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18/19 MARCH 2023 FOURTH (LAETARE) SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A

Saturday	18th	5.00 pm		Julia Bannerman BD
Sunday	19th	9.00 am		Agnes Gallagher (Int.)
		11.00am		People of the Parish
Monday	20th	9.30 am	St. Joseph	Francie & Theresa O'Donoghue
Tuesday	21st	9.30 am	Lent Feria	Padraig Walsh RIP
Wednesday	22nd	9.30 am	Lent Feria	
Friday	24th	9.00 am	Stations of the Cross & Mass	Loyala Edirisinghe
5th 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 those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13 Samuel selects and anoints young David as future king of Israel **Second Reading:** Ephesians 5:8-14 Once you were in darkness, but now live as children of light
Gospel Reading: John 9:1-41 Jesus, Light of the World, cures the man who was born blind

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK- Open the eyes of my soul, Lord

It's hard to know why Jesus went through the ritual of the spittle, the mud, and the water, in order to heal the man. He healed other blind people with a touch, or simply a word. It might well have been a test of faith. He sent the ten lepers on their way, and they were healed as they journeyed along. He sent the centurion home and, before he reached home, he got word that his servant was healed. I often think that this is how Jesus heals many of us. We ask for his healing, and nothing seems to happen immediately. Maybe, after asking for his healing, we should go on our way, and expect to notice the healing taking place gradually as time goes by.

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

LENTEN ALMS/ CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL

The Collection Box at the back of the church is being used for the collection of your Lenten Alms Donations. You can also make donations online at WRCDT CHESHUNT Sort code is 40 05 20 and Account Number is 91264419., just put Lenten Alms as the reference. We will be using the donations to support the Broxbourne Food Bank.

The Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2023 Funds raised this year will be shared between the four pillars of the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal: Marriage & Family Life; Youth & Evangelisation; The Education Service and Caritas Westminster. The effects of the pandemic, followed by the cost of living crisis, are still making daily life harder for all. Price rises last year meant many families faced an impossible choice: HEAT or EAT? And this crisis is far from over. The Church continues to respond, with thousands of people putting their faith into action by serving those in need. Cardinal Nichols has expressed his gratitude to everyone who supports the Appeal, with whatever they can afford. And for those who can't give financially, your time is a priceless commodity – please see the posters on how you can volunteer in the diocese and help those in need. Please take a donation envelope today, for more information. You can use the QR code to make your donation online. Thank you for your generosity.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2023-4

The current boxes of envelopes run 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 this 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.

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/>

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

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.