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**2/3 MARCH 2024**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B**



|   |             |                         |                                 |                      |
|---|-------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Saturday</b>   | <b>2nd</b>  | <b>5.00 pm</b>          |                                 | Tony Watson RIP      |
| <b>Sunday</b>   | <b>3rd</b>  | <b>9.00 am</b>          |                                 | Ann O'Connor RIP     |
|   |             | <b>11.00am</b>          |                                 | People of the Parish |
| <b>Monday</b>   | <b>4th</b>  | <b>9.30 am</b>          | Feria                           |                      |
| <b>Tuesday</b>  | <b>5th</b>  | <b>9.30 am</b>          | Feria                           | Holy Soul            |
| <b>Wednesday</b>  | <b>6th</b>  | <b>9.30 am</b>          | Feria                           |                      |
| <b>Friday</b>   | <b>8th</b>  | <b>9:00 am</b>          | Stations of the Cross &<br>Mass | The Sick & Carers    |
| <b>4th Sunday Lent Year B</b>   |             |                         |                                 |                      |
| <b>Saturday</b>   | <b>9th</b>  | <b>5.00 pm</b>          |                                 |                      |
| <b>Sunday</b>   | <b>10th</b> | <b>9 &amp; 11.00 am</b> |                                 |                      |
| <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 4:30-pm or telephone the presbytery for an appointment</b> |             |                         |                                 |                      |

**We pray for the sick in our Parish especially, Margaret Watson, 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 especially for whose anniversaries occur at this time.**

### SUNDAY READINGS

**First Reading:** Exodus 20:1-17 The Ten Commandments, given to Moses on Mount Sinai

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 Christ crucified is our focus, calling a halt to all factions and disputes

**Gospel Reading:** John 2:13-25 Jesus purifies the Temple of commercial defilement; then proclaims himself the New Temple

**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK-**Market place values not to override the values of the temple  
The fiery Jesus of the gospel reading, who is passionate about what God wants, remains alive and active at the heart of the church today. The relationship between the Lord and the church, between the Lord and each one of us, will always be marked by a certain tension, because the Lord will always be working to purify and renew us. In the light of the gospel reading, we might ask ourselves in what ways we have allowed the values of the market place to override the values of the gospel in our own lives, in the life of our society, in the life of our church. Lent in particular is a time when we try to listen to what the Spirit may be saying to us about our lives; it is a time when as individuals and as a community we are called to allow the Spirit to renew our lives so that we conform more fully to the image and likeness of Christ.

### PLANNED GIVING APPEAL (2-17 March)

Together with the support of the Parish Finance Committee and Westminster Diocese, we are organising a planned giving campaign this month (2-17 March). Kindly listen to all the speakers, as we seek your support for the growth of our Parish. Thank you for your prayers and kind support.,

### CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY COLLECTION-Appreciation

The Parish raised £440.91 for CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal which will help the hardworking people, like James the fisherman in Liberia, with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good.

Please join us in praying with James, that our sisters and brothers around the world have what they need to feed their families. You can still give online at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk). **Thank you for your kind giving.**

## **REPOSITORY**

The Repository will be open after the 11.00 am Mass this weekend. It has been restocked with cards for Confirmation, First Holy Communion, St Patrick's Day etc There are also small gifts and plaques for these occasions. Please note that it is cash only for purchases

## **TOWARDS OCTOBER 2024 -PARISH MEETING**

The Diocese is asking us to prepare for the next stage of the ongoing Synod. Bishops and laypeople from around the world met in Rome for four weeks last October and considered all the submissions which had been sent in from the consultations which had been held last year. Two dominant themes of the Synthesis Report from the First Session were Co-responsibility and Formation. In preparation for the next session of the Synod, which will take place in Rome this coming October, we are being asked to consider how what was said about these two themes might inform a discussion about how, as a Parish, we might better organise ourselves for the mission of spreading the Good News of God's love for the world in our local area.

## **SAFEGUARDING; Achieving a culture of safeguarding in our Parish**

To help create a safe space and build a culture of safeguarding, I would like to remind parishioners that, the parish has a Safeguarding representative in the person of Trevor Mills. Contact Trevor on 07954438606 /[cheshuntsg@safeguardingrcdow.org.uk](mailto:cheshuntsg@safeguardingrcdow.org.uk). [www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk](http://www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk). [www.rcdow.org.uk/diocese/safeguarding](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/diocese/safeguarding). The diocesan safeguarding coordinator can be contacted on: 0207 7989350.

## **SUPPORT SVP**

"The SVP are distributing over 10,000 Vinnie Packs containing cold weather essentials to the homeless and those spending the principal part of their day on the streets. Each pack contains thermal gloves, thermal hat, two pairs of thermal socks, face flannel, toothbrush, toothpaste, information sheet and pen. Please could you consider sponsoring packs at a suggested donation of £4.20 per pack? Donations can be sent to Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ with cheques made out to SVP or by bank transfer to Nat West sort code 60-60-04, account no. 4608 8237. Thank you so much for your support."

## **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, 25 th, 30th, 40 th, 50 th 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).

## **KNOCK PILGRIMAGES**

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock & Co Mayo, 10th March 2024. £899.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights in 4\* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com).

## **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.

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