

MASS TIMES THIS COMING WEEK

4th March –10th March 2024

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
MON 4TH	9 TO 11 AM	9.30 AM	DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE HARRINGTON FAMILY
TUES 5TH	9 TO 11 AM	9.30 AM 12 NOON	YVONNE GRASSO RIP FUNERAL— PAULINE FITZGERALD
WED 6TH	9 TO 11 AM	9.30 AM	AURELIO ATIENZA RIP
THURS 7TH	8.30AM	9.00AM	INTS BERNIE CURTIS
FRI 8TH MAR	10 TO 11 AM	NO MASS	ROSARY AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
SAT 9TH	9 TO 11 AM	9.30 AM	FR MARTIN AND FAMILY EXPOSITION AND CONFESSIONS
SUN 10TH	4TH SUNDAY LENT	6 PM SAT EVENING 9.30AM 11.30AM	PATRICJK O'ROURKE RIP ROY WORREL RIP PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

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RCIA St Thomas More RCIA candidates recently attended the Rite of Election at the Cathedral, along with many others from around the Diocese, as part of their preparations towards Baptism, Reception, Confirmation and the Holy Eucharist, taking place in the parish at Easter. Let us remember them in our prayers, as they continue to undertake this journey to full reception into the Church.

DATES FOR THE DIARY



LIFE ASCENDING GROUP—meeting next on **Wednesday 6th March** at 2.30pm in the Library and every fortnight thereafter. Their welcome extends to all Christians in their middle to later years.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL will next meet —**Sunday 10th March** In the Library, after the 9.30am Mass. All are welcome to come along and see what they do, to help those in need of support locally.

FOODBANK—Thank you for all your contributions. The next collection will be on **Tuesday 12th March**.

LENT: LAMENT AND CONSOLATION Come and discover a neglected treasure - the prayer of lament - and gain concrete experience in using certain heart/soul "tools" that will enrich your adventure through life towards flourishing! In this open-rehearsal-style worship and performance event, Eastcote-based composer Edwin Fawcett will share ten songs, five of them previously unheard, with his band, guest singers and a choir made up of... you! **Sunday 17th March 4—7pm**, London EC1Y 8LD Free tickets available at the QR code.



DEANERY LENT DAY—**Saturday 23rd March 9.30am to 3pm** Led by Fr John Hemer. A Day with Talks, Mass, Adoration and Confessions held at Pield Heath House School, Pield Heath Road, UB8 3NW (parking available) To book your place, please email uxbridge@rcdow.org.uk or call Angela: 01895 233193. See poster.

CARDINALS LENTEN APPEAL— This takes place throughout Lent. Donations will go to projects across the Diocese to support the work of their services, such as Marriage & Family Life; Youth Ministry, and Education. Funds are also used to support the work of Caritas Westminster, who work with the some of the most vulnerable people in the Diocese. Envelopes and details are at the back of church.

SATURDAY 16TH MARCH.

AN EVENING OF IRISH SONG—led by the folk group 7 for 7.30 pm start

See posters for more details or the parish website

SIGN Up sheets at the back of church for numbers. Bring your own refreshments



SUNDAY 3RD MARCH 2024 + 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT +

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

2ND/ 3RD MARCH

6.00 PM ANDY O'NEILL RIP

9.30 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

11.30AM KATHLEEN WALL RIP



FOR OUR PRAYERS

SICK PARISHIONERS

Teresa Collins, Gloria Lewis, Betty O'Neill, Audrey Farrell and those in our local nursing homes especially Mary Richards, Kitty Goldie, Dolores Walsh, Sarah Joyce and Katie Loftus.

FOR OUR HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS ESPECIALLY

Peggy McMahan, Norma Kolakowska, and Hilda Minoli.

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME :

Sr Carmel Cussen, Tommy Loftus, Alec Roke and John Pitt

Dear Parishioners,

"Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace."

In this Sunday's Gospel we hear about Jesus' cleansing of the Temple in Jerusalem. John's Gospel places this event at the very beginning of Jesus' public ministry during the first of his three annual trips to the capital for the Passover. Jesus cries out that the money-changers have turned his Father's House into a "marketplace." The Jewish Temple, at the time of Jesus' public ministry, was the place people travelled to each year for Passover to offer the sacrifice of a spotless male lamb in commemoration of the first Passover in Egypt when God set the Jews free from slavery. During this annual celebration, Jewish families who travelled to Jerusalem would purchase a lamb for sacrifice. Today, we see the Jewish Temple as a symbol and prefiguration of Christ, the New Temple who is also the priest and the Lamb of Sacrifice. At Jesus' death, the veil of the Temple was torn in two, opening it up to the whole world so that all may now share in the sacrifice of the Lamb of God. We are all now invited into this holy of holies to share in the new life of grace accomplished by this sacrifice. We are called to allow the grace of this sacrifice of Jesus to enter into our hearts, to cleanse and purify us, so that every person receiving this grace can become a new dwelling place of God, a member of his new temple, the Body of Christ. Let us reflect, today, upon this twofold cleansing of the Temple in Jerusalem by our Lord and apply Jesus' sacred actions today to our own soul. Are there sins in our lives that require cleansing? Let us allow Jesus to cleanse us so that his saving sacrifice as the new Passover Lamb will indeed purify us and liberate us in his service and love. This week we pray especially for the grace to see how God is calling us to participate in our parish through volunteering ourselves in a more fruitful and fulfilling way.

OUR JOURNEY THROUGH LENT... AND BEYOND!

This Lent we are considering our involvement in our parish in various ways. Using the acronym **LOVE** – we are; **L**ooking at ourselves, our **O**fferings to the church, **V**olunteering our time, the place of the **E**ucharist and prayer. Each week we are looking at one of these aspects of our parish life together. This week we will consider our generosity with our selves, our time, our talents and generally how we participate spiritually and socially in our parish by volunteering ourselves. The parish is a primary place where the participation in the Body of Christ, which is the Church, takes place with our brothers and sisters. See the posters and leaflets that are being produced for more information and guidance. .

....and the greatest of these is LOVE 1 Corinthians 13:13

*If you were unable to make Mass last weekend, copies of the forms and leaflets relating to the talk given regarding **OUR OFFERINGS** are still available this week and on the parish website.*

PRAYER FOR THE HOLD LAND– Cardinal Vincent Nicholls has asked for a special focus of prayer on **Friday 8th March** across the Diocese, for Peace in the Holy Land.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION– Classes start this coming Tuesday for our candidates at 8pm in the Anglim Room.

We pray for

PAULINE FITZGERALD

recently departed.



THE VIGIL LAMP AT OUR LADY

burns this coming week in
LOVING MEMORY OF

JOHN HINDE