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25/26 FEBRUARY 2023 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A

Saturday	25th	5.00 pm		Mary Walsh (Anniv. RIP)
Sunday	26th	9.00 am		People of the Parish
		11.00 am		Felicia Aquah-Mills
Monday	27th	9.30 am	Lent Feria	Kemi Ojuri
Tuesday	28th	9.30 am	Lent Feria	Holy Souls
Wednesday	Mar 1st	9.30 am	St. David, Patron of Wales	Jimmy, Sheila Hourihan RIP
Friday	3rd	9.30 am	Benediction & Mass (World Day of Prayer)	
			2nd Sunday of Lent 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 Mary Walsh whose anniversaries occur at this time.

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7 How sin came into our world

Second Reading: Epistle to the Romans 5:12-19 However great the number of sins committed, grace

was even greater **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 4:1-11 The temptation in the wilderness

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK-Lent 2023

Lent is a 40-day fast — a reference to the time Jesus spent being tempted in the desert. It's a time when we can prepare our hearts for the remembrance of Christ's death. Our observance of Lent culminates in the solemn celebrations of Holy Week when on Palm Sunday we follow Christ from his triumphant entrance into Jerusalem to the foot of the Cross as sorrowful bystanders to His Passion, before rolling back the stone of the empty tomb and the joy of the Resurrection. Pope Francis says as with the chosen disciples at the Transfiguration, Jesus "takes us with Him to a place apart" during the season of Lent.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY- Friday, 3 March (Second Collection next weekend)

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Give today using the envelope or at cafod.org.uk/give and please join us in praying for CAFOD's development and emergency response work all over the world.

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/>

ST PAUL'S KNITTERS

The parish knitters received a letter from Great Ormond Street Hospital thanking them for the lovely hats, booties and blankets they had knitted for premature babies. They said 'It was very kind and generous of you and they are very much appreciated'. Please contact Pat Stevens (9.00 am Mass) if you would like to join this group.

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/>

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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