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11/12 FEBRUARY 2023 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY YEAR A

Saturday	11th	5.00 pm		For the Sick
Sunday	12th	9.00 am		People of the Parish
		11.00 am		Eileen Nagle RIP
Monday	13th	9.30 am	Feria	Mamie Boyle RIP
Tuesday	14th	9.30 am	St. Cyril and Methodox	Holy Souls
Wednesday	15th	9.30 am	Feria	Sean Walsh RIP
Friday	17th	9.30 am	Benediction & Mass	
7th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A				
Saturday	18th	5.00 pm		
Sunday	19th	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: Sirach 15:15-20 To act well and faithfully is a matter of our own choice

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 We can know the power of the cross by the wisdom that comes from God

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:17-37 We must obey the spirit, and not just the letter of the law

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK- Seeking what unites

The Jews were proud of the Law of Moses. According to tradition, God had given it to their ancestors, as something precious and unique. In that Law was contained the will of the one true God. There they could find all that they needed to be faithful. For Jesus too the Law is important, but now it's not in the centre. He communicates another priority: God's Reign is coming; the Father is looking for a path to open among us for the building of a more human world. It is not enough for us to just keep Moses' Law. It is necessary to open ourselves to the Father and to collaborate with God in building a more just and fraternal life. That is why it is not enough to fulfil the law that orders

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/>

EARTHQUAKE IN TURKEY AND SYRIA

The devastating earthquakes this week in Turkey and Syria are on the top of our minds. Donations can, of course, be directed through CAFOD who will be supporting the work of church agencies on the ground. We pray for our brothers and sisters in Caritas Turkey and Caritas Syria, and you can read about their initial response here: <https://www.caritas.org/2023/02/earthquake-in-turkey-and-syria-caritas-network-launches-first-phase-of-aid/>

SINGING AT THE 11.00 AM MASS

The 11.00 am church choir is seeking singers or musicians of all levels who can play instruments e.g. guitars or keyboards. If you can spare an hour on Sunday morning, please join us with your musical instrument(s) for rehearsals. We meet at 10am every Sunday for practice in the church just before Holy Mass starts at 11.00 am. Should you wish to join, simply come to the 10.00 am practice.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Visit our Lady of Lourdes with the Diocese of Westminster on 21st – 28th July 2023. Pilgrimage led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Contact Elizabeth Uwalaka for more information. 0207 798 9173; email lourdes@rcdow.org.uk; web rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/Lourdes

ISABEL VAUGHAN SPRUCE - Arrested for silently praying outside a closed Abortion Centre.

Come and hear her speak at 7pm Monday 13th February 2023 and learn about the Life-Saving Peaceful Prayerful Outreach that is 40 Days for Life, as we prepare for a 40 Days for Life Campaign in Brixton. For more details contact Gabriella on 07745-711064 or The Good Counsel Network on 020-7723-1740. Venue: Parish Hall, Our Lady of the Rosary, 364 Brixton Road, London, SW9 0TH.

VISIT THE REPOSITORY TODAY

The church Repository, in the room to the left of the 'crying room', **will be open after every Mass this weekend.** It has been restocked with a range of Sympathy and Mass cards. 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.

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.

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