



# OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Roman Catholic Parish of Acton

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## Parish Newsletter 18th February 2024

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT Year B

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15 Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22 Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

### 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, 9.00am to 5.30pm. Sat 10.00am to 8.00pm, Sun for Masses.

### MASS TIMES

**Monday:** No Mass

Fr Patrick works at Immigration Removal Centre

Fr Jude's day off

**Tuesday – Friday:** 10.00am

**Saturday:** 7.00pm

**Sunday :** 9.00am, 10.30am, 12.00pm

**Parish Office:** Mondays 9.00am – 1.00pm

Thursdays and Fridays 10.00am—2.00pm

**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 said every Wednesday after the 10am Mass and Friday at 3pm.

**Congratulations** to the Desir family on the baptism of their daughter Nevaeh, and to the Cortés family on the baptism of their son Rory, both of which took place this weekend. Welcome to the Church!

**Children's Liturgy:** There will be no Children's Liturgy on Sunday 18th February.

**CAFOD Family Fast Day:** The CAFOD Family Fast Day is on 23 February 2024, and a second collection will take place on 24th/25th February. There will be a short talk at masses this weekend. To donate, you can use the CAFOD contactless device this weekend or take an envelope from the back of the church—where you can also gift aid your donation. Your donations will help hard working people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good. Please pray for James and our sisters and brothers around the world that they will have what they need to feed their families.

**Altar Serving Training:** There will be a training and refresher session on Saturday 24th February 2024 at 2pm for all new and current servers. If you would like to be an Altar Server, please do pick up a form from the back of the church and come along to the session.

**Maureen O'Brien** sadly died on Friday 16th February in her care home in Donegal. Maureen, wife of Patrick, was a long standing parishioner at Our Lady of Lourdes. Let us pray for the repose of her soul and for her family.

**Did you know?** You can listen to Father Jude's homilies on Spotify—search for Fr. Jude Kurumeh.

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## JOIN US AFTER MASS

**Tea and Coffee:** Join us for tea and coffee after the 9am and 10.30am Masses every Sunday. And if you can bring along donations of cakes and biscuits, that would be very welcome! (please buy Fairtrade where possible).

**Synod Meetings:** Thank you to those who attended the first Synod meeting last week. We reflected on and discussed how the parish witnesses and proclaims faith to various groups, and how the parish can organise itself more effectively for this purpose. Please join us for the second meeting **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024, 7pm** where we will discuss concrete steps and formation opportunities to deepen our evangelisation efforts. We encourage **all** parishioners to come along as we believe your participation will enrich our discussions and lead to meaningful outcomes for our parish community.

Your input and insights are invaluable as we collectively discern the best ways to strengthen our parish's sense of mission and communion. Your presence at these meetings will contribute to the vibrant and active faith community we aspire to be.

We look forward to seeing you at the next meeting and working together towards a brighter future for our parish.

**Monthly Prayer Vigil outside the Home Office:** 19 February, 12.30-1.30pm. 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. For more information, please contact Barbara Kentish [barbarakentish@talktalk.net](mailto:barbarakentish@talktalk.net)

**Donations by standing order:** Following our planned giving drive last November, the forms many of you completed gave the option to instruct the parish to set up a standing order, if you wished. Due to a change in banking regulations, the banks have not accepted these instructions, so can you please set up your standing order yourself through your bank. You can do so in person in a branch, over the phone, online, or through your banking app. Payee details are:

Please pay the **HSBCC Bank plc**

Account number: **71095692** Sort Code: **40-05-20**

For the credit of **WRCDT Acton**

Reference: **your surname and initials**

We apologise for the delay and the added inconvenience to you. Many thanks for your support.

## KID'S CORNER



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JESUS IN THE WILDERNESS

### Parish Finances January 2024:

Offertory Income	£ 11,238.16
Poor Fund Current Balance	£ 3,554.27
Building Fund Balance	£ 108.00
Flowers Fund Balance	£ 34.70
Organ Fund Balance	£ 14,775.80

**10-Day Vigil for the Climate:** This is taking place 14-24 February outside Parliament for Lent 2024. Organised by Christian Climate Action, Green Christian and others. More details can be found here: [christianclimateaction.org](http://christianclimateaction.org)

**CAFOD Big Lent Walk:** Take on the Big Lent Walk, when and where you choose – 200km over 40 days alone or with friends. This year CAFOD is joining forces with SCIAF, their sister Catholic aid agency in Scotland to make this the BIGGEST Lent Walk so far See the poster in the Church Porch for more details or go to: [walk.cafod.org.uk](http://walk.cafod.org.uk) to get sponsored and raise money to help people as they overcome poverty.

### Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2024:

Thank you for your generous support for the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal. This year's funds will be shared between the four pillars of the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal: Marriage & Family Life; Youth & Evangelisation; The Education Service and Caritas Westminster, as well as initiatives run by parishes. If you would still like to donate, please scan this QR code. Thanks to your generosity, we can continue this work throughout our Diocese.



## 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.

### 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.

### ACTON HOMELESS CONCERN

0208 992 5768

[admin@actonhomelessconcern.org](mailto: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**



**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](http://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**

<b>Saturday 17th February</b>	6.30-6.55pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Private Prayer	
	12.00noon	Baptism of Nevaeh Desir	
	1.00pm	Baptism of Rory Cortés	
Mass of Sunday	7.00pm	Rose Francis Valentino Fernandes	Death Anniversary R.I.P.
<b>Sunday 18th February</b>	8.30-8.55am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Private Prayer	
First Sunday in Lent	9.00am	Christopher Farrell Maureen O'Brien	R.I.P. R.I.P.
	10.30am	The Noonan Family Maureen Hernandez	Special Intentions R.I.P.
	12.00noon	Jason Sara Luna Ivy & Lue Catherine Martin Boguslaw	Good Health Intention R.I.P. Special Intention
<b>Monday 12th February</b>	_____	No Mass	
<b>Tuesday 20th February</b>	10.00am	No Mass	
	12.00noon	Funeral Mass of Giuseppe De Luca	
<b>Wednesday 21st February</b>	9.30-9.55am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Private Prayer	
	10.00am		
	10.30am	Stations of the Cross	
<b>Thursday 22nd February</b>	9.30-9.55am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Private Prayer	
The Feast of The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle	10.00am	Maureen Hernandez	R.I.P.
<b>Friday 23rd February</b>	9.30-9.55am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Private Prayer	
	10.00am		
	3.00pm	Stations of the Cross	
<b>Saturday 24th February</b>	6.30-6.55pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Private Prayer	
	7.00pm	Mary Duggan People of Ukraine	Death Anniversary Special Intentions
<b>Sunday 25th February</b>	9.30-9.55am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Private Prayer	
Second Sunday of Lent	9.00am		
	10.30am	Antonio Rodrigues Charles Mulchrone	R.I.P. R.I.P.
	12.00noon	Francisco Rodrigues	8th 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.