

Opening hours:

The church is open daily for private prayer and adoration:

Monday—Friday from: 8am– 9pm;

Saturday & Sunday open from 9am; closed after evening Mass;

LITURGY, CONFESSION; MASS TIMES & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Sunday

28 April

Acts 9:26-31;
1 John 3:18-24;
John 15: 1-8 ;

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Masses: 10am, 12noon and 6pm.

Week 1

3-5.30pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

7pm – Church closed.

Monday

29 April

St Catherine of Siena
V&D Patron of Europe

9am – Mass;

9.30–Rosary followed by the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Tuesday

30 April

Easter Feria

9am – Mass.

9.30 – Rosary followed by the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

7.30pm – Mass followed by devotion to St Anthony.

Church will be closed at 9pm.

Wednesday

1 May

St Joseph the Worker

9am – Mass.

9.30 – Rosary followed by the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Thursday

2 May

St Athanasius B&D

9am – Mass.

9.30 – Rosary followed by the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Friday

3 May

Ss Philip & James Ap..

First Friday

9am – Mass.

Friday Abstinence

9.30 – Rosary followed by the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

6.30–7.10pm—Confessions

7.30pm—Mass followed by Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament through all night.

Saturday

4 May

English Martyrs

9.30 – 9.50am – Confessions;

10am – Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

10.30am—Church cleaning.

12noon - Wedding Kishan Pattni & Sahani Premaratne;

2pm - Baptism;

3-6pm— Church open for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

5.30 – 6.10pm – Confessions;

6.30pm – Mass – Saturday Vigil.

Sunday

5 May

Acts 10:25, 34-35, 44-48;
1 John 4: 7-10;
John 15: 9-17;

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Masses: 10am, 12noon and 6pm.

Week 2

3-5.30pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

7pm – Church closed.

St Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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Parish Office—Opening Time:

Tuesday 10-3.30, Wednesday
& Thursday: 9.30am-3.00pm

Access the website via this QR
code:



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Fifth Sunday of Easter

28 April 2024

St Catherine of Siena on Divine Providence

St. Catherine, a beloved daughter of St. Dominic, is one of those spiritual giants who truly lived what she preached.

She was at once both a mystic and completely down to earth; a faithful friend to so many, yet never afraid to speak the truth when it was unpopular.

Her spirituality was grounded in the Truth, and she possessed an audacious capacity to love her neighbour.

Most of all, I think St. Catherine had a profound understanding of God's mercy and goodness at work through His Divine Providence. Her example of personal acceptance of suffering in this life, and even a desire to suffer out of love for God, is a remarkable witness for today. It is a spiritual diamond so worthy of our contemplation.

She desired nothing more than to be united to her Spouse, Christ Crucified.

Our world tells us that suffering should be eradicated. Our nature prompts us to avoid it at all costs! But faith offers a different

perspective. St. Catherine knew that in order to *be* like Christ, we should *think* and *desire* with Him. Out of love for us, Jesus embraced His Cross, and so redeemed the world. Jesus wedded suffering to love, and through it opened the path to salvation.

She records the words: "In my (God's) Providence, I allow the world to bring forth many troubles, both to prove one's virtue and that I may have reason to reward them for suffering..."

God may allow trouble in this world, but we can remain at peace. Our gracious God is at work for our *personal good* by increasing our life of grace and granting us an eternal reward. St. Catherine longed for the suffering that would draw her close to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus because she knew that it was the means by which she would be made like Him.

God may not always "fix" or "prevent" a challenging situation, but He can always be *trusted*, because He *is* Good.

by Mother Anna Grace, O.P.

Welcome to all at Mass today and especially anyone who is new. Please take this Newsletter home with you. You may wish to share it with family and friends. This newsletter can also be found via our website.

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Parish email: edgware@rcdow.org.uk

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PARISH NOTICES

Please pray for those who have died: Fr John Michael Warnaby RIP, Fr David Williamson; Sean McGovern, Brian Stodel, Alda Mary Monteiro; (...) and for those whose anniversaries occur about now: (...). **Please pray for sick and housebound parishioners:** Fr Pius Pinto; Brian Mangan; Edgar D'Souza; Sheila Clarke; Margaret Tivenan; Cicely Malcolm; Kathleen Rebello; Joe & Genny De Lord; Ronald Craved; Jacqueline Kasparian; Jennie McGovern; Emilia Proto; Maura Brothwood; Dorothy O'Shea;

The Lamps in our Church

This week the lamp burns for:

By the Tabernacle (left) Holy Souls Intentions;
By the Tabernacle (right) Holy Souls Family Intentions;
Blessed Sacrament chapel (left) Parishioner's Intentions;
Blessed Sacrament chapel (right) Parishioner's Intentions;
By the Statue of St Anthony (left) Parishioner's Intentions;
By the Statue of St Anthony (right) Parishioner's Intentions.



Parish online:

- **Mass can be watched Daily at:**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChKzZ7fMVPTPUJuF72b2oOA>.

- **More on our website:**

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/edgware>

The Easter edition of **Allen Hall Seminary News** can be found in the porch.

Those who still wish to donate to the **Priest Training Fund** can do so using the envelopes at the back of church, or through the QR code on the posters.

Most importantly, **please pray for all young people** that they may have the courage to follow the Lord in discovering their true vocation.

Coffee Morning

ToBeOne would like to invite you to a coffee morning on **Sunday 28th April after the 10am Mass in the parish Centre.**

May

Month of Mary - The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The whole Church is encouraged to pray the Rosary and Litany of Loreto, whether that be individually, in groups or as families.

Feast of St Joseph the Worker - May 1st - In 1955, Pope Pius XII added this feast to the liturgical calendar. This silent saint was

given the noble task of watching over the Virgin Mary and Jesus, and now cares for and watches over the Church. He is a model of dignity, and an exemplar of the intrinsic value and dignity of human labour.

- Forthcoming events -

Night Vigil Eucharistic Adoration on the First Friday of the month. The Night Vigil begins with Mass on Friday 3rd May at 7.30pm. After that the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed continuously until Saturday 4th May at 9.20am.

◆ **Plant Sale - ToBeOne** will have a plant sale on Saturday May 11th. Can you help by donating some plants or seedlings? Start now by sowing seeds, taking cuttings and splitting existing plants.

Pilgrim Our Lady Statue In My Home

We are looking for families to host the statue of Our Lady. If you would like to take the statue from Sunday Mass for one week, contact Debbie or Fr Robert.

Prayer for Peace:

Loving God, We pray for the people of those countries where there are conflicts and war, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. May we walk in your

ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people who are caught up in conflict and for all the world. Amen.

- Catechesis -

Baptismal Course The next course for parents will take place on Saturday 18th May at 3pm, in the Holy Family Room. Parents who wish to baptise their child will need to attend this course.

First Holy Communion Programme The next session for children will be on **Monday 29th April at 6pm in the Parish Centre.**

Walk With Me Programme The next session will take place on **Monday 29th April at 6pm in the Parish Centre.** For children aged 6—14 years old, to give them an opportunity to understand and to grow in their faith.

Sacrament of Confirmation The next session: **Wednesday 1st May at 7.30pm** in the Parish Centre.

The Belles of St. Anthony (Womens group) meet on **Wednesday 1st May at 1pm—2.30pm in the Holy Family Room** **St. Anthony's Men's Group** is postponed until further notice.

Children's Liturgy — will take place on **Sundays at the 10am Mass.** Children aged 4—7 are welcome.

Sponsor a Sanctuary Lamp To book your lamp intention please contact the parish office.

Planned Giving Envelopes 2024/25 are located at the back of the Church. In the future only those who have signed a Gift Aid Form, as a tax payer, will receive envelopes.

- Finance -

Giving by Standing Order. Would you consider gifting your offering by Standing Order? If so, the payment details are: **HSBC Bank plc, Sort Code: 40-05-20, a/c no: 61095900 a/c name: Church of St Anthony of Padua, Edgware;** If you are a

tax payer and willing to sign for Gift Aid, kindly visit Debbie, at the office.

Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, 19th-26th July. Book via the Diocesan website <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> by end April to travel by coach, train or air.

Sponsor a Lourdes Wheelchair

The diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes is in need of new wheelchairs to transport the assisted pilgrims during the pilgrimage. Each wheelchair costs £139. If anyone would like to sponsor a wheelchair in memory of someone, then please contact Elizabeth Uwalaka in the Pilgrimage Office on: elizabethuwalaka@rcdow.org.uk or 0207 798 9173 for further details.

Wish to meet with the Parish Priest

Clergy Availability The next Clergy Availability will be on **Tuesday 30th April at 6-7pm in the Parish Office** located near the Sacristy, beside the toilets. References for Applications to Catholic schools, Baptism, Marriage and other matters can be discussed. No appointment is needed. **The Repository: Mrs Annette O'Malley** Tuesdays and Fridays, 9.30am - 11am and on Sundays after the 10am and 12 noon Masses.

Parish Office: the Parish Office is not open due to unforeseen circumstances. We will do our best to respond to phone calls and answerphone messages.

Church Cleaning

Saturday 10.30am

Team IV

N. Okeke-Aru; P. Buluma;
S. Mohammadi; S. Wachira.

Thank you to all who help to clean and care for our church.



Turn off your mobile phone!!!

Don't let anything or anyone interrupt your time with God.

Thank you