



Diocese of Westminster

## Our Lady, Queen of Apostles

Served by the Society of the Divine Vocations - Vocationists

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

## 30 APRIL 2023 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter



The first question for each of us to ask ourselves today is this: Do I know the voice of the Shepherd? Have I become so familiar with His voice that I can clearly distinguish His voice from others? Try to imagine the image of several shepherds all calling their sheep at once. This is an image of the competing voices we encounter in our lives. But only one of those voices is the voice of God. Do you know His voice? Or do you become confused with the many other impulses, desires and attractions that vie for your attention? Jesus continued his teaching by saying that He is not only the Shepherd whose voice is known by the sheep, but He is also the gate. “I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture.” What does our Lord mean when He calls Himself the gate?

As the Gate, He is the Word of God, revealed to us through the Scriptures... Jesus is made present to us through the Sacraments, which are the door to His grace and the entryway to the food for our spiritual lives. Furthermore, any time our Lord comes to us, through holy preaching, the witness and teaching of the saints, and the life of prayer within the Church, or in any other way, we enter the gate and are admitted into His verdant pastures.

Jesus is the gate, not only for the sheep but for each of the shepherds who lead the sheep in His name. These are the pastors of the Church who have been entrusted with the mission of Christ to lead God’s people. Today, if a shepherd of the Church fails to preach Jesus Christ, then that shepherd “comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy.” Pastors of the Church must humbly listen carefully to these words so that they never fail to shepherd God’s people by leading them through the Gate, Who is Christ Himself. They must all be faithful to the whole Tradition of our Church, handed on throughout the ages, and not deviate from the pure and holy deposit of faith. If they preach their own gospel, or are negligent or misleading in their preaching, then they are not true shepherds. God’s true sheep will not recognize them. But if they are faithful to all that Jesus has taught, then they will lead the sheep through the gate and become shepherds in union with the Heart of the Good Shepherd.

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**\*\*\* NOTICES \*\*\***

**INFO FROM THE FATHERS:** We welcome to Heston Fr Rionelle who has joined the Vocationist Community having moved from Holywell. In addition, Fr Ritche will be away from Heston from Monday 8 May as he will be in Italy to attend courses organised by the Vocationist Order until the end of June; Fr Ritche will come back to Heston for some weekends to help with Parish activities.

**CORONATION OF KING CHARLES:** From Wednesday to Friday we are going to pray after each Mass a prayer for King Charles in preparation to his Coronation. On Friday 5 May the Evening Mass will be celebrated for the intentions of King Charles and on Saturday the morning Mass will be a Mass Celebrated to mark the occasion. There are prayer cards available at the back of the Church to accompany us as we approach this special day.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday and our second collection will support the Priest Training Fund. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 48 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 14 of whom are from our own Diocese, as well as two men studying in Rome and two in Valladolid. Last year five men were ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. The fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your gift ensures we can provide training for these men responding to Christ's call to dedicate their lives to serve God's people. Please be as generous as you can. Please also pray for vocations and for all our priests. If you do not have a donation envelope, plenty are still available at the back of the church. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations). Thank you for your generosity.

**VOCATION DISCERNMENT:** On Wednesday 17 May, there will be an open evening at St James, Spanish Place, for any men interested in learning about or discerning a vocation to priesthood. The regular evening Mass will be at 6.00pm, followed by a gathering downstairs in the Social Centre for a short presentation and informal conversations and refreshments. Do come and join us if you can. The nearest tube stations are Bond Street and Baker Street.

**VOCATIONIST DAY OF SPIRITUALITY:** We would like to invite all co-operators, parishioners, friends and all those interested in knowing more about the Vocationist Spirituality, to join us for an afternoon dedicated to this theme at St Mary's The Mount, Walsall on Wednesday 10 May starting at 2 pm. There will be talks and the official presentation of the cartoon on the life of St Justin in English. The day will end with the celebration of the First Solemn Mass of Fr Fabien. Come along and join us!

**VOCATIONIST COOPERATORS BBQ:** The Vocationist Cooperators of our parish have organised a BBQ to raise funds for Vocations on Sunday 7 May. On that Sunday the morning Mass will be at 10:30 am followed by the BBQ on the Church grounds, there will be burgers, hot dogs and cake sale as well as an opportunity to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles. Come along and join us!

**CONFIRMATION RETREAT AT SPEC:** There will be a meeting with the candidates on Sunday 7 May at 10 am in the Upstairs Hall to discuss the logistics and the timetable for the Retreat Day. All parents/guardian must make sure that the consent form is handed in by that day.

**ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30pm** with the Cardinal in Westminster Cathedral. The Cardinal is inviting to this celebration all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2023. Details of attendees (names, wedding date, full postal address and email address or telephone number) need to be given to the parish office as soon as possible.

**\*\*\* VOLUNTEERS NEEDED \*\*\***

**CLEANERS:** We need people who can help us with Church cleaning making sure our Church is cleaned on a regular basis, we need three more groups of cleaners so we can organise a rota. If you can help or are able to put a team together, please contact the Parish Office.

**COUNTERS:** We are looking for volunteers to help us forming counting teams, we need at least four people per team and this should not be people who are married, related or living at the same address. Counting takes place on either Sunday evenings or Monday mornings, if you can help us in any way, please contact the Parish Office.

**\*\*\* 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, Saint 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 SAINT 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.

**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 ASKING FAVOURS THROUGH  
THE INTERCESSION OF SAINT JUSTIN MARIA RUSSOLILLO**

O Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for the wellbeing of the Church you endowed with extraordinary gifts Saint Justin Maria Russolillo, and you made him a pious and zealous Priest, an apostle of “Divine Vocations” and a fervent promoter of your Glory, Love and Will for the Universal Sanctification and for the “Divine Union” of all souls, grant us the grace of experiencing the power of his intercession while imitating his devotion, humility, patience, zeal and kindness. May the Grace (...) that you will grant us through his intercession, be of spiritual advantage to us, for your own glory and for the growth of Your Kingdom on earth. (Three “Glory Be” in honour of the Holy Trinity)

**CHURCH DONATIONS AND COLLECTION**

Have you considered giving your donation to the Parish via bank transfer (single donations) or via Standing Order? If you wish to do so, you can use 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.**

If you wish to Gift-Aid your donation, forms are available at the back of the Church or on the website. Gift-aid is available to all UK taxpayer and comes at no extra cost to you.

<b>MAY 2023</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>MASS INTENTION</b>
<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	7 pm Vigil Mass	Pierre Diuof, Healing Mass
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup></b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> <b>Vocation Sunday</b>	8 am Mass 9:30 am Family Mass 11:30 am Mass 5:30 pm Mass	Soul of Irene Berchmans Gertrude Fernandes Sr RIP Conrado Fuentes Death Anniversary Emerciano Joanes RIP
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup></b> <i>St Joseph the Worker</i>	9 am 9:30 am Mass 7 pm Mass	<b>Prayer of the Rosary</b> Anselmo Paixao Pereira RIP Fidel De Bono and Joseph Farrugia RIP
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup></b> <i>St Athanasius</i>	9 am 9:30 am Mass 7 pm Mass	<b>Prayer of the Rosary</b> Aborted Children of the Family Tree Asher Emmanuel Colaco, 1 <sup>st</sup> Birthday
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup></b> <i>Ss Philip and James</i>	9 am 9:30 am Mass 7 pm Mass	<b>Prayer of the Rosary</b> Annalin and Helena Rozario RIP Macon Gabriel Fernandes RIP, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Month
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup></b> <i>The English Martyrs</i>	9 am 9:30 am Mass 7 pm Mass	<b>Prayer of the Rosary</b> Antonio Fernandes RIP Savio Joanes, Good Health
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup></b> <i>First Friday of the Month</i>	9 am 9:30 am Mass 7 pm Mass	<b>Prayer of the Rosary</b> Rodolfo Dias, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Death Anniv/Sebastiao Da Costa, B'day King Charles' Intentions
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30 am Mass 10-10:45 am 7 pm Vigil Mass	Coronation of King Charles <b>Exposition and Adoration / Confessions</b> Erral Fernandes RIP
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup></b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>8 am NO MASS</b> 10:30am Family Mass <b>11:30 am NO MASS</b> <b>5:30 pm NO MASS</b>	Souls of Lelis Fernandes and Virginia De Souza

**Let us pray for the sick people of our Parish:** Catherine Jennings, Peter Wade, Ann Duckmanton and Grace Gauci.

**Let us pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time**  
Mary Bridget Martin, Michael Innis, Eamon Coyne, John McDonagh, James Lowless, Euphemia Kirkup Queck and John Rose.

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

### **DATES OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

**30 APRIL:** FHC Class after 9:30 am Mass

**4 MAY:** FHC Parents' Meeting

**7 MAY:** Vocationist Cooperators' BBQ

**13 MAY:** Altar Servers Church Cleaning at 11 am

**14 MAY:** Confirmation Retreat at SPEC

**14 MAY:** FHC Class after 9:30 am Mass

**20 MAY:** FHC Rehearsals at 11 am

**21 MAY:** Confirmation Class at 10.30am

**\*\*\* SATURDAY 15 JULY SUMMER FAIR \*\*\***