

Palm Sunday, 24 March 2024

Triduum and Easter Services

Holy Thursday 28th March Mass of the Last Supper, **7.00pm**

Good Friday 29th 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 30th March Easter Baskets, **9.30am**
Easter Vigil Mass, **7.30pm**

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

Weekday Masses this week:

Monday, 25th March, 9.15am - Mass in St Joseph's Chapel

Tuesday 26th March – no Mass as Fr Sidon and Fr Carlo are attending the Chrism Mass at Westminster Cathedral.

Wednesday, 27th March, 6.00pm – Mass in Church

Triduum Services (as above)

Kindly note the forthcoming Funerals at St Michael's Church:

William (Billy) Moore RIP on **Monday 25th March** at 11.15am.

Elizabeth Floyd RIP on **Tuesday 2nd April** at 10.45am.

Diane Russell RIP on **Wednesday 3rd April** at 11.00am.

Christopher Worley RIP on **Monday, 15th April** at 11.00am.

Easter offertory envelopes. Your Easter offerings are your traditional gift to your clergy. If you will be away for Easter, you will find Easter envelopes in the narthex.

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

Washing of the Feet at the Mass of the Lord's Supper, Thursday 28th March at 7.00pm. Looking for 12 people to have their feet washed during the Mass. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Shenda in the parish office on 01784 252230 or ashford@rcdow.org.uk

Blessing of Easter Food Baskets. On **Holy Saturday, 30th 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. The new sets of envelopes are now available in the narthex at weekend Masses or from the parish office. If your tax situation has changed, or you no longer wish to use the envelopes, please do let Shenda Holmes in the parish office know – ashford@rcdow.org.uk or 01784 252230.

Sunday Friends. Sunday Friends will take a break during the Easter Holidays after this Sunday, 24th March. Back on Sunday 21st April at the 9.15am Mass.

Repository. Easter Cards are now on sale in the Repository.

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 or tending to the flower beds and Altar Laundry - washing the small altar cloths (the small cloths used by the priest during Mass). If you can help, please contact Shenda in the parish office on ashford@rcdow.org.uk or 01784 252230. Thank you!

Mission Society of St Columban. Thank you for your generosity. We raised £766. 27 in the appeal two weeks ago.

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 25th May 2024 at 2:30pm. The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (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 15th April 2024**.

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 the Princess Alice Hospice. Will find the donations box in the wall at the back of the church.

Calling all young artists in our parish.

The Parish Council invites young parishioners from St. Michael's and St David's to enter the "Easter Drawing Competition 2024". *How to enter?* Create a drawing inspired by: **"Mater Dei"**. Express your creativity using paints, pastels, acrylics, pens or pencils. More information on St Michael's Community Facebook page.

Parish Quiz Night on Saturday, 20th 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.

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

Baptism Preparation Course. The next Baptism Preparation Course is on Saturday 6th 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 so that the necessary paperwork can be finalised before the date of the course.

Certificates of Catholic Practice (CCP) for admission to St Michael's Nursery in the presbytery on **Wednesday 10th 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.

St Michael Catholic Primary School & Nursery - seeking to appoint a highly skilled, creative and conscientious Teaching Assistant / Nursery Practitioner to join their dedicated Nursery team. Please visit: www.st-michaels.surrey.sch.uk/employment-opportunities for more information or contact Mrs Lyons at sbm@st-michaels.surrey.sch.uk **Closing date:** 10.00am on Monday 15th April 2024.

St Paul's Catholic College, which continues to develop with the support of our excellent staff and Governing Body and is in the top 10% of schools nationally, is currently looking to appoint **a Foundation Governor** to join our Governing Body. All applicants must be practising Catholics. For further information with regard to this role please contact our Clerk to the Governors, Jo Chappell, directly on 01932 704119 or email jchappell@st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk

Vacancies at St Richard Reynolds Catholic College, Clifden Road, Twickenham, TW1 4LT: *Subject Lead in Chemistry; Teacher of English; Teacher of PE (girls)*. For more information please contact the college on 020 8325 4630 or visit: <https://strichardreynolds.org.uk/whole-college/vacancies-2>

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.

This Sunday's readings, Palm Sunday, 24th March 2024

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

Next Sunday's readings, Easter Sunday, 31st March 2024

Acts 10: 34, 37-43; Colossians 3: 1-4; John 20: 1-9

Offertory Collection. Thank you for your offertories last week:

Loose Plate £673.79; Envelopes £219.00; Standing Orders £900.00

Contactless £172.00 (*The Dona contactless PayPoint is in the narthex*)

MANNA Foodbank. This week's shortages: Tinned Potatoes; Long-Life Juice - full size cartons; Tinned Spaghetti in Tomato Sauce; Crackers; Tinned Custard - we are very short; Tinned Rice Pudding - we are very short; Cereal Bars; Tinned Salmon/Sardines/Mackerel etc (we have good stocks of Tuna); Tinned Carrots, Green Beans, Mixed Vegetables; Tea Bags in 160 packs; Noodles for 1 - we are very short; Tinned Mixed Bean Salad, Butter Beans and Kidney Beans; Chocolate Spread; Blocks of Jelly; Shower Gel; Toothpaste for 3-5yrs and 6+yrs; Toothbrushes for 6+yrs; Shampoo ; Deodorant - both for men and women - we are very short; Kitchen Rolls - preferably smaller rolls; Toilet Paper.

NO Easter Treats as we will not be making another delivery to Manna before Easter.

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

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>

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 ashfordsa@safeguardrcdow.org.uk You can also contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team on 020 7798 9356 or safeguarding@rcdow.org.uk

PLEASE PRAY

for all the sick and housebound in our parish.

for anniversaries in March since 2017: Winifred Atkinson, Ben Boone, Kevin Carroll, Lena Chapman, Peggy Collins, Tina Edwards, Christina Hunt, Jennifer Langan, Jeremiah McMullen, Lorraine Munro, Noel O'Neill, William O'Rourke, Barbara Parker, 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.

Mass Intentions 24th – 31st March

Sun 24th	Palm Sunday	
(Saturday Vigil Mass)	06.00pm	The people of the parish
	09.15am	In Thanksgiving
	11.30am	Margaret Chapman's intentions
	06.00pm	Mr and Mrs D'Costa RIP
Mon 25th	09.15am	
	11.15am	Funeral of William Moore
Tues 26th	NO MASS	
Wed 27th	06.00pm	Silvio and Joaquim Fernandes - in thanksgiving
Thurs 28th	Maundy Thursday	
	07.00pm	Carlos Maningas RIP
Fri 29th	Good Friday	
	09.45am	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
	03.00pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Sat 30th	09.30am	Easter Baskets
Sun 31st	Easter Sunday	
(Easter Vigil Mass)	07.30pm	Deceased members of the Mascarenhas and Fernandes families
	09.15am	Mary Gartlan RIP
	11.30am	John and Mary Daly RIP
	NO EVENING MASS	

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