



Diocese of Westminster

Our Lady, Queen of Apostles

Served by the Society of the Divine Vocations - Vocationists

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16th January 2022 – 2nd Sunday of the Ordinary Time



In the context of the Covenant, we are also to understand Our Lady's observation: "They have no wine" (v. 3). How can one celebrate a wedding feast and make merry without what the prophets indicated as a typical element of the messianic banquet (cf. Am 9:13-14; Jl 2:24; Is 25:6)? Water is necessary for life, but wine expresses the abundance of a banquet and the joy of a feast. This wedding feast was short of wine; the newlyweds are ashamed of this. But just imagine ending a wedding feast drinking tea; it would be a shame. Wine is necessary for a feast. By transforming into wine the water of the jars used "for the Jewish rites of purification" (Jn 2:6), Jesus preforms an eloquent sign: he transforms the Law of Moses into the Gospel, bearer of joy. As John states elsewhere: "For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ" (1:17). The words Mary addresses to the servants come to

crown the wedding of Cana: "Do whatever he tells you" (v. 5). It is curious: these are her last words recounted by the Gospels: they are the legacy that she hands down to us. Today too Our Lady says to us all: "Whatever he tells you — Jesus tells you, do it". It is the legacy that she has left us: it is beautiful! It is an expression that recalls the formula of faith used by the people of Israel at Sinai in response to the promises of the Covenant: "All that the Lord has spoken we will do!" (Ex 19:8). And indeed at Cana the servants obey. "Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water'. And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the steward of the feast'. So they took it" (Jn 2:7-8). At this wedding, the New Covenant is truly articulated and to the servants of the Lord, that is to all the Church, is entrusted a new mission: "Do whatever he tells you!". To serve the Lord means to listen and to put into practice his Word. It is the simple but essential recommendation of the Mother of Jesus and it is the programme of life of the Christian. For each one of us, to draw from the jar is equivalent to entrusting oneself to the Word of God in order to experience its effectiveness in life. Thus, together with the steward of the banquet who had tasted the water-become-wine, we too can exclaim: "you have kept the good wine until now" (v. 10). Yes, the Lord continues to reserve the best wine for our salvation, just as it continues to flow from the pierced side of the Lord.

From Pope Francis' Audience on Wednesday, 8 June 2016

***** PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU TAKE THE NEWSLETTER WITH YOU*****

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU FOLLOW THE NHS GUIDELINES

IN PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF CORONAVIRUS.

IF YOU SHOW ANY OF THE SYMPTOMS PLEASE DO NOT COME TO CHURCH

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NOTICES

COLLECTION: Last Sunday's Collection was £761.28 (Loose Plate £470.13 - Envelopes £359.06). *May God bless you and reward your generosity!*

SECOND COLLECTION: Next weekend there will be a second collection for the SDV towards the expenses the Congregation faces for the canonization of Blessed Justin.

BROTHER EDMAR: Brother Edmar's placement in our Parish will conclude next weekend. He will leave Heston on Monday 24 January to return to Walsall before he goes on to another Parish to finish his year of placement and exposure to pastoral ministry. We are thankful to him for the help he has provided us and pray that he may persevere in his vocation.

COVID-19 PANDEMIC: As we have seen on the news, the Government has now moved onto "Plan B", we will use our social media to convey information if there is any further announcement which will impact Public Worship, so please make sure you check them so you are up to date. The only information that we have received is that the science says that infection is mainly through breath and nasal aerosol, therefore, **it is of vital importance that masks are worn while in Church**, to be affective these need to be worn in the correct way and that is covering nose and mouth. In case of symptoms, please, **DO NOT COME TO CHURCH**, get tested and make sure you are negative to Covid before returning to Mass. The only way to come out of this is to use all means we have at our disposal, if you are offered a Booster Jab make sure you book it asap and also, if you are not vaccinated, make sure you get yourselves vaccinated as soon as possible.

CHURCH VENTILATION: With the increase of numbers in the Church, keeping the place ventilated is very important and in winter time it means that the Church can get very cold despite the heating system being on. When you are coming to Church please bear this in mind and do the best you can to layer up.

CANONIZATION OF BLESSED JUSTIN: Blessed Justin, the Founder of the Vocationists, will be canonized on Sunday 15 May in St Peter's Square together with other six others. We are looking into the possibility of organising a trip to participate in the event travelling on Friday 13 May and returning on Tuesday 17, dates are subject to confirmation. However, the Vatican wants to know the indicative numbers of people who wish to attend before they finalise their plans; we have been asked to provide the number of people who wish to participate from our Parish. If you want to join in the pilgrimage, please let Fr Luigi or Fr Ritche know this Sunday.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: In preparation to the canonization of Blessed Justin we will be having once a month a moment of prayer and adoration for vocations. We will have the first day on Tuesday 18 January with Adoration at 6.30 pm, Mass for Vocations at 7 pm, followed by the meeting with the Co-operators and a moment of catechesis on the life and work of Blessed Justin.

VOCATIONIST CO-OPERATORS: The next meeting for the Vocationist Co-operators will take place this Tuesday 18 January after the 7 pm Mass.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are looking for volunteers to help our parish on a regular basis. The roles needed are cleaners, repository and money counters. If you can help us, please contact the Parish Office.

DIOCESAN YEAR BOOK: The Year book is now on sale at £4.50, if you would like a copy send an email to heston@rcdow.org.uk or just come to the Office to purchase it.

ALTAR SERVERS ALBS: If you used to serve Mass in our Parish or your child or children used to and have the albs at home, please return them to us washed and clean so we can give them to the new altar servers or allow any of the current ones to swap with an alb that fits them.

DONATION ENVELOPES: We are at that time of the year when we need to put an order for Gift-Aid and Planned Giving envelopes and we want to make sure that we order the right number of boxes and do not have the Parish pay for boxes which then will sit in the Office waiting to be collected. If you give your donations by Standing Order then we will not be ordering you a donation box, if you still wish to have a box of envelopes please let the Parish Secretary know so we can make sure we have our details up to date.

January 2022	TIME	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 15th	7:00 pm Vigil Mass*	Antonita Rebelo, Good Health
Sunday 16th 2nd Sunday of the Ordinary Time	9:00 am Mass 11:00 am Mass* 5:30 pm Mass	Roney Fernandes, fast recovery Jen Tandy RIP Souls of the Elise Kessy Family
Monday 17th <i>St Anthony, Abbott</i>	9:30 am Mass 7:00 pm Mass	Sue and family well being Reena and Menino Fernandes, 18 th Wedding Anniversary
Tuesday 18th <i>131st Anniversary of the Birth of Bl Justin</i>	9:30 am Mass 7:00 pm Mass	Liberata Gonsalves, 2 nd death anniversary Thanksgiving for Bl Justin's canonization
Wednesday 19th	9:30 am Mass 7:00 pm Mass	Alexander and Phisadade Fernandes RIP Private Intention
Thursday 20th	9:30 am Mass 7:00 pm Mass	Paul De Mello, 3 rd Anniversary Joao Manuel Goncalves RIP
Friday 21st <i>St Agnes</i>	9:30 am Mass 7:00 pm Mass	Private Intention Thanksgiving
Saturday 22nd	7:00 pm Vigil Mass*	Pascoal and Sebastiana Simoes RIP
Sunday 23rd 3rd Sunday of the Ordinary Time	9:00 am Mass 11:00 am Mass* 5:30 pm Mass	All Souls in Purgatory Cajetan Fernandes RIP Lary McGrandles, 22 nd death anniversary

Please note that we are still taking bookings for weekend Masses. On Saturday and Sunday, the Church opens 30 minutes before Mass while on weekdays the Church remains open all day for private prayers.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY 16 JANUARY: Confirmation Class at 3 pm

TUESDAY 18 JANUARY: 131st Anniversary of the Birth of Blessed Justin

TUESDAY 18 JANUARY: Adoration and Mass for Vocations and Vocationist Co-operators Meeting

SUNDAY 22 JANUARY: Second Collection for the SDV towards the expenses for the Canonization of Blessed Justin Russolillo

SUNDAY 22 JANUARY: FHC Class after 11 am Mass and Confirmation Class at 3 pm

SUNDAY 6 FEBRUARY: Second Collection for SPUC

CELEBRATION OF SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM: Use the application online available through our website. Please give us two-month notice for your preferred date, the application will be added to a waiting list and the celebrations will follow the order in which these come in.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Please refer to the timetable you received at the parents meeting for lessons and upcoming activities.

CONFIRMATION: If you are a baptised Catholic 18+ and were never confirmed and wish to, please contact the Parish Office so you can be enrolled in the RCIA programme.

RCIA: If you have not been baptised or have been baptised in another Christian denomination and you are willing to become a Catholic or be received into the Catholic Church, please contact the Parish Office.

CONFESSIONS: Confession is available every morning before Mass or by appointment.

MARRIAGE: If you wish to get married in our Church we need between six and twelve-month notice for the date. If you need to do the paperwork this will be done six months before the wedding date. If your marriage is taking place abroad please enquire with the priest celebrating the marriage about documents needed and their validity, once we send the forms to the chancery we can no longer query them.

CHURCH DONATIONS AND COLLECTION

During these times, due to the current restrictions we are not able to pass around the Collection Bag around the Church therefore those who wish to give their donation envelopes at weekends you can do so on the way out of the Church. You can donate by bank transfer (single donations) or via Standing Order using the following details:

Account Name: WRCDT Heston

Sort Code: 40-05-20

Account Number: 11094912

Please add your Surname and First Name as a reference, to help our bookkeeper.

USEFUL PRAYERS

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER OF ST ALPHONSUS

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.



PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Divine Jesus, Son of the eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant many of the faithful true generosity in following your call and bestow on them the grace of your Holy Spirit to persevere in overcoming all obstacles to their vocations. Give the church in this Diocese and throughout the world many holy priests and fervent religious. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Justin, all the Angels and all Saints, we humbly ask you to hear our prayers and multiply the ministries by which we may serve one another in faith and love.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION OF BLESSED JUSTIN RUSSOLILLO

O my God and my all, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, may your will be done, your love reign, your glory shine always more in me and in everyone as in yourself, O my God and my all.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER TO THE VIRGIN FOR PROTECTION

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross, you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas — we who are put to the test — and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

INVOCATION OF OUR LADY

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you I come, before you, I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer me.

PRAYER FOR THE HOUSEHOLD

Hear us, Lord, and send your angel from heaven to visit and protect, to comfort and defend all who live in this house. Amen.

Let us pray for the sick people of our Parish: Janet Dee, Catherine Jennings, Joaquim Rodrigues, Peter Wade, Ann Duckmanton, Christopher Notter, Grace Gauci, Fr Simon Nguyen.

Let us pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time

Willie Teahan, Eileen Mohan, Margarita Hall, Pauline Britto, Pauline McGuinn, Mona Buck, Ellen Sheikh, Patrick Robinson, Peggy Baker, Maureen Clarke, Willie Hickey, Philip Vowles and Lee Welch

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them; may they rest in peace. Amen.