



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Roman Catholic Parish of Acton

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Parish Newsletter 17th March 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT Year B

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

Gospel: John 12:20-33

WELCOME

Welcome 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, 9am to 6pm. Sat 10am to 8pm, Sun for Masses.

MASS TIMES

Monday: No Mass

Fr Patrick works at Immigration Removal Centre

Fr Jude's day off

Tuesday – Friday: 10am

Saturday: 7pm

Sunday : 9am, 10.30am, 12.00pm

Parish Office: Mondays 9am – 1pm

Thursdays and Fridays 10am—2pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: 30 minutes before week days, Sat eve and Sunday 9am Masses.

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 payment terminals at the back of the church ready for your donations.

Parish Registration: We would like all parishioners, old and new, to fill out our new registration forms and return them to the parish office. Even if you have been a part of the parish for 30 years!

Stations of the Cross: During Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross every Wednesday after the 10am Mass and every Friday at 3pm.

Our Lenten Reconciliation Service will take place on Thursday 21st March @ 7pm. We will be joined by other priests to help with individual confessions. Pope Francis wrote: "Confession is meant to be a sincere moment of conversion, an occasion to demonstrate trust in God's willingness to forgive his children and to help them back on the path of following Jesus."

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrations Of First Reconciliation Mass for the candidates will be on Sunday 17th March at the 10.30am Mass.

Parent's Evening: The next parent's evening takes place on Wednesday 20th March at 7pm in the hall.

FREE Mother's Day Event: Sunday 17th March 2024 at 11.30am in the parish hall. This event will include food, drink, dessert, music, singing, dancing, raffle and more. Donations appreciated "A mother is she who can take the place of all others but whose place no one else can take." Contact Dolla on 07908342810 for further information.

No Children's Liturgy this week at 10.30am Mass.

Know Your Faith: We hope you enjoy the new weekly Know Your Faith feature in the green box on page 2.

EASTER TRIDUUM

28 March Maundy Thursday 7pm

29 March Good Friday 10am (Kids) and 3pm

30 March Holy Saturday 8pm

31 March Easter Sunday 9am, 10.30am and 12pm



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KNOW YOUR FAITH

What is faith? Faith is a supernatural gift of God, which enables us to believe without doubting whatever God has revealed.

Why must you believe whatever God has revealed? I must believe whatever God has revealed because God is the very truth, and can neither deceive nor be deceived.

How are you to know what God has revealed? I am to know what God has revealed by the testimony, teaching and authority of the Catholic Church.

Who gave the Catholic Church divine authority to teach? Jesus Christ gave the Catholic Church divine authority to teach when He said, "Go ye and teach all nations." (Matt 28:19).

Young Adults Lent Retreat Day: with the Assumption Sisters & Fathers. This retreat for young adults (18-30 years) is on Saturday 16th March 11am – 7pm., at the Assumption Priory, Victoria Park Square, London E2 9PB (closest tube station: Bethnal Green). The programme includes talks, prayer, adoration and confessions, Stations of the Cross, faith sharing, mass and social time. Donations only. Register by emailing: tramy@assumptionreligious.org

Monthly Prayer Vigil 18 March 12.30-1.30pm outside the Home Office – Organised by Westminster Justice & Peace, London Catholic Worker and the London Churches Refugee Fund to pray for migrants seeking safe passage to the UK. Marsham Street, SW1P4DF. Contact Barbara Kentish barbarakentish@talktalk.net

Westminster Cathedral Interfaith 20 March, 1.30-3.00pm: A Discussion of Pope Francis' Laudate Deum. Hinsley Room, Morpeth Terrace, SW1P 1EP. More information from John Woodhouse, woodhousesopten@btinternet.com

Parish Finances February 2024:

Offertory Income	£9,644.68
Poor Fund Current Balance	£3,855.49
Building Fund Balance.....	£252.60
Flowers Fund Balance	£40.70
Organ Fund Balance.....	£15,160.39

KID'S CORNER



"But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself."
John 12:32 (NIV)

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Seeking Accommodation: A parishioner (single woman, working full time) is looking for a room to rent in the local area, close to Our Lady of Lourdes. Please contact her on 07846 539552 if you can help.

The Interfaith Group will meet on Wed 20th March 1.30 pm to 3pm in the Hinsley room next to Westminster Cathedral, Morpeth Terrace, SW1P 1EP to discuss the last two chapters of Pope Francis' Laudate Deum. Refreshments available. There is also a day in Cambridge on Wed April 24th. Please contact woodhousesopten@btinternet.com for more information.

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday Retreat at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent on Saturday 6th April 2024 from 10 am to 4:30 pm. The retreat will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Call millie on 07957594646 for more information. Coaches from Ealing Broadway and Victoria.

JOIN US AFTER MASS

Tea and Coffee: Join us for tea and coffee after the 9am and 10.30am Masses every Sunday. Discover community, faith and friends. Bring cakes or biscuits if you can!



For a newsletter emailed weekly, or to suggest articles/additions, contact the parish office: acton@rcdow.org.uk. **Newsletter items received after 12 noon Thursday may not be included that week.** Editor reserves the right to edit articles. A parish of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Westminster Registered Charity Number 233699

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.** We provide hot meals, groceries, housing and medical support, counselling, legal advice and referral services for drug and alcohol misuse.

Emmaus House (1 Berrymead Gardens) Emmaus House serves lunch from 11.45am, Monday - Friday.

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

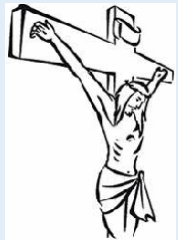
How you can help: We are always in need of volunteers to help and serve food and clothes. Or if you have another skill or area of expertise to help our clients then please do get in touch. Clothing and financial donations are always gratefully received.

PARISH SUPPORT GROUP

This is an initiative of the Parish Pastoral Council to help families, couples and individuals when they need support, advice or guidance in any area of their lives: emotional difficulties, bereavement, loneliness, separation, children's behaviour, domestic abuse etc.. If you would like to discuss any issues with complete discretion and integrity then please get in touch with our Parish Family Liaison:

Herve Sodatonou on 07951132362

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.**

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

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and the issue of safeguarding our young people and vulnerable adults is one which the parish has always and will continue to take extremely seriously.

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 you can contact our Parish Safeguarding team. Representatives: JoAnn Wolff or Eddie O'Reilly
actonsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

A Day with Mary: A day of instruction, devotion and intercession, based on the message given at Fatima in 1917. For the next meeting visit: adaywithmary.org



SACRAMENTS IN OUR PARISH

BAPTISM for babies and infants: Please attend one of the weekend Masses and speak with Fr. Patrick or Fr. Jude afterwards, then speak to the parish office to begin the process.

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? Would you 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. Meetings are on Thursdays at 7pm in the Parish Hall.



We are a Fairtrade Parish. Please consider buying Fairtrade products 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.

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

Saturday 16th March	6.30-6.55pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Private Prayer	
Mass of Sunday	11am 7.00pm	First Holy Communion First Reconciliation Service Ramiro Rodriguez Zofia, Yozef, Roman, Witold Podczaski & Family	3rd Death Anniversary R.I.P.
Sunday 17th March	9.30-9.55am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Private Prayer	
Fifth Sunday of Lent	9.00am	Eileen Redican Aldemar Ros Lysandro Faleiro	R.I.P. 13th Death Anniversary Birthday Intentions
	10.30am	Concetta Nisco Piacente Giovanni Terence & Magdalene Gittens	1st Death Anniversary Special Intentions 63rd Wedding Anniv
	12.00noon	Hanorah O'Brien Maura Walsh	Death Anniversary 1st Death Anniversary
Monday 18th March	— — — — —	No Mass	
Tuesday 19th March	9.30-9.55am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Private Prayer	
	10.00am	John Conway Mike, Nicola & Rory Pat & Sandy Breen	R.I.P. Special Intentions R.I.P. Birthday
Wednesday 20th March	9.30-9.55am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Private Prayer	
St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary,	10.00am	Mary Bradley Mary Rocks	R.I.P. 5th Death Anniversary
Patron of the Diocese: Solemnity	10.30am	Stations of the Cross	
Thursday 21st March	9.30-9.55am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Private Prayer	
	10.00am	Mauro B. Fajardo Peter Devlin	Birthday Inentions R.I.P.
	7.00pm	Reconciliation Service	
Friday 22nd March	9.30-9.55am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Private Prayer	
	10.00am	Maria Paz Hardie Wladyslaw	Death Anniversary Special Intentions
	3.00pm	Stations of the Cross	
Saturday 23rd March	6.30-6.55pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Private Prayer	
Mass of Sunday	7.00pm	Ramiro Rodriguez Zofia, Yozef, Roman, Witold Podczaski & Family	3rd Death Anniversary R.I.P.
Sunday 24th March	9.30-9.55am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Private Prayer	
Palm Sunday of The Passion of the Lord	9.00am	Eileen Jordan Mollie Bourne	R.I.P. 1st Death Anniversary
	10.30am	The Foynes Family Maureen O'Brien Rory Moore	Special Intentions R.I.P. 18th Death Anniversary
	12.00noon	James Thomas Mills Mike, Nicola & Rory Stephen E. Gonash	R.I.P. Birthday Special Intentions Death Anniversary

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

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