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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A

Saturday	29th	5.00 pm		
Sunday	30th	9.00 am		For the Sick
		11.00am		People of the Parish
Monday	1st	9.30 am	Easter Feria	
Tuesday	2nd	9.30 am	Easter Feria	Holy Souls
Wednesday	3rd	9.30 am	Easter Feria	
Friday	5th	9:00am	Benediction and Mass	Douglas Kelly RIP(BD)
Fifth Sunday of Easter Year A				
Saturday	6th	5.00 pm	Mass for King Charles	
Sunday	7th	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 2:14, 36-41 Paul and Barnabas preach the Gospel first to the Jews, then to pagans, who receive it with joy

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20-25 In praise of the early martyrs, who came triumphantly through times of great persecution trusting in Christ, the Good Shepherd

Gospel Reading: John 10:1-10 Christ is the true Shepherd, each one personally; and no one can take away his sheep

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK- The Good Shepherd

“Good Shepherd Sunday” is a good occasion for us to think and pray about how the catholic church will fare for priests in the future. In Ireland right now it appears that the average age of ordained priests is about sixty-five, a statistic that demands significant change in how to recruit priests for the future, and what is to be expected of them. Padraig McCarthy made this point thus, “there is no such thing as a priestess parish. There may not be an ordained priest there, but the parish is a priestly people. How will this priesthood of the baptised take flesh in the coming decades? What factors which had value in the past are now hindering the mission of the church? What new model of ministerial priesthood is needed?” **Happy Easter Season to you all**

PRIEST TRAINING FUND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday and our second collection will support the Priest Training Fund. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood.

There are currently **48** men studying at Allen Hall seminary, **14** of whom are from our own Diocese, as well as two men studying in Rome and two in Valladolid. Last year **5** men were ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests.

The fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your gift ensures we can provide training for these men responding to Christ’s call to dedicate their lives to

serve God's people. Please be as generous as you can. Please also pray for vocations and for all our priests. If you do not have a donation envelope, plenty are still available at the back of the church. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. **Thank you for your generosity.**

KING CHARLE'S CORONATION

The Bishop's Conference has asked that we have three days of prayer for the King as he assumes his responsibility. There are prayer cards available for a Triduum of Prayer from Wednesday to Friday. We will conclude with a Mass for the Nation and the King at 5.00pm on Saturday evening.

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

HERTFORDSHIRE AGE UK

Hertfordshire Help the Aged are currently looking to recruit volunteers to help combat loneliness across the Hoddesdon & Broxbourne areas. To find out more, contact Age UK on 07525 070472 or emailvolunteering@ageukherts.org.uk

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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