



Diocese of Westminster

Our Lady, Queen of Apostles

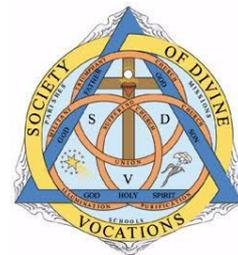
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The Office is open to the public on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9 AM to 1 PM

27th February 2022 – 8th Sunday of the Ordinary Time

An excerpt of Cardinal Vincent's pastoral letter this weekend...

"...During these last two years there were times when our way of life was severely curtailed. We were in 'lockdown'. At one time, for three months, even the doors of our churches were firmly closed. Being unable to enter the House of God and to take part fully in the celebration of the Mass was, for many, an experience of real dismay and pain.

But that is no longer the case. We are again able to fashion the way of life that we choose. The doors of our churches can stay wide open. Yet, as you know, many have not resumed the pattern of coming to church, week by week. Other activities have filled that space. For some, the thirst for being at Mass, for celebrating life-giving sacraments, has diminished.

This is where I ask for your help. I would like you to be ready to approach those whom you know, and who are not present here today, with a word of invitation for them to join us. I know this is not easy. You may well feel it is an intrusive thing to do. Also, taking the step across the threshold of the church can be daunting for someone who has been away for a long time. So, I ask you to exercise great deference and kindness when approaching them, perhaps offering to accompany them on this return journey.

I make this request now not simply because fear and restrictions are eased, but because we are approaching Lent, the traditional and powerful season of our renewal in faith. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, this coming week, we respond to the Lord's invitation to come forward and meet him afresh. He invites us to come through the doors of the church to stand before him and receive his blessing, his mark of mercy...

So, please, do what you can to invite those who are missing to come with you to be part of this great family of faith at prayer. If each of you can give a word of encouragement to one other person, to one other family, then the reward will be great. Then we can journey together to Easter. There we proclaim again that Jesus alone has mastered death, that he alone is the Lord of life, that he is now among us and calling us to come to meet him here, in this House of God, in this Gate of Heaven..."

***** 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 £703.97 (Loose Plate £488.47 - Envelopes £215.5). *May God bless you and reward your generosity!*

LENTEN ALMS: During Lent, you can leave your Lenten alms donations in the Donation Box which will be located by the Baptismal Font. If you wish to gift-aid your donations envelopes are available from the office. All donations will go towards the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal.

FACE-MASKS: Please make sure you wear a face mask or a face covering when attending Mass.

MASS BOOKINGS: As of this Sunday and with the lifting of restrictions there is no longer any need for Track & Trace and therefore you will no longer be required to book your place(s) at Mass nor you will be asked to Check-In when you come into Church.

BURNING OF PALMS: On Tuesday 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.

VIGIL OF PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE: This Sunday, 27 February, after the 5.30 pm Mass we will hold a Holy Hour of prayer for peace in Ukraine. We will begin our prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 6.30 pm. Please come along and join us for this very important moment of prayer.

ASH WEDNESDAY: On Wednesday, with the celebration of Ash Wednesday we enter into the season of Lent. Ash Wednesday is a day of Fasting and Abstinence and this year, as per Pope Francis's request, it will also be a day of prayer for peace in Ukraine. Our Masses are 9.30 am and 7 pm, we foresee these to be quite crowded, please only attend ONE Mass.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday in Lent at 6.15 pm.

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY: We have no more places available for the Pilgrimage to Italy for the canonization of Blessed Justin Russolillo. If you have confirmed your participation you can now pay a £200 deposit, you can do it by cash or cheque payable to Vocationists Heston, if you want to pay by Bank Transfer please contact the Parish Office, please also provide a copy of the front page of your passport and also vaccination certificate (booster) as it is requested at the moment by the hotels to finalise the booking, this may change by May.

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/>

ALTAR SERVERS ALBS: Many thanks to all those who helped at our Bake Sale last weekend, the amount we raised is £1291.61. Many thanks to those who have given donations or sponsored Albs, the amount raised to date is £832; the second collection from last weekend was £213.45. Thanks to your generosity we have raised a total of £2337.06 which will go towards the purchase of the Altar Servers Albs (£2796). May God bless and reward your generosity.

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

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 or telephone 020 75921856

Feb./March 2022	TIME	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 26th	7:00 pm Vigil Mass*	Declan McDermott RIP
Sunday 27th 8th Sunday of the Ordinary Time	9:00 am Mass 11:00 am Mass* 5:30 pm Mass	Peter D'souza RIP Bridie Farry RIP Hugh & Irene Slack 25 th Wedding Anniversary
Monday 28th	9:30 am Mass 7:00 pm Mass	Ana Amelia Dias RIP Camile Agnes Morton RIP
Tuesday 1st March St David	9:30 am Mass 7:00 pm Mass	Helena Niedzwiedzka RIP Thanksgiving for Rhys Fernandes Birthday
Wednesday 2nd Ash Wednesday	9:30 am Mass 7:00 pm Mass	Peace in Ukraine Soul of Furtado, Fernandes and Pereira Families
Thursday 3rd	9:30 am Mass 7:00 pm Mass	Helena Niedzwiedzka RIP Vitorino Fernandes RIP
Friday 4th	9:30 am Mass 7:00 pm Mass	Freddy Dias, Birthday Byron Paul RIP
Saturday 5th	7:00 pm Vigil Mass*	Sylvester and Rosada Baptista RIP
Sunday 6th 1st Sunday of Lent	9:00 am Mass 11:00 am Mass* 5:30 pm Mass	Elisa Botelho, Thanksgiving Joseph Rozario RIP Francis Louis D'Souza RIP
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

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

SUNDAY 27 FEBRUARY: 6.30 pm Vigil of Prayer for peace in Ukraine

TUESDAY 1 MARCH: Burning of Palms at 3.45 pm

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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. No Baptism will be celebrated until after Easter.

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

Let us pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time Canon Peter Moore, Patrick Joseph O'Neill, Camille Agnes Morton, Elsie Ford, Norman Nicholas, Dennis O'Donovan, Ann Eckford, William Phelan, Denis Kennedy, Nora O'Sullivan and Billy O'Malley.

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