



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Roman Catholic Parish of Acton

This parish is served by The Spiritans - In the Archdiocese of Westminster



Parish Newsletter 21st APRIL 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Year B

First Reading: Acts 4:8-12 Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2 Gospel: John 10:11-18



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!

Second Collection: Priest Training Fund: This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday and our second collection will support the Priest Training Fund. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. The Priest Training Fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your gift ensures we can provide training for these men responding to Christ's call to dedicate their lives to serve God's people. Please be as generous as you can. Please also pray for vocations and for all our priests. If you do not have a donation envelope, plenty are still available at the back of the church. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you for your generosity.

Maria Zielicka, a long standing member of this parish, died on 9 April 2024. May she rest in peace. Maria's funeral will be held at the Holy Family Church in West Acton on Monday 29th April 2024 at 11:30am. Should you wish to get in contact with the family about attendance please call or email Maria's granddaughter, Sarah at 07745532827/ zedwardbound@gmail.com.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

There will be a parent's evening on Thursday 25th April at 7pm in the Parish Hall. (No children)

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

What do you mean by a mystery? By a mystery I mean a truth which is above reason, but revealed by God.

Is there any likeness to the Blessed Trinity in your soul? There is this likeness to the Blessed Trinity in my soul: that as in one God there are three Persons, so in my one soul there are three powers.

Which are the three powers of your soul? The three powers of my soul are my memory, my understanding, and my will.

KID'S CORNER : The Good Shepherd



Tread the Path of Faith with CAFOD – Over the weekend of 12-14 July CAFOD is running a residential pilgrimage in Irthlingborough, Northamptonshire for young adults age 18-40, looking to draw closer to Christ. More details and booking information can be found here [Young Adults Residential Pilgrimage \(cafod.org.uk\)](http://Young Adults Residential Pilgrimage (cafod.org.uk))

Creation Retreat at Buckfast Abbey 6 - 10th May: Led by Paula Pearce. Reflection on creation in the light of Franciscan thought and mission. Four nights half-board from £525. Buckfast, Devon, TQ11 0EE. Visit buckfast.org.uk



Just Youth Calling!

ARE YOU 18 TO 25?
READY TO VOLUNTEER?



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.

Pentecost Parish Picnic : Sunday 19th May 2024 at 2pm

Our Lady of Lourdes parish is buzzing with excitement as we prepare for a special picnic. This gathering will bring together our community in a spirit of fellowship and gratitude. We hope the picnic will be a vibrant and festive occasion, filled with laughter, joy, and heartfelt moments where we will be able to create lasting memories and strengthen the bonds that unite us as a parish family. From delicious picnic fare to engaging games and activities for all ages, there will be something for everyone to enjoy.

The picnic will also be a time for us as a parish to celebrate the 2024 First Holy Communion and Confirmation recipients and commemorate these significant milestones in the lives of our younger members. We have chosen the joyous feast of Pentecost for our celebratory picnic as it is the Spiritans' Feast Day. Pentecost is an important feast day for Fr Patrick and Fr Jude, their religious order (The Spiritans) was founded on Pentecost Sunday in 1703. Fr Patrick's and Fr Jude's spirit of service and commitment to spreading the Gospel has helped our parish to flourish and grow and this picnic will be a way for us to rejoice and give thanks for all that they do for us. All are welcome to our parish picnic on this blessed and special day. If you're interested in helping organise the picnic, we are looking for volunteers, please contact Jo Wolff directly. Her contact details are: joannmacmenamin@hotmail.com or mobile: 07960792184.



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ON SUNDAY 19TH MAY FROM 2PM ONWARDS

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)

ICE-CREAM VAN (CASH AND CARD ACCEPTED)

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

BOUNCY CASTLE FOR CHILDREN (DONATIONS ACCEPTED)

DOS AND DO NOTS:
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

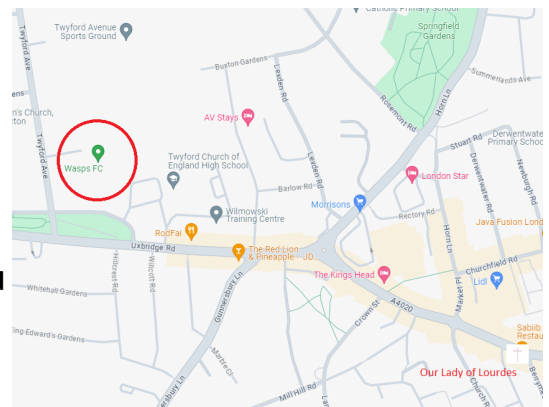
PENTECOST & SPIRITANS' DAY

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

**At Wasps FC,
Twyford Ave, Acton**

**Please pick up flyers
at the back of the church.**

**Invite your families and
friends and neighbours.**



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 20th April	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
Sunday 21st April	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	The Duffy Family	Special Intentions
Monday 22nd April	— — — — —	No Mass	
Tuesday 23rd April	9.30-9.55am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Private Prayer	
St. George, Martyr, Patron of England: Solemnity	10.00am	For all the sick in our parish	
Wednesday 24th April	9.30-9.55am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Private Prayer	
Sts. Erkenwald & Mellitus, Diocesan: Memorial	10.00am	Eileen McLaughlin	Good Health Intentions
Thursday 25th April	9.30-9.55am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Private Prayer	
St. Mark, Evangelist Memorial	10.00am		
Friday 26th April	9.30-9.55am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Private Prayer	
	10.00am	Eileen Radican	R.I.P.
Saturday 27th April	12.00pm	Baptism Lucia Charles	
	6.30-6.55pm 6.20-6.50pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Private Prayer Confessions	
Mass of Sunday	7.00pm	John & Larry O'Toole	Death Anniversary
Sunday 28th April	8.30-8.55am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Private Prayer	
Fifth Sunday of Easter	9.00am	Pat McGill	R.I.P.
	10.30am		
	12.00noon	Kazimierz Stachon William Murphy Genevieve Duffy	4th Death Anniversary 59th Death Anniversary R.I.P.

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.