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15/16 APRIL 2023 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

Saturday	15th	5.00 pm		Tony Watson RIP
Sunday	16th	9.00 am		For the Sick
		11.00am		People of the Parish
Monday	17th	9.30 am	Easter Feria	
Tuesday	18th	9.30 am	Easter Feria	Holy Souls
Wednesday	19th	9.30 am	Easter Feria	
Friday	21st	9.00am	Benediction and Mass	
Third Sunday of Easter Year A				
Saturday	22nd	5.00 pm		
Sunday	23rd	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 those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47 As a sign of their faith the early Christians shared their possessions

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9 Christians respond to his resurrection with hope, praise and joy

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31 The presence of the risen Jesus dispels fear and brings peace to his friends

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK- Meeting the Risen One

At first, Thomas refused to believe that the others had seen him. He demanded definite and demonstrable, tangible proof. Jesus gave him the proof he needed. "Put your finger here," he said, "and feel my wounds." He forgives our fears and doubts too, and offers us a fresh start. We need to say in our turn, "My Lord and my God."

Today we meet with the risen Christ, just as St Thomas did. Sharing in the Eucharist is our statement of loyalty, our act of personal and shared faith. In praying the Eucharist together, we help each other's faith and strengthen our Christian community. It was because the members of the early Church in Jerusalem met in public for prayer and seemed such a joyful little community, that so many others came to believe and the church grew steadily in those early, Spirit-filled days. Happy Easter Season to you all

APPRECIATION

Thank you to everyone whose support has brought our Parish Community this far. I particularly appreciate the various roles you all played to ensure that we had a good Easter celebration. Readers, decorators, cleaning team, office volunteers, stewards, and choir/singers at the 11am Mass; God bless you for sharing your gifts and talents in the vineyard of the Lord. Thank you for the personal cards and gifts to me.

REQUIEM MASS FOR THE LATE MARY MCHUGH

The partner and family announce the passing away of Mary McHugh. There will be a requiem Mass on Wednesday, 19th April, 2023 at 7pm at St. Pauls Church. You are all invited to support the bereaved family.

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

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2023-4

The current boxes of envelopes ran out on April 2. The new boxes with envelopes starting on April 9 are available for collection at the back of the church. Your number on your new envelopes remains the same as last year. The box will also have your name and postcode on it. If you have problems collecting the box please let us know and we can arrange delivery. We are very grateful for the steady income Envelope and Standing Order Planned Givers donate to the parish.

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/>

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

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. Happy Easter Season!

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