

## **Fifth Sunday of Lent, 17 March 2024**

### **Triduum and Easter Services**

**Holy Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March** Mass of the Last Supper, **7.00pm**

**Good Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March** Stations of the Cross, **9.45am**  
Children's Stations of the Cross, **12.00noon**  
Celebration of the Lord's Passion, **3.00pm**  
**(Retiring Collection for the Holy Places)**

**Holy Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March** Easter Baskets **9.30am (Fr Henryk)**  
Easter Vigil Mass, **7.30pm**

**Easter Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March** Masses at **9.15am and 11.30am (NO Evening Mass)**

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**Palm Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 9.15am Mass.** If the weather is fine we will start our procession in the church garden next Sunday; if not, we will start in the parish hall.

**Stations of the Cross on Fridays in Lent at 7.00pm.**

**Lenten Service of Reconciliation** is on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00 pm** and **St David's Stanwell, on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 7.00 pm.**

**Mass of the Last Supper, Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March** – we are looking for 12 volunteers to have their feet washed during this Mass. If you are interested, please contact Shenda in the parish office on 01784 252230 or [ashford@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:ashford@rcdow.org.uk)

**Blessing of Easter Food Baskets.** On **Holy Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> March at 09.30am** in church, we will celebrate the Polish tradition of *Blessing the Easter Food Baskets*. Everyone is welcome.

**Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2024.** You will find the donations box is at the back of the church or you may use the QR code to make your donation online. Please do take a donation envelope, which you will find in the narthex.

**Weekly Offertory Envelopes 2024/2025.** Thank you to those who regularly donate to the parish using Offertory Envelopes. The new sets of envelopes will be available shortly. If you no longer wish to use your envelopes or your tax situation has changed, please let Shenda Holmes in the parish office know – [ashford@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:ashford@rcdow.org.uk) or 01784 252230.

**Easter offertory envelopes.** Your Easter offerings are your traditional gift to your clergy. Easter envelopes are available in the narthex for if you will be away for Easter.

**Weekday Mass.** Mass this week on Monday (9.15am) and Wednesday (6,00pm) will be in St Joseph's Chapel.

**Easter My Day by Day booklets** are now available in the narthex, £1.00 each. Please place your donation in the Publications Box in the narthex.

**Help required in the parish.** We are looking for some extra help to join the existing rotas for: *Gardening* – cutting the grass and *Altar Laundry* - washing the Altar Cloths. If you can help, please contact Shenda in the parish office on [ashford@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:ashford@rcdow.org.uk) or 01784 252230. Thank you!

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**Kindly note the forthcoming Funerals at St Michael's Church:**  
**William (Billy) Moore RIP on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March** at 11.15am  
**Elizabeth Floyd RIP on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April** at 10.45am.  
**Diane Russell RIP on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April** at 11.00am.  
**Christopher Worley RIP on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> April** at 11.00am.

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**Calling all young artists in our parish.**

The Parish Council is pleased to invite young parishioners from St. Michael's and St David's to enter the "Easter Drawing Competition 2024". We are on the lookout for talented young artists to enter our exciting event.

*How to enter?* Create a drawing inspired by: "**Mater Dei**". Express your creativity using paints, pastels, acrylics, pens or pencils – whatever you wish! More info on St Michael's Community Facebook page.

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**Parish Quiz Night on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm in the parish hall** – a fundraising event to raise funds for one of our young parishioners going to Lourdes in July as a 'Red Shirt'. £1 entry per person. Come as a team of up to 8 persons or make up a team on the night. Bring your own drinks.

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**Easter Light** – a parish fundraising event, an evening of music and dancing, **on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March** in the parish hall. Tickets are on sale after weekend Masses. Please see the poster in the narthex for more information.

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**Certificates of Catholic Practice (CCP) for admission to St Michael's Nursery in the presbytery on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April**, 11.00 am – 12 noon and 6.45- 7.30 pm. Please try to come at this time, rather than seeking an individual appointment.

**Marian Year, 11<sup>th</sup> February to 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2024.** We, the Sons of Divine Providence, are celebrating the Marian Year and invite you to join us to celebrate the year with devotion and veneration to Mary, Mother of God. *We will recite the Orionine Marian Year Prayer after Mass each day – you will find prayer cards at the back of church.*

**Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 2:30pm.** The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their **5<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> (and every year over 60)** wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2024. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give Shenda in the parish office the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email) by **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024.**

**Lourdes Pilgrimage 19<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> July 2024** – Registration for the Westminster diocesan pilgrimage led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols is now open via the application form on <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> or by contacting the Pilgrimage Office on 020 7798 9173. Options to travel by plane, train or coach are available and there are many volunteering opportunities for those wishing to serve. All applications to join this year's pilgrimage must be submitted **by Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April.**

**Mass Intentions.** If you wish to book a Mass, please drop your intention envelope in the box at the back of the church in the offertory collection or through the presbytery letterbox. *Please use the new blue donation envelopes if you are able to make your Mass offering under Gift Aid.*

**Bucket Collection.** The Bucket Collection is for TALK Surrey – *supporting people with Aphasia after a stroke or brain injury.* You will find the donations box in the wall at the back of the church.

**Baptism Preparation Course.** The next Baptism Preparation Course is on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 10.00 am in the presbytery meeting room. If you require the Sacrament of Baptism for your child in May, June or July 2024 then you will need to contact [ashfordcatechist@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:ashfordcatechist@rcdow.org.uk) so that the necessary paperwork can be finalised before the date of the course.

**Are you looking for a Carer?** One of our parishioners, with 20 years' experience of caring for the elderly with dementia, Alzheimer's, end-of-life and cancer, is looking for a job. Also can clean, cook, do light shopping and doctor's appointments. Good references will be provided. Please contact Barbara on 07542 116328

**St Paul's Catholic College** is currently seeking to appoint a highly motivated and enthusiastic Business Studies teacher to join our Business Department. Please see the poster in the narthex for more information or contact Mrs De Rosa at [mderosa@st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:mderosa@st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk) Closing date: 9.00am on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024.

**St Paul's Catholic College** is delighted and extremely proud to announce that we continue to remain an 'Outstanding' school in all areas following the recent Ofsted inspection. To continue to be recognised as an 'Outstanding' establishment is a really significant judgement and we would like to thank everyone for their support.

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**This Sunday's readings, Fifth Sunday of Lent, 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

Jeremiah 31: 31-34; Hebrews 5: 7-9; John 12: 20-30

**Next Sunday's readings, Palm Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

Isaiah 50: 4-7; Philippians 2: 6-11; Mark 14:1-15:47

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**Offertory Collection.** Thank you for your offertories last week:

Loose Plate £494.88; Envelopes £246.00; Standing Orders £900.00

Contactless £180.00 (*The Dona contactless PayPoint is in the narthex*)

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**MANNA Foodbank.** This week's shortages: *Tinned Spaghetti in Tomato Sauce; Crackers; Custard; Tinned Rice Pudding; Cup-a-Soup; Cereal Bars; Tinned Salmon/Sardines/Mackerel etc; Tinned Carrots, Green Beans, Mixed Vegetables; Tea Bags in 40 & 160 packs; Noodles for 1; Tinned Fruit ; Tinned Mixed Bean Salad, Butter Beans and Kidney Beans; Chocolate Spread; Large and Small bags of Sugar; Blocks of Jelly; Shower Gel; Toothpaste for 3-5yrs and 6+yrs; Toothbrushes for 6+yrs; Shampoo; Deodorant; Washing-up-Liquid; Toilet Paper; Easter Eggs and other Easter Treats/Sweets/Cakes etc.*

Please leave your donations on the Presbytery doorstep or in the Narthex.

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**Safeguarding** If you've any concerns or require advice regarding the safety or well-being of a child or vulnerable adult, please contact our parish safeguarding rep, Tiziana Demurtas on 07778 533932 or [ashfordsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto:ashfordsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk)

You can also contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team on 020 7798 9356 or

[safeguarding@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcdow.org.uk)

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## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

*During Adoration after Saturday morning Mass (and by appointment)*

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*To arrange a baptism please refer to the parish website:*

*(see: Parish Life → Sacramental Preparation → Baptism*

*For the parish Mass timetable, please refer to the parish website:*

**<http://parish.rcdow.org.uk/ashford>**

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### PLEASE PRAY

**for all the sick and housebound in our parish.**

**for anniversaries in March since 2017:** Winifred Atkinson, Ben Boone, Lena Chapman, Tina Edwards, Christina Hunt, Jennifer Langan, Jeremiah McMullen, Lorraine Munro, Noel O'Neill, William O'Rourke, Joan Peters.

**for Fr Philip Baptiste and the parishioners of St Theodore of Canterbury, Hampton in the Upper Thames Deanery.**

**for the Holy Father's Prayer Intention that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.**

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## Mass Intentions 17<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> March

<b>Sun 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>	
<b>(Saturday Vigil Mass)</b>	<b>06.00pm</b>	Welby Cooper RIP
	<b>09.15am</b>	Lorraine Munro RIP
	<b>11.30am</b>	Angela Bentley RIP
	<b>06.00pm</b>	The people of the parish
<b>Mon 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>09.15am</b>	Greg and Esther's intentions
<b>Tues 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of the Diocese</b>	
	<b>09.15am</b>	Carlos Maningas RIP
<b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>06.00pm</b>	
<b>Fri 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>09.15am</b>	
<b>Sat 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>09.15am</b>	Naginda Romanay intentions
<b>Sun 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	
<b>(Saturday Vigil Mass)</b>	<b>06.00pm</b>	The people of the parish
	<b>09.15am</b>	In thanksgiving
	<b>11.30am</b>	Margaret Chapman's intentions
	<b>06.00pm</b>	Mr and Mrs D'Costa RIP

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**Fr Sidon Sagar FDP: Parish Priest, Fr Carlo Mazzotta FDP: Assistant Priest**

**Parish Secretary: Mrs Shenda Holmes**

*Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9.00 am – 1.00 pm*