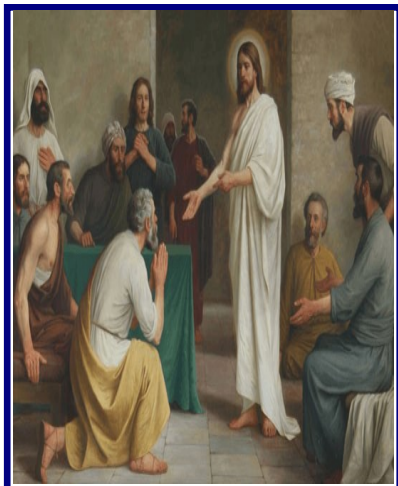


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3rd Sunday of Easter 14th April 2024 Year B

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 13th April Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Easter 6.00pm Patricia Reardon RIP
Sunday 14th April 3rd Sunday of Easter 8.30am Maurice Rodrigo & John Crowle RIP
10.30am People of the Parish

NO WEEKDAY MASSES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Saturday 20th April Vigil: 4th Sunday of Easter 6.00pm People of the Parish
Sunday 21st April 3rd Sunday of Easter 8.30am Pat Leonard RIP
10.30am Aileen Roberts RIP

CONFESSIONS by appointment only

When booking a Mass Intention please leave plenty of time if you want a special date.

Liturgy of the Word: 14th April 2024

Entrance Antiphon: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us.
Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.
Alleluia!

Next week's Readings: Acts 4:8-12 Psalm 117 1 John 3:1-2 John 10:11-18

Gospel Reflection from VIRC

Luke reports one of the appearances of the Risen One to the apostles. In order to convince them, the Lord allows them to touch him and he eats before their eyes. It is really he, the Crucified, alive once more. It is he, altogether different and yet the same. He casts the light of his Passover upon the sacred scriptures in order to illuminate the past and announce the future: *"In his name, penance for the remission of sins is to be preached to all the nations beginning at Jerusalem."*

"They were all incredulous for sheer joy..." Still today, divided as we often are between doubt and belief, we find it difficult to recognize in faith the person of the One who lives in our midst. Yet we encounter him at eucharist. We see him in the assembly gathered in his name. We hear him in the words of those who have borne witness to him in the scriptures. We know him once again in the breaking of the bread. We experience the power of his Spirit as we are sent out into the world to spread the good news from person to person. As we live our daily lives, then, nourished by the word and the bread we have shared, we recognise indeed that he is risen and living among us

Fr John Warnaby

As many people had observed, Fr John had been looking poorly recently. He soldiered on to finish all the Easter services with us, and then sought medical help. He is in a hospital in Birmingham, with his family nearby as support. He is undergoing lots of tests and will let us know when there is more news.

Please keep Fr John, and his family in your prayers.

Fr Andrew Gallagher will be our supply priest this weekend. As the Dean of Watford he will be giving us an update on Fr John's condition.

Planned Giving envelopes

The new planned giving envelopes start this weekend, to coincide with the new tax year. Don't forget to collect your box; they are on the table by the double doors. It is not too late to change your method of giving to the Parish! **The most helpful and secure way of supporting the parish is donating by monthly standing order**, which reduces our volunteers' work in counting.



Priest Training Fund

Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place next weekend. This fund 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. Last year **3** deacons were ordained for Westminster Diocese. 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 take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you for your generosity.

Run Nicholas Run!

One of our parishioners, Nicholas Birch, is running the London Marathon next Sunday 21st April in support of the **Teenage Cancer Trust**. This is a charity close to his heart as his older sister Helen Birch died last March, age 24 after battling cancer for 7 years. Please support Nicholas by donating through the link. There is a poster on the rear noticeboard with a QR code for ease. <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/nicholas-birch5>

100 Club

The 3rd monthly draw will be on **Sunday 28th April** after 8:30am Mass

Annual Mass for Matrimony

The annual Mass for Matrimony will be celebrated in the Cathedral by Cardinal Vincent on **Saturday 25th May at 2.30pm** for couples celebrating significant anniversaries such as 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+. Please contact Linda in the parish office by 15th April if you would like to attend, giving your email address, contact number and date of your marriage.



***** Our Lady of Willesden May Procession***** Sunday 12th May at 3pm

***** Corpus Christi Procession***** Sunday 2nd June from Warwick Street, London

Vocations Days: 'Come and See'

Men who are interested in exploring vocations to the priesthood or the permanent diaconate are invited to come along to the Vocations Team's 'Come & See' Vocations Mornings on one of the following days:

- **Sat 20th April** 10am-2pm at Our Lady and St Vincent Church Hall, 243 Mutton Lane, Potters Bar EN6 2AT
- **Sat 1st June** 10am-2pm at Our Lady's Hall (the undercroft) at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Rothamsted Avenue, Harpenden AL5 2DB.

Refreshments and a light lunch will be provided. To find out more and to register attendance at one of the days, please contact: Canon Roger Taylor, Vocations Promoter, at: rogertaylor@rcdow.org.uk or Deacon Adrian Cullen, Director Permanent Diaconate at: adriancullen@rcdow.org.uk or call 07961 594725.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

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 need to be submitted by Tuesday 30th April.**

Please remember Fr John and all our sick parishioners in your prayers especially Bebe Ryan, Dawn Tannian, Phil Carey, Alice Sheppard, Kathleen Andrews, Dave Jessop, Michael O'Brien and Alton Headley.
Pray for the Recently Deceased especially Geraldine Horwood.

Offertory for Sunday 7th April

Loose £264.55 Envelopes £165.32 Total £429.87

Many thanks for your generosity