



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Roman Catholic Parish of Acton

Archdiocese of Westminster

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Parish Newsletter 12th February 2023

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 15:16-21 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

WELCOME

Thank you to everyone joining us this weekend. If you are new to the parish, please introduce yourself to one of the priests after Mass.

Our Lady of Peace Prayer Group meets every Friday at 7pm in the church. All our welcome.

Daily and Sunday Mass Readings, Morning Evening Prayer: universalis.com

The Angelus will be lead by a reader before the start of every Mass.

The Church will be open Tues to Fri, 9:00am to 5:30pm. Sat 10:00am to 8:00pm, Sun for Masses.

Mass Times:

Monday: No Mass

Fr Patrick works at Heathrow—Fr Jude's day off

Tuesday – Friday: Mass 10:00am

Saturday: 7:00pm

Sunday : 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00

Parish Office: Mondays 9:00am – 1:00pm

Thursdays and Fridays 10:00am—2:00pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: 30 minutes before every Mass.

During the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament please join us in silent prayer and reflection showing complete reverence at all times.

Confessions: Priests will be available in the Confessional on Saturdays 6:20pm to 6:50pm. Weekdays: Tuesday to Friday from 9:15am to 9:55am.

You can also book an appointment with the priest for confession for a time that is convenient to you.

Rosary: The Rosary will be said every Friday after the 10am mass.

Parish Registration: Please register yourself and/or your family by filling in a registration form from the othe back of the church, or the office, and returning it to the parish office.

Safe Arrival: We are pleased to welcome back Fr. Patrick. Thank you to everyone for your prayers for him while he was away.

Annual Holiday: Fr. Jude is away for the month of February taking his annual holiday, travelling to Nigeria to visit his family. Let's keep him in our prayers.

Contactless Payment: We are now ready to accept contactless donations to the parish. There are two terminals at the back of the church ready to take your financial contributions. There will be volunteers available after every mass this weekend to help with any queries you may have. You may prefer to contribute by setting up a standing order through your bank. If you are a UK tax payer please consider filling out a Gift Aid Declaration form (forms available at the back of the church). If you already have a standing order set up, you do not need to do anything.

Communion Approach: As Catholics, receiving the Holy Eucharist is a very important part of our faith, as we are gifted with receiving the very body and blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ. To ensure this moment is experienced with reverence and holiness, and to avoid any rush to the altar or overcrowding in the central aisle, we ask that all parishioners observe the following guidelines: We will ask the people sitting in the first row to come forward first. Then take turns row after row, one after the other. We often have a steward who will direct and help us during this process.

Facebook: A reminder that you can join our Facebook group ololacton, as listed below. The newsletter is on the there, as well as prayers and support from other member of the parish.

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VOLUNTEER SECTION

If you would like to volunteer with any of our Church events please email the office acton@rcdow.org.uk.

Tea and Coffee: We are open for tea and coffee after the 9am and 10.30am Masses every Sunday.

Children's Liturgy Leaders: Our Children's Liturgy Team is in great need of your support. Please help us to grow our numbers in order to continue providing Children's Liturgy every Sunday of the school year. We welcome any form of help: regular or on an ad-hoc basis. You don't need to be a teacher to be a Children's Liturgy Leader and our existing members will be there to guide you and support you. Please find any of us after the service at 10:30am every Sunday.

Sacramental Programmes: We are looking for volunteers to help in preparing candidates for sacramental programs like First Holy Communion, Confirmation and RCIA.

Children's Liturgy: There will be no Children's Liturgy today or 19th February as it is the mid-term break.

Newsletter: Our newsletter has now gone electronic! If you wish to receive the newsletter via email and have not already filled out and handed in a parish registration form then please pick up a form from the back of the church or from the office. We are doing this to help reduce our carbon footprint so will aim to print less paper newsletters at the weekends. If you have already given us your details but still do not receive the newsletter then please email the office.

CAFOD Syria-Turkey Earthquake Appeal: CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Let us join CAFOD in praying for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather. Your support for CAFOD throughout the year allows our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike. For more details visit the CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal website at cafod.org.uk/give


Animating Parish Seniors Groups - Conference: This Conference, jointly organised by Caritas Westminster and the Irish Chaplaincy, is for all parishes, agencies or groups who work with older people in the Diocese of Westminster. It takes place on Thursday 20th April 2023, 10:00 - 16:00 Westminster Cathedral Hall – Lunch will be provided.

<https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/animating-parish-seniors-groups-conference-1448.php>

KID'S CORNER

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'The Letter' Film - Showing in Kensington: Our Lady of Victories Church will be showing this film in their parish hall (235a Kensington High Street W8 6SA) on Thursday 16th March 7-8 pm: Showing the Letter Part 1, followed by reflections and telling your story and Thursday 23rd March 7-8 pm: Showing the Letter Part 2, followed by invitation to a journey forward. Please feel free to join them for this lovely opportunity.

Isabel Vaughan Spruce - Arrested for silently praying outside a closed Abortion Centre.

Come and hear her speak at 7pm Monday 13th February 2023 and learn about the Life-Saving Peaceful Prayerful Outreach that is 40 Days for Life as we prepare for a 40 Days for Life Campaign in Brixton. For more details contact Gabriella on 07745-711064 or The Good Counsel Network on 020-7723-1740. Venue: Parish Hall, Our Lady of the Rosary, 364 Brixton Road, London, SW9 0TH.

Our Lady & St John's, Boston Manor Road - Nursery Applications for Sep 2023:

If your child was born between 1 Sep 2019 and 31 Aug 2020, you can apply for nursery class in Sep 2023. The closing date for applications is 10th Mar 2023. To apply, please visit the school website: www.ourladyandstjohns.org.uk

A Day with Mary: A Day with Mary: Holy Apostles (Winchester Street SW1V) will be hosting this day retreat on Saturday 18th Feb and Saturday 18th Mar with Mass, the rosary and sermons by various priests. Further details and future dates can be found on the notice board or visit adaywithmary.org

Parish Singer and Harpist: Gina Mackey provides beautiful harp music and vocals for Wedding Ceremonies and Funeral Masses. For further info please visit www.ginamackey.co.uk.

~ SACRAMENTS IN OUR PARISH ~

We have ~40 young people preparing for First Holy Communion, ~68 young people preparing for Confirmation and several adults preparing for Reception into the Catholic Faith. Please keep all of them in your prayers.

First Holy Communion: Children need to attend classes every Saturday during term time.

Confirmation: Sessions are normally on Mondays from 7-8pm in the hall. Except for school holidays.

RCIA: Our meetings for RCIA candidates are on Thursdays at 7pm in the hall. Please contact the office if you would like to join.

Baptism for babies and infants Please attend one of the weekend Masses and speak with Fr. Patrick/Fr Jude afterwards. They will advise you on how to proceed.

Marriage Preparation & Support

If you are thinking about getting married please get in touch with a priest very early in the process. Couples are required to give 6 months notice of marriage – whether it is taking place here or abroad. Please do not leave it to last minute. Call the parish office to arrange a meeting with the priest if you are preparing for marriage or if you are a married couple would like or need support.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Journey in Faith: Are You Interested in Becoming a Catholic?

If you have never been baptised, if you were baptised in another Christian denomination or if you were baptised Catholic but never received the Sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation, and would like to become Catholic, you are very welcome to join the RCIA programme, the process by which adults become Catholic. Likewise, any Catholic interested in learning more about the Faith is welcome to join too.

ACTON HOMELESS CONCERN

0208 992 5768 admin@actonhomelessconcern.org

Acton Homeless Concern is our parish's local charity that provides basic needs, services, support and advice for homeless and disadvantaged people and anyone in need. **All are welcome.** As well as providing hot meals and groceries, services available include housing, medical support, counselling, legal advice and referral services for drug and alcohol misuse. If you, or anyone you know needs help please do get in touch or - or just drop into one of the centres.

Emmaus House (1-3 Berrymead Gardens)

Emmaus House serves lunch from 11.45am, Monday - Friday.

The Damien Centre (Church Street)

The Damien Centre serves breakfast from 9am and a light meal available between 2-6pm, Monday - Friday.

How you can help: We are always in need of volunteers to help and serve food and clothes. Or if you have another skill or area of expertise to help our clients then please do get in touch. Clothing and financial donations are always gratefully received.



Prayer for the sick and housebound

Father, we thank you for the gift of your Son in the Eucharist. We now place before you all our sick parishioners, at home or in hospital, and for bereaved families. As they share in this Eucharist with us, we pray that they may come to know the depth of your love for them and the joy, peace, and healing, of your presence. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We are a Fairtrade Parish. For all contributions please consider buying Fairtrade products.



SAFEGUARDING: If you are concerned that a child or vulnerable adult has been harmed or is at risk of harm, in the first instance, please dial 999, otherwise contact our **Parish Safeguarding Representative Geraldine Allen:** RCDOW Safeguarding Co-ordinator— geraldineallen@rcdow.org.uk / 020 7798 9196

PARISH GIVING: WRCDT Our Lady of Lourdes
Sort code: 40-05-20 Account No. 71095692
Please use the Gift Aid Scheme.

CONTACTLESS PAYMENT: This is now operational. Please see the payment terminals at the back of the church ready for your donations.

For a newsletter emailed weekly, or to suggest articles/additions, contact the parish secretary:
acton@rcdow.org.uk. **Newsletter items received after 12 noon Thursday may not be included that week.**

The church is open for the following Services and for private prayer and Confessions

Saturday 11th February	10.00am	Feast Day Mass & Anointing of the Sick	
Our Lady of Lourdes Feast	6.20-6.50pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions	
Mass of Sunday	7.00pm	Declan McGrath	R.I.P.
Sunday 12th February	8.30-8.55am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Private Prayer	
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A	9.00am	Patrick Joseph Michael James	Death Anniversary R.I.P.
	10.30am	Celine Morris	10th Death Anniv.
	12.00noon	Eileen Redican Alice Ferrity	Death Anniversary R.I.P.
Monday 13th February		No Mass	
Tuesday 14th February	9.30-9.55am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Private Prayer	
Ss Cyril, Monk & Methodius, Bishop: Patrons of Europe Feast	10.00am	Deceased Member of Perez Family Delia Cashman	R.I.P. Speedy Recovery
Wednesday 15th February	9.30-9.55am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Private Prayer	
	10.00am	Mauro Fajardo the Third Pauline Mulvihall	Thanksgiving R.I.P.
Thursday 16th February	9.30-9.55am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Private Prayer	
	10.00am	Mary Bennebri	R.I.P.
Friday 17th February	9.30-9.55am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Private Prayer	
	10.00am	For all our parishioners	
Saturday 18th February	10.00am	Feast Day Mass	
	6.20-6.50pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions	
Mass of Sunday	7.00pm	Rose Francis	Death Anniversary
Sunday 19th February	8.30-8.55am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Private Prayer	
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A	9.00am	Patrick Joseph Michael James	Death Anniversary R.I.P.
	10.30am	For all our parishioners	
	12.00noon	Dennis O'Brien John Mortimor	R.I.P. R.I.P.

Mass Intentions: If you would like someone to be prayed for during Mass please write down the details in an envelope with your donation of £10/ per Mass and drop it into the office. All Mass intentions are published in the newsletter.

Visitation: If you or someone in your family is house-bound and would like a visit from a priest please contact the parish office.

Celebrations: Please let us know if you are celebrating a special anniversary or birthday so we can pray for you as a community.