



# OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Roman Catholic Parish of Acton

Archdiocese of Westminster

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## Parish Newsletter 5th March 2023

Second Sunday in Lent Year A

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4 Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8-10 Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

### 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.

**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:** 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 Donations:** WRCDT Our Lady of Lourdes

Sort code: 40-05-20 Account No. 71095692

Please use the Gift Aid Scheme (forms at back of church)

**Contactless Payment:** Please use the payment terminals at the back of the church ready for you donations.

**Parish Registration:** We would like all parishioners, old and new, to fill out registration forms (available at the back of the church or the office) and return it to the parish office.

**Second Collection: CAFOD Family Fast Day Lent Appeal.** This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Give today using the envelope or loose cash. You can also give at [cafod.org.uk/give](http://cafod.org.uk/give) and please join us in praying for CAFOD's development and emergency response work all over the world.

**Stations of the Cross during Lent:** During Lent we will be doing the Stations of the Cross during the week before mass on Tues-Thurs at 9.30am and on Fridays at 3pm.

**Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist** and those who visit the sick and housebound, are asked to attend a short meeting (20 mins) **TODAY** Sunday 5th March at 1pm in the parish hall. You will be given new supplies and information to help you fulfil your ministry. There will be an opportunity to renew your commitment at the Holy Thursday service in April.

**Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2023** Funds raised this year will be shared between the four pillars of the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal: Marriage & Family Life; Youth & Evangelisation; The Education Service and Caritas Westminster. Cardinal Nichols has expressed his gratitude to everyone who supports the Appeal, with whatever they can afford. Please take a donation envelope today, for more information. Thank you for your generosity.

**RCIA:** There will be no RCIA meeting on Thursday 9th March as Deacon Tito will be away.

**St. Patrick's Day:** We will be celebrating Mass at 10am on Friday 17th March with tea and coffee and CAKE afterwards!!!



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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](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.

**First Holy Communion Programme:** The Reconciliation Service for all the candidates is on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 11am. All children must be accompanied by a parent.

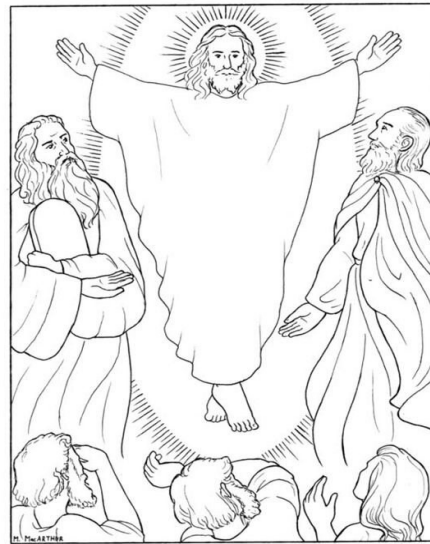
**New Readers & Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:** For those wishing to become Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist or Ministers of the Word, you can pick up an application form at the back of the church and return them to the office.

**Altar Server Training:** The next training session for Altar serving will be on 25<sup>th</sup> Mar 1-3pm. We ask that all prospective servers would fill out an application for and return in to the church before this time. All current servers are encouraged to come to update their training.

**Sean Keohane, Catherine Flynn and Mary Culnane,** some of our old parishioners, have sadly passed away recently. Let us pray for the repose of their souls and for all their families.

**Newsletter:** Our newsletter has now gone electronic! We encourage all our parishioners to receive this via email to reduce paper waste. If you wish to receive the newsletter via email please let us know. Don't forget to register with us!

**Contactless Payment:** There are two terminals at the back of the church ready to take your financial contributions via contactless payment. You may still 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.



## KID'S CORNER

**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.

**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.

**CAFOD The Big Lent Walk** (Ash Wednesday to Easter) Do you enjoy walking? If so, why not challenge yourself, by taking part and walking 200 km in 40 days to help fight global poverty. Find out more from [walk.cafod.org.uk/](http://walk.cafod.org.uk/)

**'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>

**Job Opportunity:** EYFS/KEY STAGE 1 CLASS TEACHER Required from: September 2023 at Our Lady and St John's Catholic Primary School, Brentford, Middlesex, TW8 9JF. Salary: Outer London MPS/UPS/TLR dependent on experience (ECT's may apply). Please call office or see website for application form: <https://www.ourladyandstjohns.org.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 or Fr. Jude afterwards or get in touch through the parish office.

**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

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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.**

**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

We are a Fairtrade Parish. We are a Fairtrade Parish. Please consider buying Fairtrade when you are making donations for the church hall. Making the small switch to Fairtrade supports producers in protecting the future of some of our most-loved food and the planet.



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

<b>Saturday 4th March</b>	10.00am	Funeral Mass of Freda Murphy	
	6.20-6.50pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions	
<b>Mass of Sunday</b>	7.00pm	Dan McKenna	Death Anniversary
<b>Sunday 5th March</b>	8.30-8.55am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Private Prayer	
Second Sunday in Lent Year A	9.00am	Mia Devaney-Mitchell	Baptism
	10.30am	Tito Arnaldo Pereira	Death Anniversary
	12.00noon	Catherine & Neave Mercurius	Golden Wedding Anniversary
<b>Monday 6th March</b>		No Mass	
<b>Tuesday 7th March</b>	9.30-9.55am	Stations of the Cross	
	10.00am	Delia Cashman	Speedy Recovery
<b>Wednesday 8th March</b>	9.30-9.55am	Stations of the Cross	
	10.00am	Patrick Shields Reginaldo Rebelo	R.I.P. R.I.P.
<b>Thursday 9th March</b>	9.30-9.55am	Stations of the Cross	
	10.00am	Maeve Thornton (Ireland)	R.I.P.
<b>Friday 10th March</b>	9.30-9.55am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Private Prayer	
	10.00am	Russell Fernandes	Private Intentions
	3.00pm	Stations of the Cross	
<b>Saturday 11th March</b>	11.00am	First Holy Communion Class Confession	
	1.00pm	Baptism of Rigers Cekaj	
	6.20-6.50pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions	
<b>Mass of Sunday</b>	7.00pm	Freda Murphy	R.I.P.
<b>Sunday 12th March</b>	8.30-8.55am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Private Prayer	
Third Sunday in Lent Year A	9.00am	Haylee Rodrigues	Special Intentions
	10.30am	Hayden Rodrigues	Special Intentions
	12.00noon	Nicola, Mike & Family	Special Intentions

**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.