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Last week's collection £ 1607. Many Thanks.

Planned Giving boxes of envelopes. Please pick up your box from the Parish Room if you have not yet done so. Covid decimated the number of planned giving contributors and there is a great need to recoup losses here by asking more people to participate. You can do that by asking for a box, by supplying name and address. There are other means of contributing as well. Donation details can be found on Parish website. Thanking you.

Ukraine Appeal. We are all only too aware of the tragedy of war in Ukraine. We are also aware of the great humanitarian response by so many countries. With Covid, the war and all the fiscal and economic difficulties of the present time our world and our lives are being hit very hard. Nonetheless we do feel for what has happened to the people of Ukraine and we want to make our contribution to the aid effort. Today we are holding a special collection in the parish with that end in mind. The money will be sent directly to CAFOD who will then link in with their partners Caritas Poland and Caritas Ukraine on the ground.

A document entitled Resilience, Trauma and Pastoral Recovery has been written by Professor James McManus suggesting ways to support parishioners returning to Mass after the pandemic. It also looks at the pressures on clergy during the pandemic. Considered worth a read. You will find it online.

First Communion Program recommences on Sunday 24th April at 9.30am in the Hall. Confirmation Program recommences on Saturday 23rd April at 11am. First Communion Masses on 21st and 22nd May at 2.15pm. Confirmation Mass on 11th June at 2.15pm.

Stations of the Cross during Lent at 7pm and after the 12 noon Mass on Sundays. The Holy Week Program will be fully restored this year after the Covid interlude and will be as follows. Palm Sunday 10th April. Blessing of palms at all Masses. Monday 11th April Penitential Service at 7pm. Holy Thursday 14th April Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8pm. Good Friday 15th April. Stations for families at 11.30am. Liturgy of the Passion 3pm. Stations 7pm. Saturday 16th April Vigil Mass at 8pm. Easter Sunday 17th April. Masses at 9am, 10.30am and 12 noon.

Music and singing in the Liturgy. We are trying to include this kind of contribution in the 9am and 10.30 Sunday Masses. It would be of help if a few people with musical ability were to come forward. Also singers of course.

The Pope's Monthly Intention. We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and elderly, especially in the poorer countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

Seeing your life through the Lens of the Gospel. Compassion for human frailty combined with a gentle challenge to a better life marked the response of Jesus. The Pharisees and scribes self-righteously condemn the woman until Jesus brought them in touch with their own sinfulness. This was a conversion moment for them. Jesus had the courage to voice an opinion, even though it was against the party line of the day.

Prayers for the Dead. Maureen Geraghty, John Ambrose and Robert Ryan.

SUPPORT AND HOMES FOR UKRAINIAN REFUGEES IN BARNET

If you would like to be a part of our efforts to welcome Ukrainian refugees to Barnet please sign up here: <https://forms.gle/XQbpztxAYW3UgJvr5>

We will be holding initial informational meetings for hosts and prospective hosts soon.

For more information contact Tamara Joseph at chair@fps.org.