



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Roman Catholic Parish of Acton

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Parish Newsletter 24th March 2024

PALM SUNDAY 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!

EASTER TRIDUUM

28 March Maundy Thursday 7pm

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

30 March Holy Saturday 8pm

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

This is Holy Week and it begins with the commemoration of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday; marks the betrayal of Jesus on Spy Wednesday; the commemoration of the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday; and the Passion of Jesus on Good Friday; and the Resurrection of Christ, Saviour of the World. "Merciful God, as we enter Holy week, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Stir up within us the gift of faith that we may not only praise Him with our lips, but may follow Him in the way of the cross. Amen."

Stations of the Cross prayers will now finish as we come to the end of Lent and begin Holy Week.

Maundy Thursday 28th March: No morning Mass.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Please come to the Maundy Thursday service to renew your commitment.

Easter Offering: The second collection this Easter Sunday will be the Annual Collection for Priests. You can also pick up an Easter Envelope at the back of the church or you can donate using the contactless device.

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

No children's liturgy until after Easter on 14th April.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

If anyone has any second hand First Holy Communion outfits they would like to lend to our First Holy Communion class then please contact the office.

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KNOW YOUR FAITH

What are the chief things which God has revealed?

The chief things that God has revealed are contained in the Apostle's Creed.

Say the Apostle's Creed. I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the Holy Catholic Church; the Communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the Body; and life everlasting. Amen.

How is the Apostle's Creed divided? The Apostle's Creed is divided into twelve parts or articles.

KID'S CORNER



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

LTIFED
1
WLORD
2
FETAHR
3
SOHW
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Answer:
1 2 3 4

Do you know of any training available for a mature law student who is looking to gain some experience working for a law firm? If you know of anywhere, please contact Elias Alvarenga on 07534251660.

The Catholic Union's aim is to contribute in a balanced and respectful way to the dialogue between religion and politics. Visit catholicunion.org.uk for more info and ways to get involved.

The Second Collection on Good Friday will be for the Holy Places of Palestine.

Reconciliation Service: Thank you to all those who made it to the reconciliation service.



GAP YEAR VOLUNTEERING WITH

'JUST YOUTH': Are you 18 to 25 and wish to support young people in their holistic growth, discover and develop their talents through Chaplaincy and other outreach programs? Please contact Just Youth on www.justyouth.co.uk and apply.

Congratulations to the James family for the baptism of their daughter Nylah this weekend. Welcome to the family of God.

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.

Vacancy: St. Richard Reynold's College, Twickenham has several posts available for Subject Lead in Chemistry, Teacher of English and Teacher of PE (girls). Visit strichardreynolds.org.uk/whole-college/vacancies-2.

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!



The Divine Mercy Apostolate

Saturday 6th April 2024 from 10 am to 4:30 pm. A Preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday Retreat at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent. 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. Coaches from Ealing Broadway and Victoria.

Friday 7th April at 2pm. At St Andrews Shared Church, Washington Drive, SL1 5RE a service will be led by Mgr Sean Healy and will include Holy Mass, Time of Mercy with Merciful Jesus, Benediction with Adoration and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus.

Saturday 13 April 2024 from 1 pm to 4:30 pm. A Divine Mercy Reflection on at St Mary's R C Church, 157 Aldershot Road, Guildford GU2. The Reflection will include the Holy Rosary, teachings on the Message of Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus.

All welcome. Call Millie on 07957594646.

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

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. **The RCIA programme will be open to new people in the autumn.** Please keep an eye on the newsletter for announcements.



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



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 23rd March	11.00am	Baptism of Nylah Abigail James	
Mass of Sunday	6.30-6.55pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Private Prayer	
	7.00pm	Maria Paz Hardie Wladyslaw Peter Foynes	Death Anniversary Special Intentions Special Intentions
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 Esther Mensah	Special Intentions R.I.P. 18th Death Anniversary One week Death Anniv.
	12.00noon	James Thomas Mills Mike, Nicola & Rory Stephen E. Gonash	R.I.P. Birthday Special Intentions Death Anniversary
Monday 25th March	-----	No Mass	
Tuesday 26th March	9.30-9.55am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Private Prayer	
Tuesday of Holy Week	10.00am	Alison Bernard Flora Britania Jackson	Special Intentions R.I.P.
Wednesday 27th March	9.30-9.55am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Private Prayer	
Wednesday of Holy Week	10.00am	Peter Abanje Olise Arthur Gladstone Walles RosaliaMadonia & Giovanni Ponearso	Death Anniversary R.I.P. Death Anniversaries
Thursday 28th March	9.30-9.55am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Private Prayer	
Thursday of the Lord's Supper	-----	No Morning Mass	
Maundy Thursday	7.00pm	Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Felipe Carvalho	Special Intention 13th Death Anniversary
Friday 29th March	9.30-9.55am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Private Prayer	
Good Friday	10.00am	Children's Service	
	3.00pm	Good Friday Service	
Saturday 30th March	6.30-6.55pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Private Prayer	
Holy Saturday	8.00pm	RCIA Candidates Gill Rodrigues & Family Raida Afonso	Special Intention Special Intentions Special Intentions
Sunday 31st March	9.30-9.55am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Private Prayer	
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord	9.00am	Sean & Kathleen Keohane Aldemar Ros	R.I.P. 13th Death Anniversary
	10.30am	Angie Bull Patricia McCavana	Special Intentions R.I.P.
	12.00noon	Meta Campbell Collins Chukwuyenum Anoka & Sandra Chukwunoso Olorok	Thanksgiving Wedding Celebrations

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.