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18/19 FEBRUARY 2023 SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

Saturday	18th	5.00 pm		Molly & James Gallagher (Anniv.)
Sunday	19th	9.00 am		People of the Parish
		11.00am		Salvatore Spadafora (Anniv.RIP)
Monday	20th	9.00 am	Feria	Rosaleen Nolan RIP
Tuesday	21st	9.30 am	St. Peter Damian	Ernestina Hayford (Int)
Wednesday	22nd	9.30 am	Ash Wednesday	Maura Droza (Int.)
		7.30 pm		Tracee Dizenzo RIP
Friday	24th	9.30 am	Benediction & Mass	
			1st Sunday of Lent Year A	
Saturday	25th	5.00 pm		
Sunday	26th	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 Salvatore Spadafora, Molly & James Gallagher whose anniversaries occur at this time.

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18 God calls each believer to love his neighbour as her/himself

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23 The Church is the body of believers and the temple of God

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:38-48 The ultimate ideal: Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK- Compassion

Other thinkers had said: "do not do to others what you would not have them do to you." That is perhaps the basic law of manners and politeness. Jesus, characteristically, goes beyond this: Do to others.. The Christian ethic is positive. It goes beyond "Thou shalt not.." to "Do..." It is activist. There is the story of the man who appeared at the gate of heaven asking to be let in. St Peter asked him why he thought he should be let in. The man answered: "my hands are clean." "Yes," answered Peter, "but they are empty!" The Christian ethic always asks us to grow! Jesus asks for extra.

UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Ash Wednesday Masses at the church at 9:30am and 7:30pm and 10:30 am at St. Pauls Primary School. **Cafod's Family Fast day is on March 3. Cardinal's Lenten Appeal will take place during Lent.**

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 or without a musical instrument) 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.

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/>

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

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 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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