



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Roman Catholic Parish of Acton

Archdiocese of Westminster

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Parish Newsletter 5th February 2023

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

1st Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

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.

Racial Justice Sunday is today and the second collection will be Racial Justice. Prayer for Racial Justice: "God of our past, present and future, you created each one of us in your image and likeness, help us to recognise you in each person. As we pray for an end to suffering caused by racism lead us this day to walk with one another, pray with one another and work together, so that we create a future based on justice and healing, where all can fulfil the hope you have for all peoples. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen."

Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day is on Saturday 11th February. We will be celebrating our Parish Feast Day with Mass on Saturday 11th February at 10am. During the Mass we will also have the Anointing of the Sick as it is the 31st World Day of the Sick, so please do come and pray for our community. There will also be tea and coffee afterwards to celebrate our church's Feast Day together.

Pope Francis' Message for World Day of the Sick:

Please scan this QR code to read Pope Francis' message about 31st World Day of the Sick to parishioners who work or minister in healthcare and to Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who visit the Sick & Housebound.



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 will be taking his annual holiday from 7th February for a month, travelling to Nigeria to visit his family. Let's keep him in our prayers.

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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 on 12th or 19th February during the mid-term break.

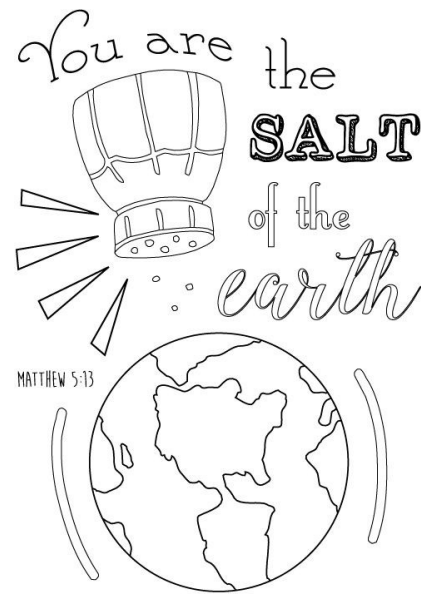
Newsletter: Our newsletter has now gone electronic! If you wish to receive the newsletter via email and have not already filled out and handed in a parish registration form then please pick up a form from the back of the church or from the office. We are doing this to help reduce our carbon footprint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

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.

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

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 Administrator - Kensal New Town Parish are looking for a new Parish Administrator. If you have administration and bookkeeping experience and would be interested in working in a busy Parish Office see <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/parish-administrator-our-lady-of-the-holy-souls-catholic-church-kensal-new-town-parish/> 15 hours per week, negotiable. Closing date 6th Feb 2023.

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

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: We will soon be introducing contactless payment so watch this space.

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 4th February		No Morning Mass	
	6.20-6.50pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions	
Mass of Sunday	7.00pm	Bernie Hanlon Lynn Gabrielle Fajardo	R.I.P. Birthday Thanks
Sunday 5th February	8.30-8.55am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Private Prayer	
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A	9.00am	Mary Bennebri Bridie McClafferty Gameliel Peters	Month's Mind R.I.P. 7th Death Anniv.
	10.30am	Valentino Fernandes John Campbell	R.I.P. Speedy Recovery
	12.00noon	Ronan MacPartland Kevin Bradley	R.I.P. R.I.P.
Monday 6th February		No Mass	
Tuesday 7th February	9.30-9.55am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Private Prayer	
	10.00am	Funeral Mass of Maria Zelia Desa	
Wednesday 8th February	9.30-9.55am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Private Prayer	
	10.00am	Patrick Shields Leo Bert Timothy Fajardo	R.I.P. Birthday Thanks
Thursday 9th February	9.30-9.55am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Private Prayer	
	10.00am	John McHugh Furanyo Thomson	R.I.P. R.I.P.
Friday 10th February	9.30-9.55am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Private Prayer	
St. Scholastica, Virgin Memorial	10.00am	Funeral Mass of Helena Rodrigues & Maria Rodrigues	
Saturday 11th February	10.00am	Feast Day Mass	
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		
	12.00noon	Eileen Redican Alice Ferrity	Death Anniversary 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 housebound 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.