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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER-YEAR C

Saturday	7th	5.00 pm		For the Sick
Sunday	8th	9.00 am		Alexandria Nicolaidou RIP
		11.00 am		People of the Parish
Monday	9th	9.30 am	Easter Feria	
Tuesday	10th	9.30 am	Easter Feria	Holy Souls
Wednesday	11th	9.30 am	Easter Feria	Elizabeth O'Callaghan RIP
Friday	13th	9:00 am	Exposition and Mass (Our Lady of Fatima)	
Fifth Sunday of Easter Year C				
Saturday	14th	8.00 pm		
Sunday	15th	9.00 am		
		11.00 am		
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 4:30-pm or telephone the presbytery for an appointment				

We pray for the sick in our Parish especially Mary Hynes, Gina, Maria Keith, Julia Abimbola, Peggy, Martin, Ramasaway, Jane and Marcianna Caltaux. We pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially, Mary Bernard and Danuta Halsey, We also remember all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52 Paul and Barnabas preach first to the Jews, then to the pagans .

Second Reading: Revelation 7:9, 14-17 In praise of the martyrs, who came through persecution into glory.

Gospel Reading. John 10:27-30 Christ is the true Shepherd, who knows each one personally

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK- Real pastors care for real people

Jesus was often drawn to use the imagery of shepherds and sheep. Today's gospel considers the relationship between Jesus the Good Shepherd and the sheep he cares for and protects. The imagery is old but the message is topical. It is relevant to us and to the vibrancy and viability of our church. Our relationship with Jesus is a deeply personal one, but it is a force in our life that we are invited to share with others.

In order to gain eternal life, we need to listen to Jesus our Shepherd, and follow him. We attune our minds to the sound of his voice and let him lead us in the path he has shown. Self-centredness can make us deaf to the voice of Jesus. The easy option is to wander into rosier paths than the one he has traced. Many siren voices can draw us into an existence of corporate materialism and selfish comfort. But God is faithful and will not let us be tempted beyond our strength. We are in good hands, since God has entrusted us to his Son, our shepherd and saviour. Happy Easter Season to you all.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to the children from the Sunday morning preparation group who will be taking their First Holy Communion this Sunday afternoon. Thank you to their catechists and families who are supporting them. Our prayers are with you all.

PRIESTS' TRAINING FUND – Second Collection

This weekend is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. We will be taking up the annual collection for the Priest Training Fund. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. This 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 leaflets are available in the back of the church. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can also donate online at www.priesttrainingfund.org.uk

DIOCESE OF WESTMINSTER QUARTERLY MEETING OF DIOCESAN HOMELESS PROJECTS - Thursday 26 May, 3:30-5:00pm-Online

Join our growing community of volunteers and professionals who want to see the end of homelessness.

Find out more and sign up: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/diocese-of-westminster-quarterly-meeting-of-diocesan-homeless-projects-tickets-251110527347?aff=ebsoporgprofile>

FINANCIAL RESILIENCE AND COST OF LIVING/COST OF LIVING HUB

The Mayor of London has launched a new Cost of Living Hub, which helps people access information, support and advice about claiming benefits, dealing with debt, financial management and mental health support. To explore the hub, please visit <https://www.london.gov.uk/cost-living-hub>

One-stop information for people in Herts

Useful links and resources for people living in Herts [Hertfordshire County Council | Help to manage the cost of living](#)

ATTENDING MASS AT ST. PAUL'S PARISH

- That people displaying any symptoms of covid-19 should stay at home and not travel to church or participate in person.
- That hand sanitiser is available to those attending the Church.
- **Face coverings must be worn** by those attending public acts of worship unless there is a genuine exemption or the person is leading worship or participating in a role that requires the mask to be removed for a period of time. Let us be each other's keeper. **We pray the rosary each morning before Mass for an end to wars especially in Ukraine- Join us**

ST PAUL'S KNITTERS

The parish knitting group are now knitting blankets and hats for Ukrainian refugees. If anyone wants to help, please contact Pat Stevens. They are also looking for donations of wool which can be left at the church for Pat to pick up at the 9.00 am Sunday Mass.

NOW ACCEPTING CONTACTLESS DONATIONS

You will find our new DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE, contactless terminal in the church. Just use your contactless debit/credit card or smart phone/ device to make a donation. Simply choose the amount you wish to donate and hold your card onto the reader. Contactless donations are simple to administer, secure and convenient. There is also a link for donating to the Parish on our website <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/cheshunt/>

WESTMINSTER DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Planning for the Westminster Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from 22nd to 29th July 2022 is well under way! The Grotto has in fact been open since spring 2020 and awaits the return of international groups of faithful pilgrims and rest assured, Our Lady is abundant in patience. Please remember to tick 'Yes' or 'No', and to read and sign the Privacy Statement before returning the form, and note, the completion of the Expression of Interest Form does not constitute a commitment to make a booking. An online link can be found via: <https://forms.rcdow.org.uk/lourdes-pilgrimage-2022-expression-of-interest/> on the Westminster Diocese Pilgrimages webpage.

APPRECIATION:

Thank you for your continuous support to the Parish in these challenging times especially to our stewards and to all of you, for your generous giving to the Parish. God bless you. **Happy Easter to you all.**