

PARISH TEAM

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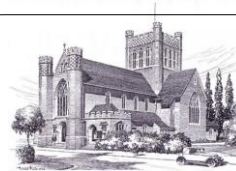
Mass Intentions: please write the intention on the front of an envelope with your own name and preferred date and give to Fr Paul.

- **Infant Baptism:** If you wish to have your child baptised, please see and speak to Fr Paul after Mass
- **Confessions:** Saturday 10.30 -11 am or by appointment
- **Items for the newsletter** should reach the presbytery **by Thursday 4pm**, either by post or by email goldersgreen@rcdow.org.uk
- **Want to receive the newsletter by email?** Give us your email address
- **Parish Office hours:** The Parish Office is open 10 am to 3 pm Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays (except Bank holidays)
- **Hire of the hall: currently suspended**, Sorry but the hall is not available for further hire
- **New to the parish?** please complete one of the blue registration cards and return to Fr Paul
- **In case you are admitted to hospital:** In light of data protection, please indicate on entering hospital that your details are to be passed to the RC Chaplain. Also state that you would like the RC Chaplain to visit you.
- **School forms:** For parents who wish Fr Paul to sign their priest's reference form: please telephone or email to arrange an appointment.
- **Getting Married:** couples are reminded that six months' notice is required for a wedding, either in this country or abroad.
- **Visiting the housebound:** if you know of any elderly or housebound person who would like to be visited at home, please let Fr Paul know.



Parish Diary

- **Pray the rosary weekly on Tuesday at 7.30 pm.** Contact Alvaro if you would like to join: alvano@rcdow.org.uk
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75311892635?pwd=OC8xaFZZZUx2am>
t3OFhCd09QWC80dz09 Meeting ID: 711 3775 6138P passcode: Wx48sB
- **Come and find your voice with our choir.** If you are interested, please talk to Mary, preferably after the 10:30 Mass
- **Visit the Repository** for your religious items after the 10:30 am Mass



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Fourth Sunday of Easter
Good Shepherd Sunday/ World Day of Prayer for Vocations
21st April 2024



Dear Friends, today we pray for **vocations to the Priesthood** and we take up the annual collection for the training of our future priests. Please be generous to this important fund! While we have 13 men in formation for priesthood in our Diocese, at a cost of 25K a year per student, this is not enough to replace the many priests who will be retiring in the coming years. Let's encourage those we know who show an interest in the priesthood to pursue what may well be their vocation in life. I am always happy to have an initial chat with anyone thinking about the priestly life. *May the Lord raise up shepherds after his own heart to lead us into the future!*

Yellow Lines: I am dismayed that, without notice or consultation, the single yellow line outside the church has been replaced by double yellow lines. This means that no one can park outside the church at any time. The impact of this is great – our less mobile and elderly Mass goers will have to find alternative parking, hearses cannot stop at the doors, brides will have to walk down the street, our foodbank collectors cannot pick up your food donations from the door, etc. Thankfully, you can still park on the other side of the road at certain times. I have emailed our local councillors to investigate, but please be ready to demand an explanation from whoever made this decision. If you know anyone on the council get them to sort it out for us!

May Our Lady & St George pray for us this week.

Fr Paul

Sunday 21st April	4th Sunday of Easter 9 am: <i>Jeanne Ng & family intention</i> 10:30 am: <i>Mary Whittle RIP anniversary/ Margaret O'Connor RIP</i> 6 pm: <i>Parishioners</i>
Monday 22nd April	10 am: <i>Anthony Clark RIP</i>
Tuesday 23rd April	10 am: <i>Charles Sagayam RIP</i>
Wednesday 24th April	10 am: <i>Mabel Santos RIP</i>
Thursday 25th April	<i>No Mass</i>
Friday 26th April	10 am: <i>Ruby Ghardi RIP</i>
Saturday 27th April	10 am: <i>Richard & Gabriella Gray RIP</i>
Sunday 28th April	5th Sunday of Easter 9 am: <i>Anthony Clark RIP</i> 10:30 am: <i>Martin How RIP</i> 6 pm: <i>Parishioners</i>

Word for Today



'What we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like Him because we shall see Him as He really is.' (1 John 3:2). What are we here for?

What's the point of life? Why try to be good when others seem to profit from doing evil? These are just some of the questions that every Christian asks at some time or another. What will happen to us after death? Today St John tells us that we will share in the glorious risen life of Jesus and see God face to face. Of course, you may prefer something different.

Texts for this Sunday's Mass

Acts 4:8-12 *This is the only name by which we can be saved*

Psalm response *The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone*

1 John 3:1-2 *We shall see God as he really is*

John 10:11-18 *The good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep*

Foodbank: This week's much needed items are: dried pulses, tea, sanitary towels soap, empty egg boxes for 12 eggs in particular Thank you

Sunday School is back this **Sunday 21st April**

Priest Training Fund This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday and our second collection will support the Priest Training Fund. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. Please be as generous as you can. Please also pray for vocations and for all our priests. Kindly put your donation or gift aid envelope (if you pay tax) in the second collection. Thank you

Tuesday is the feast of St George, Martyr, England's patron saint. On this day, we pray specially for England. As we commend our country into God's loving care, let us pray that we will be guarded and protected from evil. May St George keep us from harm, and may God bless you this day.

Immerse Are you between the ages of 16-28 and keen to learn and experience more of what a relationship with Jesus can look like? If so, you are invited to join Alvaro who will be taking a group of young people (16 +) from the parish to the IMMERSE event in the Lady of Hal church in Camden Town. It will be **on June 22nd 7:15-8:30pm**. It will be a session on prayer and community. Please contact Alvaro if you are interested.

I am considering moving the **St Edwards Shrine** from the side chapel to the Sacred heart altar and putting the Divine Mercy picture into the Calvary chapel at the back of the church. Do let me know your thoughts.

Introduction to Christian Meditation Churches Together in Golders Green offer and invite you to a new opportunity to learn and pray together. The group meets **7.30-8.30 p.m.** first Tuesday of the month, starting Tuesday 7th May in the Lady Chapel of St Jude on the Hill, Hampstead Garden Suburb. For more information, please see the poster in the porch and/or contact Julia Mann: juliaskeen84@gmail.com

Offertory Envelopes for 2024 Thank you to all who collected their box. If yours was not there, please email(goldersgreen@rcdow.org.uk) or telephone(0208 455 1300) the parish office during office hours: Thank you to all who generously support our parish!

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony, Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 25th May 2024 at 2:30 pm If you are celebrating a significant wedding anniversary, and would like an invite to this special Mass, please email Fr Paul at goldersgreen@rcdow.org.uk the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).