

PARISH OFFICE ARRANGEMENTS: Until we have an Administrator in place, the Office will be open **Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 10.00am - 2.30pm.**

(Also Tuesday and Thursday 10.00am - 12Noon when possible, but don't rely on it.)

PLANNED GIVING, BOXES OF ENVELOPES 2022-23: are available to collect after Mass **TODAY.** PLEASE do this today to help ensure that the boxes and your data are kept secure. With grateful thanks for your commitment to planned giving, which enables the life and witness of our parish.

ACT OF CONSECRATION OF UKRAINE: Next Friday, 25th March, the Solemnity of the Annunciation, Pope Francis will lead an Act of Consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This is to take place at 4pm, London time. It is the Holy Father's intention to invite each bishop to join in this act of Consecration, together with his priests.

In our Diocese, the Act of Consecration will be made at 4pm in the Ukrainian Cathedral. Then, at 5.30pm, the Cardinal will celebrate Mass in Westminster Cathedral, at the end of which he will recite the Act of Consecration. You are welcome to attend these events.

Cardinal Vincent asks that we pray the prayer of consecration in each parish. We will do this at the end of Mass and before the Stations of the Cross, on Thursday 24th March at St Bernard's and on Friday 25th at St Gabriel's.

KEEPING LENT

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Our corporate Stations of the Cross will be at:

St BERNARD'S: Thursdays at 7.30pm, following Mass at 7.00pm.

St GABRIEL'S: Fridays at 10.30am, following Mass at 10.00am.

Of course you can come to church anytime to make private Stations of the Cross in Lent. Remember, the door code to St Bernard's is C8645. St Gabriel's is open as advertised whilst we have no Administrator in place.

LENTEN ALMS: This year we will be collecting Lenten Alms for the Cardinal's Lent Appeal, and for the Ukrainian churches humanitarian appeal. Cardinal Vincent writes: "This year celebrates 10 years of Caritas Westminster, supporting both local and diocese-wide charitable concerns working with the most deprived, restoring hope and enabling people to lead a life of dignity and worth."

See the posters in church with QR code for donations; envelopes for gift-aided offerings; a dedicated wall box in each church. Collections on Ash Wednesday and Holy Thursday will be for Lenten Alms.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY FRIDAY 11 MARCH 2022: Lent Appeal from CAFOD, the Catholic agency for overseas development. Have a simple meal on this day and donate the proceeds to support CAFOD project to provide training to families in growing and making healthy food. Your small act of charity will help change the lives of many affected by extreme hunger. See cafod.org.uk/lent. **Collecting proceeds for this TODAY.**

LENT RESOUCES FROM THE CHESTERTON SOCIETY: This Lent, receive a Chesterton quote, a brief but powerful reflection and a prayer to start your day. Free in your inbox, these Chestertonian reflections will help build your spiritual life. Sign up today at <https://www.chesterton.org/store/2022-lenten-reflections/>

"BEST LENT EVER": Visit dynamiccatholic.com to sign up for daily inspirational and thought-provoking messages and videos for the keeping of Lent.

HELP EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR UKRAINE: The Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral in London and community organisations have united to work with accredited and registered Ukrainian charities to provide medicines, food and critical services to support the most vulnerable to overcome the consequences and trauma of war.

Donations can be made by cheque (payable to AUGB LTD - Central Appeal Fund and sent to Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family of London, Chancery Office, 21-22 Binney Street, London W1K 5BQ), directly to the central appeal fund (AUGB Ltd, Account Number: 80038237, Sortcode: 20-65-89, with reference HelpUkraine) or online: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/helpukraine>

Alternately, donations can also be made to Cafod, who are a member of the Disasters Emergency Committee at <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Ukraine-crisis>

There's a poster in the foyer with a QR code and the above details, or just put cash in an envelope marked "Ukraine" and it will be forwarded.

FORMATION OF AN SVP CONFERENCE IN OUR PARISH: The aim of the St Vincent De Paul (SVP) charity is to tackle poverty both material and emotional through the provision of practical assistance to those in need. We bring this relief thanks to the involvement of our voluntary members. We address specific needs in the local community by engaging in befriending and special projects that serve the most disadvantaged regardless of their background. The essence of our work is person-to-person contact and spending time with people is our greatest gift. The SVP are to have an appeal for members to join and form an SVP Conference in this parish on the **weekend of 2nd/3rd April at all Masses in our churches**. Any parishioner, of whatever age, who would like to give even a little time to help others will be invited to listen and express an interest in knowing more about how it works

THE SYNODAL PROCESS: NEXT MEETING SATURDAY 26 March 12-1pm: Cardinal Vincent's Pastoral Letter in October mentioned the Synod of Bishops in 2023. It involves a process of listening and sharing views of the life of the Church as we gradually move out of the pandemic period. As a diocese we are encouraged to meet in groups to discuss how united we have found ourselves as a parish or how we could be more so. Although the diocese-wide listening process has concluded it would be a good idea to think about the parish: where it stands as we transition out of the pandemic and what we see for the future. *The first meeting this last week was good and constructive, but with only a small number of people. Mark the next date: Saturday, 26 March, 12-1pm, in St Gabriel's Hall.* Come along to hear more about what this 2 year process means and to find how you can share your thoughts.

ONLINE SCRIPTURE LECTURE: 22nd March 7-8pm via Zoom. Fr John Hemer MHM : *Isaiah the 5th Gospel, The Ecstasy & The Agony* See poster in church. Fr Hemer is a knowledgeable and gifted teacher. Highly recommended.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/288514353197>

GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK WRITE: On Thurs 24th March, Vigil of the Annunciation, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in the UK. We are especially asking you to fast and pray for the end of DIY abortions at home. Please join in and invite others to join as well. www.GoodCounselNetwork.com This will also be the day before the Holy Father consecrates Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, so please pray for this as well. See poster in church.

LENT RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS: (aged 18-30s) with the Assumption Sisters on Saturday 2 April 2022 in. a day retreat (10.30am-6.30pm) to prepare for Holy Week and Easter, with talks, workshops, prayer, Stations of the Cross, time for confessions and mass. Venue: Milleret House, 23 Kensington Square W8 5HN. Donations only. Register by emailing: tramy@assumptionreligious.org

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY: Westminster Cathedral, Sat. 14th May at 3pm. The Cardinal invites to this Mass all couples in the diocese who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2022. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give the Parish Office the following details: husband and wife's names, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email), date and place of Catholic marriage. Information deadline is 27 March.

TRAIN TO TEACH AT SALVATORIAN COLLEGE: Are you a graduate with a good degree and strong communication skills? Funded secondary teacher training opportunities are available at Salvatorian College from September 2022. Enjoy exceptional new

facilities, a calm and orderly atmosphere, and polite, responsive students. Starting salaries of £30k+ available on qualification. Please send an email to recruitment@salvatorian.harrow.sch.uk for more information.

WORK OPPORTUNITY AT SACRED HEART LANGUAGE COLLEGE: The Sacred Heart Language College, Wealdstone is recruiting invigilators (salary £10.89 per hour) to work on a flexible basis to invigilate external and internal examinations. Further details and application forms available from the school or from:

www.tshlc.harrow.sch.uk or www.blessed.holyfamily.co.uk

MET RECRUITMENT EVENT: At St George's Sudbury on 24th March at 7.30pm. Those near school leaving age may be particularly interested in the Degree Apprenticeship Scheme although opportunities are available for all ages. See poster in church.

CAN YOU HELP FIND AN OLD PHOTOGRAPH? If you have a group photograph of the celebration of First Holy Communion from 14 June 1997 at St Bernard's, please let the office know as a family is seeking a copy.



Support our parish.

You can make a donation to the parish by scanning the QR code or making a card payment on the card machine at the entrance of both of our churches.