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28/29 JANUARY 2023 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY YEAR A

Saturday	28th	5.00 pm		James and Winnie
Sunday	29th	9.00 am		People of the Parish
		11.00am		Thomas Shorly (int.)
Monday	30th	9.30 am	Feria	Queenie Anandappa RIP
Tuesday	31st	9.30 am	St. Bosco	Holy Souls
Wednesday	1st	9.30 am	Feria	
Friday	3rd	9.30 am	Benediction & Mass (St. Lawrence & Co)	John Thomas (Int.)
5th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A				
Saturday	4th	5.00 pm		
Sunday	5th	9 & 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 Barbara Bassett, Barbara Alexander and for those who have no one to care for them. We pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13 For I will leave among you a people humble and lowly

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12 The spirit of the Kingdom: The Beatitudes

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK- The beatitudes

There is a cleansing power in the beatitudes. They are about letting go of things that are not life-giving, and about becoming truly free. People who are detached and show gentleness to others, are blessed. Even if they are rich, their money does not make them boastful or proud. Grief is the price we must eventually pay for having loved. If you are determined never to cry at a funeral, don't ever love anyone. The meek and the gentle are the most resilient of people. Good people deeply respect justice and fair play, and try to win them for others. As you treat others, so you will be treated. If we want to receive mercy and compassion, we must show mercy to others. A pure heart is not devious, deceitful, selfish or cunning. Jesus did not say we should be passive. Rather he urges us to build bridges of peace with others.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

On Saturday February 11th 2023, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, and the 31st World Day of the Sick, Cardinal Vincent will celebrate Mass in the Cathedral at 2.30pm. During this Mass anointing of the sick will be offered.

COST OF LIVING CRISIS

The Caritas web page <https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/colc2022.php>, includes a pdf document (the brochure used at our conference in November) containing a range of organisations which can help people struggling with the cost of living. Their development team remains available to offer advice and direct you to support for any parish projects you wish to develop to help your community at this time. Find their contact details here: <https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/our-development-team.php> . **People who are in debt to their energy supplier** might be able to get a grant from a charitable trust to help pay it off. More details on this

link – plus links to several advice providers <https://fuelpovertyresource.org.uk/focus-on/fuel-debt-and-trust-funds/>

CAFOD- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are looking people join us as volunteers here in the Westminster diocese. Could you help us raise awareness about our work across the developing world tackling poverty and injustice. Find out by joining our meeting this Wednesday 1st February from 2.30-430pm in Oakwood, North London, N14 4HE. Please contact Tony at CAFOD for further details. westminster@cafod.org.uk or 0208 449 6970

VISIT THE REPOSITORY TODAY

The church Repository, in the room to the left of the 'crying room', **will be open after 11.00 am Mass this weekend**. It has been restocked with a range of First Holy Communion, Easter, Baptism, Sympathy and Mass cards. There are also Mother's Day cards and gifts. Lyn Brillus will be on hand to take orders for items such as rosaries, statues, candles etc which can be seen in a catalogue. Please note that payment can only be made with cash.

The Westminster Year Book for 2023 is now available from the back of the Church priced £4.50. Get a copy for yourself.

WARM SPACES PROJECT

St Joseph's Church are providing a warm space in the Meeting Room in the Parish Centre each Monday. It's open from 10.00am –3.30pm. They are offering hot drinks as well as a soup and sandwich lunch. They still need volunteers to help prepare the refreshments and to chat with the people who come along. There are three volunteer sessions each day. 9.30am –12 noon; 11.30am – 2.00pm; 1.30pm – 4.00pm. If you are able to help please contact the Parish Office at St Joseph's on 01992 623156 or email walthamcross@rcdow.org.uk.

SHROUD OF TURIN EXHIBITION

Shroud of Turin Exhibition from Monday 6th - Wednesday 22nd March 2023 at the Christian Heritage Centre based at Stonyhurst. Accompanying the display of a replica will be a historical and scientific commentary, looking at both its authenticity and its importance for Christians <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/shroud-of-turin-exhibition/>

CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

A new group will start in February running on Saturday mornings, online, 9-12.30pm. Please contact. Margaret Hanley, CCRS Co-ordinator, ccrs@rcdow.org.uk for general information, and an application form. Contact Anna, for information about bursary funding. See our catechist testimonies at <https://rcdow.org.uk/evangelisation/resources-for-parish-ministry/learn-from-me/>

ST PAULS SCHOOL STAY AND PLAY

You are invited to come to St Pauls School (Park Lane, EN7 6LR) with your under five year old child for a '**Stay and Play**' session every Friday morning from 9.15-10.15. Refreshments included. Fun for your child and a chance for you to meet other pre-school parents.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ENROLMENT MASS

Please pray for this year's candidates for First Holy Communion and their families. They will be receiving their crosses, to wear as a sign of their preparation, at their Enrolment Mass on Sunday afternoon.

MARRIAGE CARE

Willing to help couples forge a lifelong loving relationship? Marriage Care is a charity that runs marriage preparation courses for couples marrying in a Catholic church, and is looking for new course facilitators. Training is provided and volunteers will join the local Centre. More information can be found at: <https://www.marriagecare.org.uk/mpcf/>

APPRECIATION

Thank you for your continuous support to the Parish in these challenging times, especially to our stewards and all of you, for your generous giving to the Parish. **I will be away for one week (Next Week). Fr. Ford will be supplying the period I am away.**

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