

**Our Lady of Lourdes**  
**Roman Catholic Parish of Acton**  
**Archdiocese of Westminster**



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*Parish Newsletter 15th January 2023*

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A**

**1st Reading: Isaiah 49: 3,5-6 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 1-3 Gospel: John 1: 29-34**

**WELCOME** to everyone joining us today for Mass.

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](http://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/your family by filling in a registration form from the back of the church and returning it to the parish office.

**Peace Sunday** is today. The work of Pax Christi is based on the Gospel and inspired by faith. Our vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholica Christianity, we work with all who share our values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice. Please take an envelope today from the back of the Church and return next weekend. Thank you.

**The Westminster Cathedral Interfaith Group** will meet on Wed Jan 18 at 2 p.m. in the Hinsley room. We will be studying Fratelli tutti. All are welcome and there is no charge. Copies can be bought at St Paul's bookshop or found at [https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco\\_20201003\\_enciclica-fratelli-tutti.html](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20201003_enciclica-fratelli-tutti.html)

**A Day with Mary:** Holy Apostles (Winchester Street SW1V) will be hosting this day retreat on Saturday 28th Jan 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](http://adaywithmary.org).

**Happy 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday:** We would like to wish a very special Happy Birthday to Theresa O'Donoghue. May the Lord bless you and makes his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you and grant you many more birthdays in good health.

**Parish Singer and Harpist:** Our parishioner Gina Mackey provides beautiful harp music and vocals for Wedding Ceremonies and Funeral Masses. For further info please visit [www.ginamackey.co.uk](http://www.ginamackey.co.uk).

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

**CONTACTLESS PAYMENT:** In the New Year we will be introducing contactless payment so watch this space.

## ~ 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:** The next session is on Monday 16th Jan from 7-8pm in the hall.

**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.

**Vacancies For Teachers** at St. Richards Reynolds in Twickenham: Teacher of Maths (September 2023), Teacher of History (September 2023), Humanities Teacher / Cover Teacher (September 2023)

To apply visit <https://strichardreynolds.org.uk/whole-college/vacancies-2/>

**Gumley House School** are seeking to appoint a Catholic School Chaplain to play a leading role in the spiritual development of the school community, make links with parishes and is able to work alongside the governors, priests and staff in enabling students to continue on their spiritual journey. The role is full time (36 hours), term time only. For further details please contact Donna Godwin on 0208 568 8692 or by email [dgodwin@gumleyhouse.com](mailto:dgodwin@gumleyhouse.com)

## VOLUNTEER SECTION

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

### **Retrouvaille— A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages:**

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 24 - 26 February 2023, or a Virtual weekend on 6 - 9 July 2023, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) - or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

**Cost of Living Crisis:** Visit the Caritas website for a range of organisations which can help people struggling with the cost of living. [caritaswestminster.org.uk/colc2022](http://caritaswestminster.org.uk/colc2022). People who are in debt to their energy supplier might be able to get a grant from a charitable trust to help pay it off. Visit [fuelpovertyresource.org.uk/focus-on/fuel-debt-and-trust-funds/](http://fuelpovertyresource.org.uk/focus-on/fuel-debt-and-trust-funds/)

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## 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.

'The Letter' is a new powerful film made with Pope Francis, supporting the need for climate action. The film is free to watch and relates to the Pope's letter in which he speaks of the need to 'care for our common home'. It shows the journey of five different people from different continents, meeting with Pope Francis, discussing the impact of climate change on each of their lives. It can be viewed at [theletterfilm.org](http://theletterfilm.org).

'The God Who Speaks'. If you're curious about the Bible this is the place for you. Here you'll find great resources; events and ideas to help you deepen your faith and love of the Scriptures. This initiative focuses on celebrating, living and sharing God's word throughout all our dioceses. Visit: <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk>

**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](mailto:geraldineallen@rcdow.org.uk) / 020 7798 9196

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### New Year's resolution – Volunteering for CAFOD

CAFOD, are looking people join us in our mission here in the Westminster diocese. Could you volunteer and help us raise awareness in either parishes or schools about our work across the developing world tackling poverty and injustice. Find out more by joining one of our volunteer meetings in Lambeth London on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January or Oakwood, North London on Wed 1<sup>st</sup> February. Please contact Tony at CAFOD for further details. [westminster@cafod.org.uk](mailto:westminster@cafod.org.uk) or 0208 449 6970

**If you or a loved one are celebrating** a Special Occasion, Birthday, or Anniversary, please let the priests know so we can pray for you as a community.

**Visitation** If you or someone in your family is housebound and would like a priest to visit, please speak with the parish priest or contact the parish office, thank you.

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

### 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.**

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

**Saturday 14th January** No Morning Mass.  
6.20pm-6.50pm Confessions & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**Mass of Sunday** 07.00pm Mass Int.: Renee Clarke—R.I.P.  
Joseph Bradley—R.I.P.

**Sunday 15th January** 08.30-08.55am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer  
09.00am Mass Int.: Patricia Walsh—RIP  
Freda Murphy—Speedy recovery  
10.30am Mass Int.: Della Panting—Private Intentions  
12.00noon Mass Int.: Dolores Healey—R.I.P.

**Monday 16th January** No Mass

**Tuesday 17th January** 09.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer  
St. Anthony, Abbot Memorial  
10.00am Mass Int.: Pauline Friel—Death Anniversary

**Wednesday 18th January** 9.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer  
10.00am Mass Int.: Living & deceased members of Ann Neyion & family

**Thursday 19th January** 9.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer  
10.00am Mass Int.: Patricia Walsh—R.I.P.

**Friday 20th January** 09.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer  
10.00am Mass Int.: Julie Miller—R.I.P.

**Saturday 21st January** No Morning Mass.  
St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr Memorial  
6:20—6:50pm Confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**Mass of Sunday** 07.00pm Mass Int.:

**Sunday 22nd January** 08.30-08.55am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer  
09.00am Mass Int.: Leficia Benavidez—Death Anniversary  
Paz Estardo—Death Anniversary  
10.30am Mass Int.:  
12.00noon Mass Int.:

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Year A

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