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25/26 MARCH 2023 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A

Saturday	25th	5.00 pm		Mary Benard RIP
Sunday	26th	9.00 am		People of the Parish
		11.00am		Patrick McGowan (Sick)
				Serafina Spadafora RIP
Monday	27th	9.30 am	Lent Feria	Donata Halsey RIP
Tuesday	28th	9.30 am	Lent Feria	Holy Souls
		7.30 pm	Penitential Service	
Wednesday	29th	9.30 am	Lent Feria	Peter Mendola RIP Anniv.
Friday	31st	9.00 am	Stations of the Cross & Mass	Rosy Honappan RIP
Palm Sunday Year A				
Saturday	April 1st	5.00 pm		
Sunday	2nd	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 Serafina Spadafora, Keith Wittey, James Katomeris and Mary Bernard whose anniversaries occur at this time.

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14 During the exile, God's people were like a pile of dried bones

Second Reading: Epistle to the Romans 8:8-11 In baptism we have died to sin, to rise to new life

Gospel Reading: John 11:1-45 Jesus's raising of Lazarus shows his divine power

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK- Living life to the full

It seems a bit strange to have this gospel on the Fifth Sunday of Lent. It seems to be clearly about the resurrection and yet we are still plodding through Lent and have to get through Good Friday before we get to Easter. What's going on; have the Church's liturgical engineers got it all wrong? Can I suggest that this text is more about death than resurrection? After all, Lazarus isn't walking around today; he had to undergo another death. This text is more about our life and death here and now rather than about the resurrection. We will have time enough to consider the resurrection when we get to Easter Sunday and the weeks of celebration afterwards.

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

LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

You are all welcome to attend the Lent Penitential Service on Tuesday March 28 at 7.30 pm as part of your spiritual journey during Lent.

PARISH LENTEN ALMS COLLECTION

The Collection Box at the back of the church is being used for the collection of your Lenten Parish Alms Donations. You can also make donations online at WRCDDT 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.

CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL Second Collection this Weekend

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.

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.

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