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Last week's collection.£1874. Many Thanks.

Requiem for Anna King on Monday 27th March at 10am in St Mary and St Andrew Church, Dollis Hill.

Requiem for Charles Patrick Galligan on Tuesday 4th April here at St Agnes Church. Your prayers for the repose of their souls and for their families in their loss.

Prayers for the Dead. Anna King, Charles Patrick Galligan, Joseph Rock.

Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 7pm. Also after the 12noon Mass on Sundays.

Confirmation Bake Sale will take place on Sunday 26th March after the 10.30am and 12 noon Masses. Money raised will be donated to Ashford Place, Cricklewood.

Feasts this week. Monday 20th March. Feast of St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of the Diocese. The Blessing of St Joseph. May the poverty of my sweet and suffering little Child be your riches. His sighs and His tears the consolation of your days. The love of His adorable heart your earthly treasure. And the clear vision of His adorable and glorified humanity be your eternal joy and recompense. Amen.

Saturday 25th March. Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord. If Mary had been asked at the beginning of that momentous day, how important or special she felt, she would probably have laughed at the absurdity of the question. But, by the end of the encounter with that divine messenger, her destiny had changed. Every day God is knocking at our doors and asking us to become important and special on his behalf. Every day we are being invited to carry the Good News of his Son into the world. It does not matter how ordinary we consider ourselves to be, because that is not how God sees us. To God we all have the calling and the potential to rise above the ordinary and to take the light of Christ into the dark corners of this world. We just have to join Mary in saying: Let it be with me according to your word.

Prayer for Pope Francis on the 10th Anniversary of his Petrine Ministry. O God, the Shepherd and Ruler of all your faithful people, mercifully look upon your servant Pope Francis. We beg You to help him edify those over whom he has charge, that he may reach everlasting life together with the flock entrusted to him. Lord Jesus shelter our Holy Father the Pope under the protection of Your Sacred Heart. Be his light, his strength and his consolation.

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel. The blind man was healed. Have there been occasions when some blindness of yours was taken away and you could see in a new way? The Pharisees claimed to be the ones who could see, who knew where God was to be found, when in fact they were blind. It was the man born blind who showed himself open to see the hand of God at work in what happened. What has helped you to be open to see the hand of God at work in your life? The Pharisees seem to have had a collective blindness to what God was doing in Jesus. There are many characters in the story: Jesus, the blind beggar, the disciples, the neighbours, the blind man's parents and the Pharisees. Put yourself in the position of each and see what you learn from identifying with them.

Caritas Social Action Network, in partnership with St John of God Hospitaller Services, an international Catholic charity with many services for the vulnerable in the UK and Ireland, are matching Ukrainian people displaced by the brutal war in their country with people in the Catholic community willing to host them in their homes for six months. If you have room in your home and in your heart to consider welcoming a stranger displaced by war, then we'd love to hear from you. Please visit <https://siog-homesforukraine.uk/> for more information.