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11/12 MARCH 2023 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A

Saturday	11th	5.00 pm		Maureen & Billy O'Brian (int.)
Sunday	12th	9.00 am		Benedetta Catarinicchia RIP
		11.00am		Angela Smith (BD RIP)
Monday	13th	9.30 am	Lent Feria	
Tuesday	14th	9.30 am	Lent Feria	Sue Allen (Int.)
Wednesday	15th	9.30 am	Lent Feria	Phyllis Bolger (RIP Anniv.)
Friday	17th	9.00 am	Stations of the Cross & Mass (St. Patrick, Bishop)	Jane Wright (Int.)
4th Sunday of Lent 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 Salvatore Spadafora, Molly & James Gallagher and Benedetta Catarinicchia whose anniversaries occur at this time.

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7 God provides water and refreshes his people in the wilderness

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 God has reconciled us through the life of Christ

Gospel Reading: John 4:5-42 Jesus offers living water, the gift of the Holy Spirit

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK-The thirsting soul

The thirsting soul: Our need to drink regularly is obvious; without water we would quickly die. Not so easily recognized is the soul's thirst for meaning, for vision and purpose in life. We can be fully preoccupied with the surface of things, and quite neglect our spirit's obscure longing for eternal life. Like the Israelites, we worry constantly about physical needs, but are often unmindful of God who supplies them. Today, Jesus offers us the refreshing water of eternal life, a power of faith and union-with-God which is our deepest need, and can satisfy the thirst of our soul. How the desert blossoms, when water is brought to it. The same miracle of growth can take place in the parched soul, if God lets his Spirit flow over me. All the ravages of doubt, fear and sin will yield to the new life of grace.

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. Thank you

THANK YOU FOR GIVING TO CAFOD'S FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL

Thank you for giving to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal this Lent. Your generous donations, rooted in love, will support families around the world grow in strength to fight the climate crisis. You can still give online at cafod.org.uk/give. We realised **£ 635.71**. God bless you all.

TOYS AND BABY CLOTHES NEEDED

Good quality toys not requiring batteries 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

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 13th May 2023 at 2:30pm. The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2023. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish clergy the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

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; web 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

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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