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4th Sunday of Easter 21st April 2024 Year B

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Office hours: Tuesday & Friday 9am-3pm		

MASS INTENTIONS

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

NO WEEKDAY MASSES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Saturday 27th April	Vigil: 5th Sunday of Easter	6.00pm Bridget & Thomas Gallagher RIP
Sunday 28th April	5th Sunday of Easter	8.30am People of the Parish
		10.30am Bill Petch & Sid West RIP (Ann)

CONFESSIONS by appointment only

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

Liturgy of the Word: 21st April 2024

Entrance Antiphon: The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my own sheep and my own know me.
Alleluia!

Next week's Readings: Acts 9:26-31 Psalm 21 I John 3:18-24 John 15:1-8

Gospel Reflection from VIRC

Jesus' claim to be the true shepherd, the only pastor, has nothing idyllic about it. It completes his break with the mercenary religious leaders in whose eyes the sheep matter little. "I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest, says the Lord God. The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal, shepherding them rightly." (**Ezekiel 34:15-16**). This is God's way of acting, and the way of Christ, who gave his life for those the Father entrusted to him. Many do not appreciate being compared to a flock of sheep. Nevertheless, the image of the sheep suggests clearly what we are: defenceless before the ravaging wolf. Of all creatures, sheep possess the weakest sense of direction. So they entrust themselves by instinct to their shepherd to defend and guide them

Fr John Warnaby RIP

We announce the sad death of our Parish Priest, Fr John who passed away last Saturday 13th April in the hospice. Condolences are extended to Fr John's family, friends and colleagues, and to the parishioners of all the parishes he served in. Fr John will be sorely missed by all those whose lives he touched.

Fr John's mortal remains will be received at St Joseph's Church on **Monday 29th April** by Bishop Paul McAleenan at 6.30pm, followed by a Requiem Mass at 7pm.

On **Tuesday 30th April** the Funeral Mass will be at St Joseph's at 12noon with the Cardinal presiding and Fr Mehall Lowry giving the homily.

An obituary will be added to the webpage in due course <https://rcdow.org.uk/news/fr-john-michael-warnaby-rip>

Planned Giving envelopes

The new planned giving envelopes are in the Narthex waiting for collection. 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 (Second Collection)

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. 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, presently on pastoral placement in Ruislip. There are also two on a propaedeutic year at Redemptoris Mater. 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 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.

Run Nicholas Run!

One of our parishioners, Nicholas Birch, is running the London Marathon this 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 asap@rcdow.org.uk 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
See poster in the Narthex

***** 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 **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 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 Fr John Warnaby and Geraldine Horwood

Offertory for Sunday 14th April

Loose £326.82 Envelopes £158.88 Total £485.70

Many thanks for your generosity