

# Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

<b>S</b> 20	6.00pm		the priests of the Diocese
<b>Su</b> 21	10.00am		Arturo Fernandes (anniv)
	12noon		the people of the Parish & their needs
M 22	10.00am	Easter feria	Loretto O'Boyle ( rec dec)
T 23	10.00am	St George	Mr Almosnino
W 24	10.00am	SS Erkenwald & Mellitus	Legion of Mary
T 25	[8.00am TLM	St Mark	intentions of Margaret Bowerman]
F 26	10.00am	St Alphege	Mr Almosnino
S 27	10.00am	Easter feria	for the Dying

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

<b>S</b> 27	6.00pm		Holy Souls
<b>Su</b> 28	10.00am		Fr Malcolm Ferrier (rip)
	12noon		the people of the Parish & their needs

Mass times and intentions are subject to change if there is a funeral.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on First Friday after Mass until midday

Confessions: Saturday 9.00-9.45am; 5.00-5.45pm and at call

Holy Rosary each day after Mass – Legion of Mary - Wednesday after Mass

Holy Matrimony: in accordance with the norms of Canon Law, **six months' notice must be given**, whether the marriage is here or abroad, to enable the required spiritual preparation to take place and for the paperwork to be gathered and, if necessary, submitted to the Chancellor of the Diocese. Please make an appointment to see the Parish Priest.

Our Parish takes the issue of **Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults** very seriously and stringently follows the measures instituted by the Diocese of Westminster. Full details of these measures and policies can be found here:

<https://rcdow.org.uk/safeguarding/>

The Parish Safeguarding Representative is Bertha Alvares – [hendonsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto:hendonsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk)

**If you are concerned about the welfare of a child or adult at risk, do not delay in contacting the police, using 999 if a child or adult is believed to be in immediate danger.**

### VISITING PRIESTS

If you have a priest relative/friend visiting the Parish, then please note that all visiting and supply priests need to have a Celebret (if ministering in England and Wales) or a Testimonial of Suitability for Ministry if coming from elsewhere. This is a legal requirement if they wish to celebrate or concelebrate Mass or any other service. Priests coming from abroad have to apply in advance to the Vicar General in Westminster so that appropriate checks can be carried out.

### WEEKLY OFFERINGS

**Please think about making a donation to support the Parish.** Just think what you spend in the various events of your lives and then consider what you give to the Church. Is it appropriate? Donations can be made at Mass, via our website, through the Contactless Machine at the back of Church or by **scanning the QR Code** below. If you are able to **Gift Aid** your donations, please do so. This allows us to claim an extra 25p for every £1 you donate from the Government.



### The Missal Today

Traditionally this Sunday is called *Good Shepherd Sunday* because of the Gospel for the day, but it does not bear that title officially. We pray for vocations to the priesthood, as well as for our seminarians at the Royal English College in Valladolid, Allen Hall, and the Beda College. Please also pray for the priests of our Diocese. **There will be a Second Collection after all Masses** to support the Priests Training Fund.

### Entrance Antiphon

God's merciful love fills the earth; the word of the Lord made the heavens. Easter affects all creation-the world around us and the world above. This antiphon appeared on the previous Sunday in eighth-century sources, but the post-Vatican II Missal switched it to this week for the first time in its history.

## Collect

We pray for companionship in heaven, a humble flock led by a brave Shepherd. This prayer is based on one for an Easter evening from the Gelasian Sacramentary. It did not appear in the pre-Vatican II Missal. The collect now unites with the theme of today's Gospel.

## Prayer over the Offerings

We ask to delight in these paschal mysteries and obtain unending joy. The Gelasian Sacramentary presented this prayer over the offerings on Thursday of the Easter Octave.

## Communion Antiphon

With words not drawn from the scriptures, the antiphon proclaims that the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life for the sheep, has risen. The text was new to the post-Vatican II Missal.

## Prayer after Communion

The community asks the Good Shepherd for a place in eternal pastures. Normally we think of Christ as the Good Shepherd, but here the title is assigned to the Father. This prayer originated in the Verona Sacramentary as a prayer after Communion for a daily Mass in July. It did not appear in the pre-Vatican II Missal.

**One of the most moving things in our Parish** is the lighting of candles before the Blessed Virgin – remembering all those we want to place in the care of the Mother of Sorrows. It is as if we are being told that prayer is an inner light which can brighten the darker days and times of our lives. Those moments, when we light a candle speak of an instinctive knowledge that there are deeper places within us that need to be nourished. Sometimes, when we come to light a candle we may feel helplessness as we think of our family, friends, those struggling with illness, disappointment, failure. There is no magic wand we can wave. Our deeds, our words may be inadequate and so we turn to prayer – and we come to the Mater Dolorosa, the Mother of Sorrows, Our Lady of Dolours where prayer is always the right response, and we light our candles in hope and trust,, because we know that the Spirit Jesus promised his disciples is within us. Our candles burn after we have gone – a sign of faith and trust in the love of the Virgin, signs of that greater love that Mary's son has for each one of us. To learn with Mary is to say in his presence; she is the listening handmaid of the Lord.

## Annual Eucharistic Octave and Central London Corpus Christi Procession

The Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament, Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane will again be hosting a Eucharistic Octave from 25th May to 2nd June. This has been organised by several London parishes to celebrate our Eucharistic Lord in the lead up to the Solemnity of Corpus Christi and includes the celebration of Masses in the various Rites of the Church and the *Quarant'Ore* devotions. Full details can be found at catholiclondon.org. The Octave concludes on Sunday 2nd June at 11am with Mass celebrated by His Excellency the Papal Nuncio followed by the annual Corpus Christi Procession through central London. The procession this year will take place in two parts. The first half begins after the 11am Mass at Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane, with a procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Church of Our Lady of the Assumption and St Gregory, Warwick Street. Here will then be a period of adoration here and the opportunity to lunch locally. The procession will then continue from Warwick

St to St James's, Spanish Place at 3.30pm, where it will conclude with Benediction.

## Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Registration for the Westminster diocesan pilgrimage led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols is now open via the application form on

<https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> or by contacting the Pilgrimage Office on 020 7798 9173.

Options to travel by plane, train or coach are available and there are many volunteering opportunities for those wishing to serve. All applications to join this year's pilgrimage **need to be submitted by Tuesday 30th April.**

## Our Lady of Willesden May Procession

The annual May Procession in honour of Our Lady will take place at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden on Sunday, 12th May, at 3pm at which the Preacher will be Fr Pius Collins, O.Praem.

## QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 6.30 for 7pm

Food included, bring your own bottle. Prizes & Raffle. £10. Tickets available after Mass.

**The Vatican's Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments** has confirmed the approval by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales for a new Lectionary. The Lectionary, which includes the scripture readings for Mass and the sacraments, will come into use in parishes in England & Wales and in Scotland from Advent 2024.

## Why is the Lectionary changing?

The lectionary is changing as part of the continuing process of revising liturgical translations. The process began with the Roman Missal in 2011 and has continued to work through all the other liturgical rites. The changes are intended to make the biblical translations more faithful to the original languages, using better and more up-to-date biblical scholarship and to use a text which is more proclaimable.

## What translation will the new Lectionary use?

The new lectionary will be using the English Standard Version – Catholic Edition of the Bible and the Abbey Psalter.

## When will the new Lectionary need to be used?

The new Lectionary will come into force on the first Sunday of Advent 2024.

## Can parishes keep using the old Lectionary?

No, parishes will need to change over to the new lectionary on 1st December 2024.

## Which countries will be using the new Lectionary?

This version will be used in England and Wales, and Scotland.

## Other than the translation of Scripture, will there be any other key differences between the new Lectionary and the old one?

The lectionary will have a fully up-to-date Proper of Saints including the new universal and national feasts that have been instituted since the publication of the last lectionary.

Part of what this means is that all the Parish Mass books, which we use on Sundays etc will become redundant. If anyone wants them they are welcome to have them. I do not propose buying any more of these but instead buying the CTS Sunday Missal, which last for one year at a time, will always be up to date and will be less confusing in its lay-out.