



Diocese of Westminster

## Our Lady, Queen of Apostles

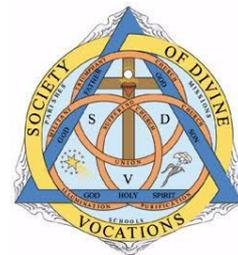
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**The Office is open to the public on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9 AM to 1 PM**

## 20<sup>th</sup> February 2022 – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Ordinary Time



As we slowly begin making our way out of the pandemic we are facing the possibility of returning to society as it was two years ago before the pandemic began. As we wait for further information from the Government and the Bishops' Conference on how we are going to move forward in Churches since last weekend we have begun a process of reinstating things that we had not done in Church since March 2020L. Last weekend we put out Mass Books

and the Hymns books are now available when there is singing in the Church (the choir will announce the hymn number), make sure you return them to their place and do not take them away with you, this will also be a useful tool for parents to help their children to follow Mass. From this weekend 19/20 February, we will reintroduce the Sign of Peace, not necessarily shaking hands but even a nod to the other people will do, and also we will put back out the holy water stoop. Depending on the lifting of restrictions, on the weekend 26/27 February, we will cut on social distancing leaving only one area of the Church for people who are not keen on seating close to others especially the elderly and vulnerable. We have consulted with the Diocesan H&S Officer, and have decided that for the time being, we will still be requesting people to wear masks when in the Church unless exempt on health grounds or because of age. Surely some people may question this decision and perhaps will be even asking the stewards at the door "Why are we doing this?", the answer is easy and quite simple, we have to care and look after each other, after those who are more vulnerable and more at risk; also, we cannot be selfish and simply disregard how others feel, if others feel uncomfortable it is our duty and responsibility to make sure that they feel better and that we do not cause them to not enjoy their time in the Church and as a result of it to be alienated from the rest of us. Finally, from 5/6 March we are going back to two readers per Mass and to reintroduce the bidding prayers, so readers need to attend the meeting on the 24 February. We are still calling on your cooperation and your help and support as we move out of the pandemic, we are grateful to all those who have helped us and offered their time as stewards, we will keep the stewards even if restrictions are lifted so we can then use their ministry as those who are officially welcoming parishioners to Church on weekends. May God bless you all!

Fr Luigi and Fr Ritche

**\*\*\* 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 £838.90 (Loose Plate £518.90 - Envelopes £320). *May God bless you and reward your generosity!* This weekend there will be a Second Collection towards the Altar Servers Albs.

**READERS MEETING:** We are organising a Readers Meeting for all existing readers and all those who wish to become readers in our Parish on Thursday 24 February at 7.30 pm. Please come along as this will be an opportunity for the formation and also to train or re-train as a reader.

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

**BURNING OF PALMS:** On Tuesday 1 March we will hold our Burning of Palms in preparation for Ash Wednesday which will be celebrated on Wednesday 2 March. If you have palms from previous Palm Sundays celebrations, please bring them to Church or the Parish Office.

**PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY:** We are organising a Parish Pilgrimage to Italy to participate in the Canonization of Blessed Justin 13-17 May, visiting both Rome and Naples. We have asked a Travel Agent from Rome to help us organise the trip and assure us of both the flight and the ground services. The Pilgrimage is all-inclusive and the total cost will cover flight, accommodation in 4\*\*\*\* hotels in Rome and Pozzuoli (NA), meals, transport as well as an escort from the travel agent who will accompany us for the duration of the pilgrimage. The full programme is available from the back of the Church. For anyone interested in participating in the Pilgrimage please give your name to Fr Luigi, Fr Ritche or the Parish Secretary, if you had already given your name please confirm whether you still wish to participate or not. Shortly we will begin collecting a £200 deposit to confirm your place on the pilgrimage and as soon as we know the final number of pilgrims we can then let you know the remaining payment.

**THE BIBLE IN A YEAR PODCAST,** Fr. Mike Schmitz walks you through the entire Bible in 365 episodes, providing commentary, reflection, and prayer along the way. With this podcast, you'll finally understand how all the pieces of the Bible fit together to tell an amazing story that continues in your life today! Each episode is 20-25 minutes long and will allow you to read the ENTIRE Bible, feel more confident about your understanding of Scripture, experience the transformative power of God's Word in your daily life and start seeing the world through the lens of Scripture. For more information follow go to <https://bibleinayear.fireside.fm/>

**BAKE SALE FOR THE ALTAR SERVERS ALBS:** This weekend our Altar Servers will be holding a bake sale to raise funds for the Albs that we are purchasing. After each Masses of the weekend a group of altar Servers will be at the door running the bake sale, please support this initiative. After the 9 am and the 11 am Mass, if the weather allows it, we will put tables and chairs outside the Church and also serve Tea and Coffee for anyone who wishes to stay behind and have a chat.

**ALTAR SERVERS ALBS:** As we have announced for the past couple of weeks, we have a large group of new altar servers and they, as well as our current Altar Servers, need new Albs. The company we were intending on ordering our albs has let us down, however, we have found better service and better offer from Agnus Church Supplies. If you are interested in sponsoring an alb which costs us £72 please speak to Fr Luigi or Fr Ritche.

**ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:** Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 14th May 2022 at 3 pm. The Cardinal is inviting 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 your parish clergy the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

**VOLUNTEER FOR CAFOD-** A vital aspect of the church is people being willing to share their talents, experience and energy. Could your New Year's resolution be volunteering for CAFOD? We have lots of different ways you can get involved such as: **In the parish** - where you will be highlighting CAFOD's work to support communities globally who are living with injustices and in poverty. **In local schools** – where you'll deliver assemblies and workshops about CAFOD's work. No experience is necessary. Full support, resources and regular training provided. DBS Check & references part of the application. **Coordinating volunteers** to help us support, encourage and bring together a small group of volunteers. If you'd like to know more, please get in touch with Tony [tsheen@cafod.org.uk](mailto:tsheen@cafod.org.uk)

**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.

**THE PASSAGE** a Catholic Charity, working with people who are homeless, is holding a St David's Day concert on Thursday 3 March at 7.30 pm in Holy Trinity Church, Sloane Square with The London Welsh Male Voice Choir and soloist tenor Ryan Vaughan Davies. All tickets are £20. Please support the work of this excellent charity. Tickets at [passage.org.uk/st-davids-day-concert](http://passage.org.uk/st-davids-day-concert) or telephone 020 75921856

<b>February 2022</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>MASS INTENTION</b>
<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	7:00 pm Vigil Mass*	Our Lady of Lourdes
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup></b> <b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Ordinary Time</b>	9:00 am Mass 11:00 am Mass* 5:30 pm Mass	Maria Di Paola RIP Lelis Fernandes and Virginia de Souza RIP Thanksgiving, James Wynne
<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup></b> <i>St Peter Damian</i>	9:30 am Mass 7:00 pm Mass	Helena Niedzwiedzka RIP Melvyn Johns RIP
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup></b> <b>Chair of St Peter</b>	9:30 am Mass 7:00 pm Mass	Thanksgiving Deacon James Richards, RIP 8 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup></b> <i>St Polycarp</i>	9:30 am Mass 7:00 pm Mass	Janaya Peixoto Thanksgiving 1 <sup>st</sup> B'day Joaquim Agnelo Rodrigues RIP
<b>Thursday 24<sup>h</sup></b>	9:30 am Mass 7:00 pm Mass	Rebecca Stokes RIP Maureen Powley RIP
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30 am Mass 7:00 pm Mass	Helena Niedzwiedzka RIP Vincent & Alice Rozario RIP
<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	7:00 pm Vigil Mass*	Declan McDermott RIP
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup></b> <b>8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Ordinary Time</b>	9:00 am Mass 11:00 am Mass* 5:30 pm Mass	Peter D'souza RIP Bridie Farry RIP Hugh & Irene Slack 25 <sup>th</sup> Wedding 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. (* Live Streamed on Facebook)		

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**THURSDAY 24 FEBRUARY:** Readers' Meeting after the 7 pm Mass

**SUNDAY 27 FEBRUARY:** FHC Class after the 11 am Mass, Confirmation Class at 3 pm

**TUESDAY 1 MARCH:** Burning of Palms at 3.45 pm

**TUESDAY 1 MARCH:** Shrove Tuesday, FHC Pancake Day 4 pm.

**WEDNESDAY 2 MARCH:** Ash Wednesday, beginning of the Season of Lent

**THURSDAY 3 MARCH:** Finance Committee Meeting 7.45 pm (Via Zoom)

**FRIDAY 4 MARCH:** Stations of the Cross 6.15pm

### 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.**

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## USEFUL PRAYERS

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### **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, Peter Wade, Ann Duckmanton, Christopher Notter, Grace Gauci, Fr Simon Nguyen.

**Let us pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time** Michael Higgins, Michael Desmond Lynch, Deacon James Richards, Jean Lily Murphy, Ann McBirney, Bryan Wyborn, Mary Maloney Dykes, Maureen Powley, Sebastiao Correia, Katie Herridge, Dr Michael Hee, Mabel Ruth Harrison, Theo Van, Michael Joseph Murphy and Declan McDermott.

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