



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Roman Catholic Parish of Acton

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Parish Newsletter 25th February 2024

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT Year B

First Reading: Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18 Second Reading: Romans 8:31-34 Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

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 every Friday at 3pm.

CAFOD Family Fast Day: A second collection will take place at Masses this weekend 24/25th Feb for the CAFOD Family Fast Day. To gift aid your donation, use a fast day envelope from the table at the back of the church. Bank card donations can also be made on the CAFOD contactless machine which will be on the table at the back at church after the 9am and 10.30am masses. Your donations will help hard working people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good.

Maureen O'Brien: The Funeral

Mass of Maureen O'Brien will take place on Monday 26th February at 11.00am at St Joseph's church in Rathmullan in Donegal. Maureen, wife of Patrick, was a long standing parishioner at Our Lady of



Lourdes. Her Funeral Mass can be viewed on here: www.mcn.live/Camera/st-joesphs-church-rathmullan Let us pray for the repose of her soul and for her family.

Walk for the Homeless: Our confirmation group are walking from Acton to Westminster Cathedral on 2nd March to raise funds for Acton Homeless Concern. This walk symbolises their commitment to serving those in need and making a positive difference in our community. By sponsoring our young people or making a donation, you play a vital role in supporting their journey of faith and service. You can sponsor them here:

<https://www.justgiving.com/team/actonhomelesswalk-2024>

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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 everyone who attended the Synod meetings over the last two weeks. Our discussions will be included in a report to the Cardinal, which is then passed to Rome. The meetings highlighted some successes that we are already having in our own community, and there were many great ideas on which we can build.

Acton Homeless Concern: Having a clear out? Acton Homeless Concern are looking for donations of men's jeans and shoes. Please drop off donations to Emmaus House at 1 Berrymead Gardens, Acton - there are volunteers there to take your donations Monday - Friday between 10am and 2pm.

Diocese of Westminster Jobs: There are various job opportunities with the Diocese of Westminster—please have a look at the current vacancies here: jobs.rcdow.org.uk/

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 to get sponsored and raise money to help people as they overcome poverty.

Beginning Experience—A weekend away for a lifetime of change: A special residential weekend programme for widowed, separated and divorced people, which helps participants with natural feelings of grief and loss. The weekend is led by trained volunteers, who have experienced having to adjust to life as single people again. This next programme will be held on 12-14 April; for further details please contact: Mary: 0208 647 4760, or Maura: 07795 498445, or email besouthofengland@gmail.com

Volunteering Fair: Caritas Volunteer Service will hold a volunteering fair on Saturday, 9 March, 3pm - 5pm, at Westminster Cathedral Hall. This is a chance for anyone in the diocese who feels they are called to give of their time and energy, to come and meet representatives of charities who are recruiting volunteers. You can find out more here: caritaswestminster.org.uk/event/volunteering-fair-2/

KID'S CORNER

Jesus's clothes became dazzlingly white



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Retrouvaille: Do you need help in your marriage? Retrouvaille has helped many couples find new hope, nourishment and growth in their marriages. If you want to uncover or reawaken the love, trust and commitment that brought you together and work through difficult times in your marriage contact Retrouvaille for information about our 2024 programmes. There is no group therapy or group work. Our next programme commences with a weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 14-16 June 2024. Call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443, email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Donations by standing order: Due to a change in banking regulations, the banks have not accepted the standing order instructions that parishioners filled in as part of the planned giving drive last November. Please set up your standing order yourself either 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.

A Day With Mary: Pilgrimages to Fatima (7-14 June) and Italy (4-12 September). Further information is available at www adaywithmary.org or email adwmary.uk@gmail.com

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

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

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. 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 24th February	6.30-6.55pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Private Prayer	
Mass of Sunday	7.00pm	Mary Duggan People of Ukraine	Death Anniversary Special Intentions
Sunday 25th February	8.30-8.55am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Private Prayer	
Second Sunday of Lent	9.00am	Antonio Bairrao	R.I.P.
	10.30am	Antonio Rodrigues Charles Mulchrone	R.I.P. R.I.P.
	12.00noon	Francisco Rodrigues	8th Death Anniversary
Monday 26th February	_____	No Mass	
Tuesday 27th February	9.30-9.55am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Private Prayer	
	10.00am	Ewa Miskiewicz Antonio Rodrigues	Special Intention R.I.P.
Wednesday 28st February	9.30-9.55am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Private Prayer	
	10.00am	Mariano De Almeida	Death Anniversary
	10.30am	Stations of the Cross	
Thursday 29th February	9.30-9.55am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Private Prayer	
	10.00am	For all our Parishioners	
Friday 1st March	9.30-9.55am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Private Prayer	
Feast of Saint David	10.00am	Roger Kilroy	Good Health Intention
	3.00pm	Stations of the Cross	
Saturday 2nd March	6.30-6.55pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Private Prayer	
Mass of Sunday	7.00pm	Peter Hermans	R.I.P.
Sunday 3rd March	9.30-9.55am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Private Prayer	
Third Sunday of Lent	9.00am	Catherine Olobayo	Birthday Intention
	10.30am	Eileen Scanlon John, Brigitte and Thelma Fernandes	1st Death Anniversary Death Anniversary
	12.00noon	Ann Hyland	Birthday 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.