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8th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 27th February 2022

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<i>Tuesday & Friday 10am – 3pm carpenterspark@rcdow.org.uk</i>		
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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 26th February	Vigil: 8th Sunday of the year	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 27th February	8th Sunday of the year	8.30am	Pereira Family
		10.30am	Kathleen Andrews & Family
Wednesday 2nd March	Ash Wednesday	9.15am	Fr David Irwin RIP
		7.00pm	Sarah Benstead RIP
Thursday 3rd March	Lent Feria	9.15am	John Andrews RIP
Friday 4th March	Lent Feria	9.15am	David Mulchrone RIP
Saturday 5th March	Vigil: 1st Sunday of Lent	6.00pm	John Crowle RIP

Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon:	The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; He saved me because he delighted in me.
Responsorial Psalm:	It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!
Next week's Readings:	Deuteronomy 26:4-10, Psalm 90, Romans 10: 8-13, Luke 4:1-13

CONFESSIONS Saturday 5.30, or see Fr John.

Mass intentions: please leave plenty of time if you want a special date

Fr Dominic writes: "Keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain"

This weekend, the last one before we start Lent, we have a Pastoral Letter from the Cardinal. Printed copies of the full letter are in both churches for you to pick up but I thought that it was worth while drawing your attention to his request of you this season.

The Cardinal asks that this Lent, we approach those people that we know and whom haven't been coming to Mass recently, maybe since the start of the pandemic, & we invite them to come along to Mass with us, recognising that this can be daunting. Perhaps offering a lift, especially to our older generation for whom the past two years have been particularly trying and frightening.

Lent is the traditional and powerful season when we renew our faith. The Lord invites us to come through the doors of the church to stand before him & receive his blessing, his mark of mercy. Why not make sure that more people are aware of this invitation than those who are already here today.

It may well feel an intrusive thing to do, but if you offer with kindness and respect, who knows. If you can give a word of encouragement to one other person, to one other family, then the reward will be great as we journey together towards Easter.

Our prayers are asked for Helen Birch and Tom O'Connor for the success of their hospital treatment.

ASH WEDNESDAY Mass and distribution of Ashes at 9:15 and 7pm mass. The church asks us to abstain from meat and practise some form of fasting on this day.
For Lent we will be reverting to our pre-Covid weekly Mass schedule. Masses will be at 7pm Tuesday, and Wednesday to Friday at 9:15am.

Cardinal Vincent's Pastoral Letter 26/27th February is available on the parish website

Caritas Volunteering Fair Saturday 5 March, 12-2pm Westminster Cathedral Hall

Whether you want to try volunteering for the first time or are looking for a new role, come and find out what volunteering opportunities are out there at the moment. Find out more here www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/caritas-volunteering-fair-tickets-250053004267

Volunteering one-to-one consultations

Mondays and Wednesdays throughout Lent

To help you 'spring into action' this Lent, the Caritas Volunteer Service offers a series of appointments for individual guidance for anyone interested in volunteering in London or Hertfordshire. You can choose between a 30 min meeting in person, a phone call or a 'Zoom' online meeting, and slots are available on Monday mornings and Wednesday evenings throughout Lent. Find out more and register at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/volunteering-1-2-1-tickets-254712601247 or by calling 07738183833 or emailing cvs@rcdow.org.uk.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Friday 4th March 2022 at 7:30pm

Every year the Churches of South Oxhey come together for a special prayer service organised by some of the people of one Country. We take it in turns to host the service. This year it is St. Joseph's turn and the Country chosen is our British Isles.

The service will be held on Friday 4th March at 7.30pm at St Joseph's Church.
Refreshments will be provided. Everyone welcome. Please come if you are free.

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony

Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 14th May 2022 at 3pm. 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 2022. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give 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 Sunday 27th March please

Marriage enrichment

Are you looking for ways to enrich, nurture and refresh your relationship. Do you need an oasis moment? Worldwide Marriage Encounter <https://wwme.org.uk/> now provide in-person and virtual (Zoom) enrichment weekends.

Cana Welcome <https://www.chemin-neuf.org.uk/programmes/cana/cana-welcome/>

Parish Office changes

We welcome Linda Grimes who has joined us as our new Parish Administrator. She is very much looking forward to meeting you all. Jacky is helping with the handover and everyone will be pleased to know that she is continuing in the parish bookkeeping role.

It is no longer necessary to book for Mass at weekends. The latest advice from the Bishop's conference is that face masks may continue to be worn in Church. For the time being we continue to recommend the wearing of masks whilst Covid infections locally continue to be at significant levels.

The Financials.... *Total offertory for the month of January*
Envelopes £1,047.09
Loose Plate £ 895.20
Standing Orders £1,642.50

Last Year's offertory for January
Envelopes £692.01 Loose plate £655.70
Standing Orders £914.50
Thank you