

IN MEMORIAM

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Gillian McLauchlan. Gillian was for many years the much valued Assistant to Fr. Keith Stoakes of Poplar and Limehouse, previously of White City.

Gillian died early on Sunday morning, 10 November, after a long illness, aged just 67. Some of you will remember Gillian from the signed Masses at Limehouse, and Ilford Lane.

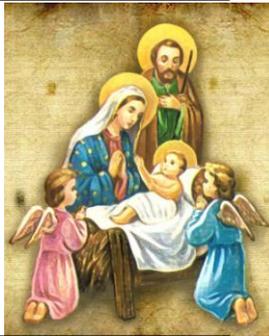
Her Funeral took place on 26 November, con-celebrated, with Fr. Keith the main Celebrant. There were many Priests, and many people in the church at White City.

Gillian was a true follower of Christ's teachings. Whenever she could help, she would, and in doing so, forgot about 'self'.

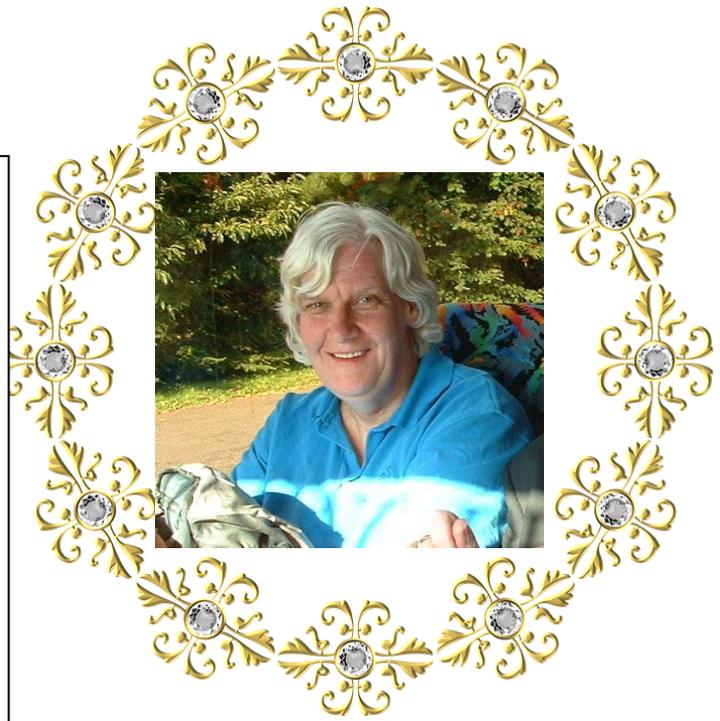
A faithful friend, who will be greatly missed. RIP, Gillian.

Happy Christmas to you all, and a very Happy New Year!

*From Irena
Lindsey and
Sister Marika*



It is a long time since Fr. Gerald Gostling (also known as Papa G) celebrated his Golden Jubilee in the summer. Fr. Gerald wants you all to know how happy and thankful he is with all the cards, gifts, money contributions – but above all, he says, "with the friendship, the love and care shown to him." May we say once more "Ad Multos Annos!"



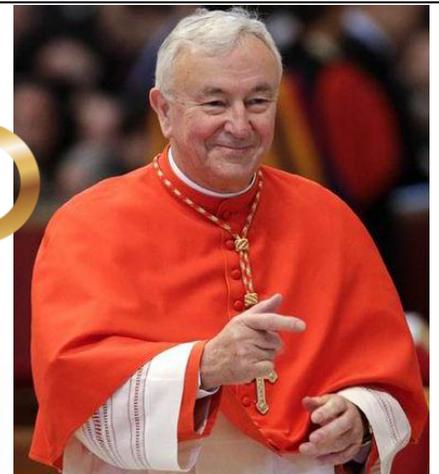
A REASON FOR JOY!!

On 21st December, just before Christmas, Cardinal Vincent Nichols of the Diocese of Westminster (our neighbours), will celebrate his Golden Jubilee. 50 Years of being a Priest, proclaiming the Gospel (=Good News) as it is handed down to us from the Apostles. We are fortunate indeed to have priests willing to accompany us in our journey from birth to our Father in Heaven

Cardinal Vincent, we celebrate with you, we congratulate you, and wish you a heartfelt "Ad Multos Annos!"



→ DON'T FORGET!



**!!! CLOCKS FORWARD!!
PLEASE, REMEMBER to put
the clocks forward 1 hour on
Sat evening 29th March 2020**



Archangel Michael



Do you know about Archangel Michael? Did you realize he is an amazing friend and helper for all of us! Do you know where the prayer of Archangel Michael comes from?

Pope Leo XIII had a vision about Archangel Michael. He battled Satan and sent him back to Hell. As a result of this vision, Pope Leo XIII wrote the famous prayer to St. Michael.

“Holy Michael, Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou Prince of the Heavenly Hosts, by the power of God, thrust down to hell Satan and all other evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls.”

Who is Archangel Michael? The bible tells us that there was a big battle between two groups of angels. Michael – his name means “One who is like God. He is Also, he is courageous and powerful. Therefore, he can help you cope with your fears and worries. The artists often show Michael often consists of a strong man with a sword, an armour or a scale. These 3 objects represent his strength, courage and integrity. He has four duties: (1) To continue to battle against Satan and the other fallen angels; (2) to save the souls of the faithful from the power of Satan especially at the hour of death; (3) to protect the People of God, both the Jews of the Old Covenant and the Christians of the New Covenant; and (4) finally to lead the souls of the departed from this life and present them to our Lord.

Irena says “This is my prayer at the start of (every) day. I usually add a lot of names (of people I would like him to help). I start with our Holy Father, Pope Francis, then Cardinal Vincent of Westminster, Bishop Alan of Brentwood, all our priests, especially Fr. Martin O’Connor, my parish priest, Fr. William Young of Barking; all our signing priests, especially Fr Keith, Fr Gerald, deacons, deans, and all young men studying for the priesthood. Our religious sisters, family, the deaf community, friends here and abroad....., I tell you, I am keeping Holy Michael, Archangel, very busy indeed!!” (Irena says she includes names of people she wants also to pray for).

Sister Marika says you can ask Archangel Michael to protect your home, and your car, especially if you are driving in difficult weather and he will also help you with a parking space. Angels LOVE to help us, Archangel Michael is there EVERY time you call him! If at ANY time you feel danger or threat, call him for help, ask him for help to make difficult things run smoothly; if you are having tests or exams, or ill, ask for help. Every time you see a blue-flashing ambulance go past, ask Michael to send a healing angel for whoever needs that ambulance. He is the most loyal and trustworthy friend you can have! He will NEVER let you down!



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