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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD YEAR B



Saturday	23rd	5.00 pm		Micu Cusack RIP
Sunday	24th	9.00 am		People of the Parish
		11.00am		Jack Wake RIP
Monday	25th	9.30 am	Holy Week	Danuta Halsey (2 nd Aniv.)
Tuesday	26th	9.30 am	Holy Week	Holy Souls
Wednesday	27th	9.30 am	Holy Week	
Thursday	28th	8.00 pm	Maundy Thursday	
Friday	29th	11.00 am	Children's Stations of the Cross and Service	
		3.00 pm	Good Friday celebration of the Lord's Passion	
Easter Sunday Year B				
Saturday	30th	8.00 pm	Easter Vigil in the Holy Night	
Sunday	31st	9 & 11.00 am	Easter	
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 4:30-pm or telephone the presbytery for an appointment				

We pray for the sick in our Parish especially, Patricia Reilly, Mariesha McDonagh, 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 and for Danuta Halsey and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7 Words of the Suffering Servant: "I know I shall not be put to shame!"

Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11 The self-emptying of God's loving servant, to save his people

Gospel Reading: Mark 14:1-15:47 Mark's dark and stark Passion Narrative

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK- It was our sorrows he bore

The features of that face so cruelly disfigured were those of the Son of God. The forehead streaming with blood, the hands and feet nailed to the Cross, the body lacerated with scourges, the side pierced with a lance, these were the forehead, the hands and feet, the sacred body, the side of the eternal Word, made visible in Jesus. Why such suffering? We can only say with Isaiah, "It was for our transgressions he was smitten, for our sins he was brought low. On him lay the punishment that brings us healing, through his wounds we are made whole" (53:5ff). God, our Father, grant that your Son's suffering for us may not be in vain.

CARDINAL'S LENTEN ALMS- SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

The Collection Box at the back of the church will be used to support the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2024. All Funds raised go towards projects across our Diocese. Each year, the Diocese uses donations made to support the work of its services, such as Marriage & Family Life; Youth Ministry, and Education. Funds are also used to support the work of Caritas Westminster, who work for and with some of the most vulnerable people in our Diocese. His Eminence, Cardinal Nichols, has expressed his gratitude to everyone who supports the Appeal, with whatever they can afford. So, please take a donation envelope, for more information. You can use the QR code to make your donation online.

PLANNED GIVING DRIVE -OUTCOME

Early perusal of statistics suggests that our Planned Giving Drive was a success. So far we have 25 new Planned Givers and 28 people have signed up for Gift Aid who were not previously Gift Aiders. The Diocese predicts a 20% rise in our income. If you had to take a form away to fill it in, please do not forget to return it. If you missed last Sunday, please ask Father for a form if you wish to join the Planned Giving Scheme.

RECONCILIATION ON WEDNESDAY

Fr. Clement will be available for the sacrament of reconciliation/confessions on Wednesday (March 27) in the morning (10am-12noon) after Mass and in the evening 6pm-7:30pm. Just walk in.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2024/25

The current boxes of envelopes run out on March 31. The new boxes with envelopes starting on April 7 are available for collection at the back of the church. Your number on your new envelopes remains the same as this financial year. The box will also have your name and postcode on it to help identify it. If you have problems collecting the box, please let us know and we can arrange delivery. New envelope givers will also find their boxes of envelopes at the back of the church. We are very grateful for the steady income Envelope and Standing Order Planned Givers donate to the parish.

REPOSITORY

The Repository will be open after 11.00 am Mass. Cards and presents available for Easter, First Holy Communion and Confirmation etc

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 25th May 2024 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 2024. 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).

CAMEROON CATHOLIC WOMEN 'S ASSOCIATION (CWA).

The Catholic Women's Association which was launched in March last year continues to meet every Wednesday evening at 7pm for prayers and doctrinal information: and every second Sunday of the month at Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph's parish, Waltham Cross. A process which enables us to deepen our faith as lay evangelists. Our blessed lady being our leader and intercessor. Our members live by the motto: "To serve and not to be saved and strive to be agents of transformation within the family, church and community. The CWA was founded in 1964 and has a membership of 7.5 thousand women all over the world. She is a member of the World Union of Catholic Women Organisation. (WUCWO). Women aged 18 and over are welcome to join us in our way through Mary to Jesus. We pray that the Lord, who calls us and sends us on our mission, bless our endeavours, and increase for the service of his church faithful and dedicated Marian's. To God be the glory. Please contact Mrs Adeline Mua on 07552312532 or Mrs Florence Ekiko, on 07542122713 for more information. Thank you.

DIOCESAN JOBS

Are you looking for job opportunities? Westminster Diocese has some opportunities for you. For a list of current vacancies and further details, please visit <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

BROXBOURNE FOOD BANK

We will continue to support the Broxbourne Food Bank. Food donations can be put in the container near the altar. Money donations can be made via BACS to Broxbourne Foodbank, Lloyds Bank, sort code 77-05-13 Account Number 15360568

APPRECIATION

Thank you for your continuous support to the Parish, especially to our stewards and all of you, for your generous giving to the Parish.