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### 4/5 MARCH 2023 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>5.00 pm</b>		Tony Watson RIP(Anniv.)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>		Brenden Bolland RIP
		<b>11.00 am</b>		People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b>	<b>6th</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Lent Feria	Maureen Hollebrand RIP
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7th</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Ss Perpetua & Felicity	Holy Souls
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8th</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	St. John of God	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>10th</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Stations of the Cross & Mass	
<b>3rd Sunday of Lent Year A</b>				
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>11th</b>	<b>5.00 pm</b>		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12th</b>	<b>9 &amp; 11.00 am</b>		
<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 4:30-pm or telephone the presbytery for an appointment</b>				

**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 Tony Watson and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.**

### SUNDAY READINGS

**First Reading:** Genesis 12:1-4 Abraham shows complete obedience to God, prepared even to sacrifice Isaac **Second Reading:** 2 Timothy 1:8-10 Suffering for the gospel will be repaid by our Saviour Jesus Christ **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 17:1-9 Jesus transfigured on Mount Tabor prepares his apostles for his passion

### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK- Life as Journey

Meaningful Living: Having God's command, and submitting entirely to it, made Abraham the first great pilgrim. Henceforth all his activity took on the value of obedience to God; he was on the high road towards Yahweh, the living God. The same spirit would give the deepest meaning to our lives too. Far from being absurd or useless, the pilgrim's efforts to follow the gospel of his Master are full of meaning. Progress along this way is the real formula for peace of mind. Augustine said it profoundly: You have made us for Yourself, o Lord; and our hearts can never be at rest, until they rest in You.

### CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY- (Second Collection this 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](http://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 10.00 am 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.

## **TOYS AND BABY CLOTHES NEEDED**

Good quality toys and baby clothes are needed for children age one to sixteen years, who are asylum and immigrant visitors to our community. There are over a hundred children and some pregnant mums in our area who have had to leave their homeland. If you have any donations, please contact Bernie on 07794649989

## **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 recent earthquakes 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](mailto:lourdes@rcdow.org.uk); web [rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/Lourdes](http://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/Lourdes).

## **PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND**

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: Join us on our pilgrimage/retreat to the Holy Land, led this year by Bishop John Sherrington and Fr John Farrell OP. Dates: Sunday 19th November to Monday 27th November. Route: Galilee – Jerusalem – Bethlehem. Flying from Heathrow on BA. Cost is for full board £2265 per person sharing a room, £682 single room supplement. Travel insurance essential. You can book online at <http://www.tangney-tours.com/WHL> or call Gill at Tangney Tours 01732 886666 or Elizabeth at the Pilgrimage office 0207 798 9173

## **VOLUNTEERING IN THE PARISH**

The Parish appreciates the selfless efforts of volunteers in our Parish. It has become necessary to appeal to all parishioners to generously offer their time and talents in building our Parish Community. Variety is the spice of life! We need more readers at all the Masses, welcomers (who also serve as offertory collectors), collection money counters, singers to boost the choir at the 11am Mass, more people to join the parish councils, people with ICT skills and children and youth catechists. If you are interested in helping please speak to Fr. Clement personally or email him; [cheshunt@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:cheshunt@rcdow.org.uk). Thank you

## **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 9.00-10.00. 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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