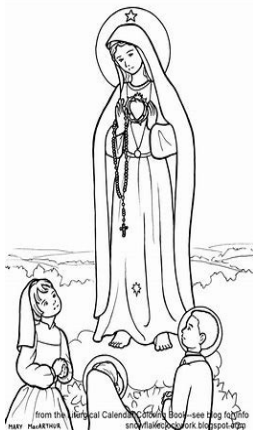


6. **A DAY WITH MARY**
is taking place at

St Anselm's,
West Hill,
Dartford
on Saturday
19th October
2024.

96, 428 & 492
buses pass
nearby.

Further
information
is available at



<https://www adaywithmary.org/>
OR
<https://eventcatholic.com/>

Concerning: ASSISTED SUICIDE

Please see and hear
Cardinal Nichols on
THE ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL,
and you will find a link
to help you contact
your Member for Parliament

<https://rcdow.org.uk/cardinal/homilies/pastoral-letter-on-assisted-suicide/>

Also, our own Archbishop
John Wilson issued
a Pastoral Letter on this matter
back in March, please Search for:
Archbishop John Wilson
on Assisted Suicide
22nd March 2024.
Thank you, *Fr David.*

**THE CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE
IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES.**

The CCRS is a knowledge-based, internationally recognised qualification that provides participants with an understanding of the teachings of the Catholic faith. It enhances the understanding that education within the Church is a life-long process which leads to greater intimacy with Jesus Christ. This course presents the basic foundational teachings of the Catholic Church in a manner that is captivating, inspiring, and applicable. The CCRS is designed and intended to support the Archbishop's vision of missionary parishes and schools by cultivating an evangelistic spirit. Participants will be equipped to make an informed and practical contributions to their chosen field of ministry within the Church.

Please visit aec.rcaos.org.uk/ccrs
for further information.

Closing date for applicants
this year is 4th November 2024.

**SOUTHWARK ARCHDIOCESE
DAY OF HEALING**

Saturday 2nd November 2024
At St George's Cathedral,
Southwark
(Near Waterloo Station and
The Imperial War Museum)
Arrivals 10:30am , End 5:00pm

*"MY GRACE IS
SUFFICIENT FOR YOU,
FOR MY POWER
IS MADE PERFECT
IN WEAKNESS."*

2 Corinthians 12:9

3. **+ J. M. J. + JESUS, + MARY, and + JOSEPH +**
Newsletter Supplement: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
13th October 2024 - October is Month of the Holy Rosary.

OCTOBER

"That month (October) should be considered in all countries as the month of the World Mission. The penultimate Sunday, the day proclaimed 'World Mission Sunday', is the high point. That day will be celebrated in all the local churches as a feast of catholicity and universal solidarity. On that day, Christians the world over will recognize their common responsibility with regard to the evangelization of the world. Bishops and episcopal conferences will draw up special prayers for the Missions, to be inserted in the Prayers of the Faithful during Mass".

THE ROSARY IN OCTOBER:

those who recite five decades of the Rosary in church, or as a family, a religious community, or as a group of the faithful, may gain a plenary indulgence daily; in other circumstances a partial indulgence. A partial indulgence may be obtained daily by reciting the Litany of Loreto and the Prayer of St Joseph. The practice of reciting the Rosary should be explained and commended.



CANON
JEREMIAH
CRONIN
REQUIESCAT
IN PACE.



Canon Jeremiah
was Curate here
in St Mary's from
1964 to 1977
and then was
Parish Priest
from
1977 to 1980.
He was
instrumental
in the Building
of the present

St Mary of the Crays Church
and Parish Centre
which was opened in 1973.

His Requiem Mass will be offered
in the Chapel at
Maryville Care Home,
12-14 The Butts, Brentford, TW8 8BQ, on
Tuesday 15th October 2024
at 12 noon.

**The Chapel is quite small
and holds about 40 people.**

Monsignor Canon James Cronin, Canon
Jeremiah's brother, has provided us
with a link to attend 'on-line':

<https://www.mcn.live/Camera/poor-servants-of-the-mother-of-god-brentford>

Also, we can send you this link by Email,
if you wish to attend 'on-line'
Please send a request by Email.

*Shall we hold a Memorial Mass for
Canon Cronin, and invite his brother
to come, and afterwards
share memories and a cup of tea?*

4. **ARCHBISHOP'S HOUSE,
WESTMINSTER, LONDON, SW1P 1QJ**

**Pastoral Letter on Assisted Suicide
12/13 October 2024**

My brothers and sisters,

This Wednesday, 16 October 2024, a bill will be introduced to Parliament proposing a change in the law to permit assisted suicide. The debate will continue for a number of months, in society and in Parliament, before a definitive vote is held there. This puts in the spotlight crucial questions about the dignity of human life and the care and protection afforded by our society to every human being.

As this debate unfolds there are three points I would like to put before you. I hope that you will take part in the debate, whenever and wherever you can, and that you will write to your Member of Parliament.

The first point is this: Be careful what you wish for.

No doubt the bill put before Parliament will be carefully framed, providing clear and very limited circumstances in which it would become lawful to assist, directly and deliberately, in the ending of a person's life. But please remember, the evidence from every single country in which such a law has been passed is clear: that the circumstances in which the taking of a life is permitted are widened and widened, making assisted suicide and medical killing, or euthanasia, more and more available and accepted. In this country, assurances will be given that the proposed safeguards are firm and reliable. Rarely has this been the case. This proposed change in the law may be a source of relief to some. But it will bring great fear and trep-

idation to many, especially those who have vulnerabilities and those living with disabilities. What is now proposed will not be the end of the story. It is a story better not begun.

The second point is this: a right to die can become a duty to die.

A law which prohibits an action is a clear deterrent. A law which permits an action changes attitudes: that which is permitted is often and easily encouraged. Once assisted suicide is approved by the law, a key protection of human life falls away. Pressure mounts on those who are nearing death, from others or even from themselves, to end their life in order to take away a perceived burden of care from their family, for the avoidance of pain, or for the sake of an inheritance.

I know that, for many people, there is profound fear at the prospect of prolonged suffering and loss of dignity. Yet such suffering itself can be eased. Part of this debate, then, must be the need and duty to enhance palliative care and hospice provision, so that there can genuinely be, for all of us, the prospect of living our last days in the company of loved ones and caring medical professionals. This is truly dying with dignity. Indeed, the radical change in the law now being proposed risks bringing about for all medical professionals a slow change from a duty to care to a duty to kill.

The third point is this: being forgetful of God belittles our humanity.

The questions raised by this bill go to the very heart of how we understand ourselves, our lives, our humanity. For people of faith in God - the vast majority of the population of the world - the first truth is that life, ultimately, is a gift of the Creator. Our life flows from God and will find its

5. *(Continuation of Cardinal Nichols Letter)*

Our life flows from God and will find its fulfilment in God. **'The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.'** (Job 1:21) To ignore or deny this truth is to separate our humanity from its origins and purpose. We are left, floating free, detached, in a sphere that lacks firm anchors or destiny, thinking that we can create these for ourselves according to the mood of the age, or even of the day.

The clearest expression of this faith is **that every human being is made in the image and likeness of God.** That is the source of our dignity and it is unique to the human person. The suffering of a human being is not meaningless. It does not destroy that dignity. It is an intrinsic part of our human journey, a journey embraced by the Eternal Word of God, Christ Jesus himself. He brings our humanity to its full glory precisely through the gateway of suffering and death.

We know, only too well, that suffering can bring people to a most dreadful state of mind, even driving them to take their own lives, in circumstances most often when they lack true freedom of mind and will, and so bear no culpability. But this proposed legislation is quite different. It seeks to give a person of sound will and mind the right to act in a way that is clearly contrary to a fundamental truth: our life is not our own possession, to dispose of as we feel fit. This is not a freedom of choice we can take for ourselves without undermining the foundations of trust and shared dignity on which a stable society rests.

(Continuation of Cardinal Nichols Letter)

As this debate unfolds, then, **I ask you to play your part in it. Write to your MP. Have discussions with family, friends and colleagues.**

And pray.

**Please remember:
be careful what you wish for;**

**the right to die
can become a duty to die;**

**being forgetful of God
belittles our humanity.**

May God bless us all
at this critical time.

+ Cardinal Vincent Nichols

**ST MARY OF THE CRAYS IS OPEN
about 7:00am Monday to Friday
with EXPOSITION and ADORATION of
the MOST HOLY EUCHARIST
from c. 7:30am,**

**THE ROSARY and
THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET
from 8:15am until 8:45am,**

**BENEDICTION at 9:00am,
then HOLY MASS at 9:15am,
and THE HOLY ROSARY again
after Holy Mass.**

**ALL WELCOME. PLEASE COME.
COME! LET US ADORE HIM!**

**ST ANSELM'S,
WEST HILL, DARTFORD,
HOLY MASS AT 7:00PM -
MONDAY TO FRIDAY
WITH DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET
AND DEVOTIONS BEFORE THE MASS,**

**AND THE HOLY ROSARY
AFTER THE MASS.
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