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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUN.)-YEAR B



Saturday	6th	5.00 pm		Dennis Watson BD RIP
Sunday	7th	9.00 am		Mary McHugh (1 st Anniv.)
		11.00am		Breda & Malachy Butler RIP
				Joan & Daniel Kearney RIP
Monday	8th	9.30 am	The Annunciation of the Lord	
Tuesday	9th	9.30 am	Easter Feria	Rosy Anthony RIP
Wednesday	10th	9.30 am	Easter Feria	Holy Souls
Friday	12th	9:00 am	Benediction & Mass	Paulette Ayisi BD
Third Sunday of Easter Year B				
Saturday	13th	5.00 pm		
Sunday	14th	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, **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 **Mary McHugh, Breda & Malachy Butler and Joan & Daniel Kearney** and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35 Total sharing, among the first Christians

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6 By this we know that we love the children of God

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31 The presence of the risen Jesus banishes fear and brings peace to his friends

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK- Unlocking our door

In the gospel we find the disciples locking themselves into a room because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities. Even after an excited Mary Magdalene came to them from the empty tomb announcing that she had seen the Lord, this was not enough to overcome their fear. What had been done to Jesus could be done to them. ... which led to their hiding in self-imposed confinement. The turning point came when the risen Lord himself appeared to them behind their closed doors and helped them over their fear. He did this by breathing the Holy Spirit into them, filling them with new energy and hope, freeing them from fear and releasing them to share in his mission. "As the Father sent me, so am I sending you," he said. In the power of the Spirit, they came to life and went out from their self-imposed prison, to bear witness to the risen Lord. This is the picture of the disciples that Luke gives us in today's reading from Acts. He describes a community of believers, the church, witnessing to the resurrection both in word and by the quality of their living. **Happy Easter season to you all.**

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 to Father Clement the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2024/25

The current boxes of envelopes ran 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 last 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.

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 predict 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. Forms are still available if you wish to join the Planned Giving Scheme and you were away when they were given out. Please ask Father for one

REPOSITORY

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

PARKING

Please park only on church property to avoid blocking residents' driveways. The road is narrow so even parking opposite a driveway can cause problems. There is extra parking available at Holly Lodge on Church Lane at weekends. When parking in the church carpark, please park so that the maximum numbers of cars can fit in. Please note that the parking space in front of the flats, adjacent to the church, is private land and for residents of the flats only.

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