



# OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Roman Catholic Parish of Acton

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## Parish Newsletter 14th APRIL 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER Year B

First Reading: Acts 3:13-15,17-19 Second Reading: 1 John 2:1-5 Gospel: Luke 24:35-48



### 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!

**Priest Training Fund (Second Collection):** Next Sunday 21st April is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. This annual collection pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 49 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 13 of whom are from our own Diocese. We also have one seminarian in Valladolid and one at the Beda, presently on pastoral placement in Ruislip. There are also two on a propaedeutic year at Redemptoris Mater. The Priest Training Fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation envelopes are available in the back of the church. Please bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can use the QR code, poster on the noticeboard, to make your donation online or visit [www.rcdow.org.uk](http://www.rcdow.org.uk)/donations. Thank you for your generosity.

**The Parish Pastoral Council** will be meeting on Tuesday 16th April. If you have any items you would like to discuss please contact Richard ([stonor@clara.co.uk](mailto:stonor@clara.co.uk)) or Maggie ([malgorzata\\_kurnicka@hotmail.com](mailto:malgorzata_kurnicka@hotmail.com)).

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The next children's session is on

Saturday 20th April at 11am in the Parish Hall.

*We have received a number of First Holy Communion dresses, and a boy's suit, that are available in the office. If you would like to come and try them and borrow them for your big day, then come visit the parish office.*

### CONFIRMATION

There is a Parent's Evening on Wednesday 24th April at 7pm in the Parish Hall. All parents (no children) need to attend this meeting to discuss what will happen at the service.

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# KNOW YOUR FAITH

**Are there three persons in God?** There are three persons in God: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

**Are these three Persons three Gods?** These three Persons are not three Gods: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are all one and the same God.

**What is the mystery of the three persons in one God called?** The mystery of the three persons in one God is called the mystery of the Blessed Trinity.



**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](http://www.justyouth.co.uk) and apply.



Acton Homeless Concern would like to thank the 2024 Confirmation candidates and the catechist team for raising money through their sponsored walk to Westminster Cathedral last month. It's the charity's 35th anniversary this year, and sadly we are still needed more than ever. Our clients now include families and individuals who are struggling to make ends meet and feed and clothe themselves, as well as those suffering from homelessness. The generosity of the Confirmation candidates and those who sponsored them makes a big difference to the work we can do, and we are truly grateful.

**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](http://catholicunion.org.uk) for more info and ways to get involved.



## PARISH PICNIC

JOIN THE PARISH FOR A PICNIC AT:  
WASPS FC  
TWYFORD AVENUE  
ACTON  
W3 9QA

BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC OR ENJOY A BURGER OR HOTDOG FROM THE BBQ (VEGETARIAN OPTIONS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE)

ALCOHOLIC AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE BAR (CASH AND CARD ACCEPTED)

**DOS AND DON'TS:**  
UNFORTUNATELY, NO DOGS ARE ALLOWED AT THE VENUE.

PLEASE DO NOT BRING YOUR OWN ALCOHOL TO THE PICNIC.

FREE PARKING AVAILABLE ON SITE (FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED) AND ON SURROUNDING STREETS.

ENJOY YOURSELF AND REMEMBER TO DRINK RESPONSIBLY

CELEBRATING

## PENTECOST & SPIRITANS' DAY

AND THOSE WHO HAVE RECEIVED THEIR CONFIRMATION AND HOLY COMMUNION SACRAMENTS IN 2024



Adult Only Event



St Vincent's PTA presents  
**A Night at the Races!**

Come and join us for a Punt on the Races!  
Betting available on the night!

Premium drinks available to buy at the bar!

Check out our Race Night page on our website for further info:  
<https://stvps.page/racenightw24>

Email: [pta@stvps.co.uk](mailto:pta@stvps.co.uk)

**Event**  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April  
6:30 - 9:30pm  
School Hall

**Tickets**  
Adult £10  
Curry dinner included



Scan QR Code to buy your event tickets

**NO BINGO**  
**15th APRIL**

Every Monday and Thursday there is

B I N G O				
15	27	42	55	72
10	29	41	56	73
7	26	FREE 147 SPACE	52	64
13	21	36	59	61
8	23	32	58	74

Bingo in the Parish Hall

Doors open at 12pm  
With Tea & Coffee  
And then Bingo!

All Ages Welcome!

For a newsletter emailed weekly, or to suggest articles/additions, contact the parish office: [acton@rcdow.org.uk](mailto: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](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. **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](mailto: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**

<b>Saturday 13th April</b>	6.30-6.55pm 6.20-6.50pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Private Prayer Confessions	
Mass of Sunday	7.00pm	Angela Bertorotta Lucy & Natalie Neil	R.I.P. Special Intentions
<b>Sunday 14th April</b>	8.30-8.55am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Private Prayer	
Third Sunday of Easter	9.00am	Lina De La Trinidad Del Valle Margaret Murphy Dan Sullivan	6th Death Anniversary R.I.P. R.I.P.
	10.30am	Bob Horgan	R.I.P.
	12.00noon	Margaret Galvin Cotter	R.I.P.
<b>Monday 15th April</b>	— — — — —	No Mass	
<b>Tuesday 16th April</b>	9.30-9.55am 10.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Private Prayer Christine Leonard Alberto Rigalado	R.I.P. R.I.P.
<b>Wednesday 17th April</b>	9.30-9.55am 10.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Private Prayer Francis Anyakwo & Family	Special Intentions
<b>Thursday 18th April</b>	9.30-9.55am 10.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Private Prayer Sean Horgan	R.I.P.
<b>Friday 19th April</b>	9.30-9.55am 10.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Private Prayer St. Alphege, Bishop & Martyr Memorial Adele Bruce	R.I.P.
<b>Saturday 20th April</b>	6.30-6.55pm 6.20-6.50pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Private Prayer Confessions	
Mass of Sunday	7.00pm	Rosemarie Healy Carolyn Miranda	R.I.P. Good Health Intentions
<b>Sunday 21st April</b>	8.30-8.55am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Private Prayer	
Fourth Sunday of Easter	9.00am	Joanne Scully Dan O'Sullivan Peg Mythen	Birthday Intentions R.I.P. 8th Death Anniversary
	10.30am	Gerry Mackey Teresa Morgan	3rd Death Anniversary Good Health Intentions
	12.00noon		

**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.