capacity. However, there is no marriage course this year. If you need one, speak to Fr Javier

**RCIA**—meetings will resume after the summer

## First Holy Communion 2021

All children will be celebrating their First Reconciliation on Monday at 6pm. A number of priests will be present to hear our children's confessions and those of the parents/adults who may wish to avail of this sacrament. Please pray for the children and their families.

**Sanctuary Lamp**—The sanctuary lamp will be burning in memory of a faithful departed or as a prayer for the living.

**Welcome** —Bishop Nicholas Hudson who is celebrating the 11.30am mass with us today

## Parish Safeguarding Reps

Our parish takes seriously safeguarding. For many years, Ann Monaghan has been our representative. She has stepped down from that role and we are extremely grateful for all she has done to keep us safe. A new team has been appointed, Gertrude Sai, Kenny Onyekpe and Lucy Sutton. They will introduce themselves to us this weekend

## Financial Update

When we published the parish accounts a few weeks back, we spoke of the parish debt and the conversations we were having with the diocese. Earlier this week, we struck a deal with the Diocese. They will lease one of the flats for a retired priest for 20 years. The Diocese will give the parish £200k out-front which will leave the parish debt in £100k. A word of thanks to the present and past Finance Committees which have worked tirelessly to the end.

We will get a further £11k for a project. Perhaps a new boiler for the Church? Suggestions are welcome

**Restoration** – Thanks to a generous donation from an anonymous benefactor, we will be able to restore the statues of St Joseph, Our Lady and the Sacred Heart. St Joseph has already gone and we hope to have him back in the next few weeks.

**Parish History**—available from the back. Suggested donation £10

**Planned Giving Envelops**—Please contact Fr Javier if you need a box for your weekly donation.

**Parish Walking Pilgrimage to Westminster Cathedral, 26th June**—a great day out (weather permitting). Meet in the parish at 9.30am. Walk from the parish to the Tower of London, to Westminster Abbey and Westminster Cathedral. Time to pray and spend time with each other. Bring your pack lunch. Let Fr Javier know if you are interested

**Gardening at St Catherine**—Meeting every Saturday at 10am to look after our garden. Each session begins with a short prayer/reflection inspired by Pope Francis' *Laudato Si*. Please contact Sr Kate if you are interested.

**PTF**—Please returned your envelopes after mass or use the QR code on the envelopes.

**Facebook Page**—we have now an official Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/StCatherineBow/](http://www.facebook.com/StCatherineBow/) Do follow us.

**Stewards at Mass**—The work of stewards/ushers is fundamental at this time for the safe opening of the parish. Ushers are required to arrive at mass earlier; accommodate people once mass has started; ushering people to communion and out of mass at the end. They also spray clean the benches which have been used. If you want to help with the ushering of people during mass, speak to Fr. Javier.

**Financial support**—Thank you for your ongoing financial support. Thank you to those who are giving online (Account Name: WRC DT Bow; Sort Code: 40-05-20; Account Number: 01308157). You can also use the QR Code at the front of the Newsletter or on the green posters in Church. Please add your Surname and First Name as a reference.

**Have you thought about a standing order?** Do consider it as it would help us plan for future