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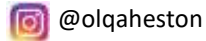
Our Lady, Queen of Apostles

Served by the Society of the Divine Vocations - Vocationists

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3RD MARCH 2024 – 3rd Sunday of Lent



In today's Gospel we read about how Jesus overturned the tables of the merchants and the moneychangers in the Temple at Jerusalem. In order to understand the relevance of Jesus' action, we must learn more about the activities that were going on in the temple area. Worship at the Temple in Jerusalem included animal sacrifice, and merchants sold animals to worshipers. Moneychangers exchanged Roman coins, which bore the image of the Roman emperor, for the temple coins that were needed to pay the temple tax. Jesus' action at the Temple in Jerusalem is recorded in all four Gospels and is often

understood to be among the events that led to Jesus' arrest and Crucifixion. The Gospel of John, however, places this event much earlier in Jesus' public ministry than do the Synoptic Gospels. In John's Gospel this event occurs at the very beginning of Jesus' ministry, after his first miracle at the wedding feast at Cana. We must read the Gospel of John carefully, especially in its presentation of Jesus' relationship to Judaism. The Gospel of John tends to reflect greater tension and animosity between Jesus and the Jewish authorities than the Synoptic Gospels. The Gospel of John was the last of the four Gospels to be written, and its narrative reflects the growing divide between the Jewish community and the early Christian community. Thus, greater emphasis on the distinction between Christianity and Judaism is found in John's Gospel. Reflecting upon the destruction of the Temple of Jerusalem (A.D. 70), John recalls Jesus' cleansing of the Temple and uses that story to interpret this later event. John explains to his audience, an early Christian community, that temple worship would no longer be necessary because it was surpassed in the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus. With greater frequency than the other Evangelists, John intersperses post-Resurrection reflections of this Christian community in his narrative. After clearing the Temple of the merchants and the moneychangers, John's Gospel tells us that the people asked for a sign of Jesus' authority to do such an audacious act. In response, Jesus predicted his death and Resurrection. Throughout John's Gospel, the language of signs is distinctive. Jesus' miracles are called signs, and the people look to these signs for proof of his authority. Here we learn that the sign par excellence will be Jesus' passion, death, and Resurrection. During Lent we reflect upon the meaning of this sign for us and for our world. We might take this opportunity to consider the quality of our prayer and worship. In our prayers we seek to deepen our relationship with the person of Christ. In our worship with the community, we gather to experience anew the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus and its significance in our lives. Christ promises to be present with us when we gather for prayer.

Available at <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/third-sunday-of-lent-cycle-b-sunday-connection/>

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY 3 MARCH: Confirmation Class after 9:30 am Mass

SUNDAY 10 MARCH: FHC Class after 9:30 am Mass

SATURDAY 16 MARCH: FHC Stations of the Cross at 11 am

SATURDAY 16 MARCH: Bingo Night after 7 pm Mass

SUNDAY 17 MARCH: Confirmation Class after 9:30 am Mass

SATURDAY 23 MARCH: Altar Servers Church Cleaning and Preparation for Holy Week

***** NOTICES *****

FEBRUARY COLLECTION: Throughout the month of February we have collected £1251.47, of which £203.50 was gift-aid donations. The amount raised for Ash Wednesday is £1,283.91 which will go towards the building fund.

POLITE NOTICE – If your child becomes noisy and disruptive can you please take them to the room at the back of the church for the duration of the mass. Also, accompany the kneelers when you are using them and do not drop them so to avoid loud noise especially at Consecration time.

SWITCH OFF YOUR PHONE: When you enter the Church, it may be possible that you hear “the call of God”. However, it is unlikely that He will call you on your mobile. It may be a good exercise to switch it off or at least put it on silent before you enter the Church. If you want to talk to God, find a quiet place, pray and talk to Him.

CAR PARK: Our Car Park operates on a one-way system with clear signage on the ground. When exiting the car park, cars must pass through the back of the halls. Also, drivers please ensure you drive slow and pay attention to pedestrians, especially any children, while driving.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Throughout the season of Lent we will celebrate the Stations of the Cross every Friday at 6:15 pm.

CARDINAL’S LENTEN APPEAL DONATION ENVELOPES are available at the back of the Church.

LENTEN ALMS: During the season of Lent, you will find a donation box by the Baptism Font where you can leave your donation of the Lenten Alms. Alms are donation that come from our fasting. As we fast from some food or the Friday abstinence from meat, that money we might have used to buy these we could donate it towards the Lenten Alms. The Lenten Alms will go towards the Cardinal Lenten appeal.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS, WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL CHOIR, will perform Johann Sebastian Bach’s retelling of St John Passion on Thursday, 14th March at 7.30 pm at Westminster Cathedral. Tickets are offered at a discount of 30%. Use link for tickets and use password: SJP30

<https://www.ticketmaster.co.uk/event/1F00602BD7A81B4F?did=sjp30>

BINGO NIGHT, SATURDAY, 16TH MARCH AT 8.00 PM, proceeds to go to the Church building fund.

PARISH EVENTS: On the back page of the newsletter, you can find the event we have planned for this year together with the Social Committee. Please note them in your diary so you can make sure you will be here to join us. More information about each event will be given closer to each date.

LENT RETREAT DAY FOR YOUNG ADULTS with the Assumption Sisters & Fathers on Saturday, 16th March 2024 at 11.00 am – 7.00 pm at The Assumption Priory, Victoria Park Square, London, E2 9PB (closest tube station: Bethnal Green). Programme includes talks, prayer, adoration and confessions, Stations of the Cross, faith sharing, mass and social time. Donations only. Register by emailing: tramy@assumptionreligious.org

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY, WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL, SATURDAY 25TH MAY 2024 AT 2:30PM: 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 2024. 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). Details of attendees are sent to family@rcdow.org.uk

THANK YOU FROM THE OFFICE OF THE VOCATIONIST MISSION WORLDWIDE, who would like to express their appreciation and gratitude to you for the generous donation of £1053.20 to the Vacationist Mission from the collection held on 19th November 2023.

ALTAR SERVERS ALBS: Last year we run a fundraising to purchase new albs for the Altar Servers and those have been distributed, however, we have realised that some Altar Servers have kept the old albs as well. As we have new altar servers training, we would require albs for everyone, so if you have old albs at home please return them to us. Parents make sure that your children’s albs are clean before coming to Church.

MASS ATTENDANCE CARD: We have noticed that a number of families do not have an attendance card for their children. The attendance card is for children who are 2yo up to those in Year 5 and you will need for when you are going to apply for a Catholic School as it will help priests make sure you have attended Mass regularly and therefore they can sign the form. If you do not have one please contact the office.

KNOCK PILGRIMAGE 2024: Escorted Tour to Knock & Co Mayo, 10th March 2024. £899.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights' in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

THE ROSARY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL is seeking new Foundation Governors to serve on our Governing Body. Like all school governors, Foundation Governors work to support the Leadership team and staff but also have a special responsibility to support the Christian ethos of the school. This is an important voluntary role, offering the opportunity to make a positive difference, working with the team to promote the school's success. If you would be interested in receiving more information about the role and an application form, please email Mrs Dulko at admin@rosary.hounslow.sch.uk

*****SACRAMENTS*****

BAPTISMS: Please use the form on the Parish Website to enquire about the Baptism for your child. We celebrate Baptisms on a Saturday only; we ask that you give us minimum 6 weeks' notice.

MARRIAGE: If you are planning to marry, we can only start the paperwork needed by the diocese 6 months prior your wedding day. Whether you are marrying in the UK or abroad we need minimum 6 months' notice, especially if we need to arrange a marriage course. Please do not leave it to the last minute!

CONFESSIONS: Every Saturday 10-10:45 am and during the Station of the Cross every Friday 6:15-6:45 pm.

***** 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 – THE MEMORARE

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 ST JUSTIN 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)*

MARCH 2024	TIME	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 2nd	7 pm Vigil Mass	Tony Clarke & Mary Clarke - RIP
Sunday 3rd +THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	8 am Mass 9:30 am Family Mass 11:30 am Mass 5:30 pm	St Edmund – Thanksgiving Lelis Fernandes & Virginia De Souza Souls of the Rodrigues Family Menino Fernandes - RIP
Monday 4th	9 am 9:30 am Mass 7 pm Mass*	Prayer of the Rosary Joseph Anthony Fernandes – RIP Damian Courtney – Good Health
Tuesday 5th	9 am 9:30 am Mass 7 pm Mass*	Prayer of the Rosary Souls of the Fernandes Family -
Wednesday 6th	9 am 9:30 am Mass 7 pm Mass	Prayer of the Rosary Souls of the De Sousa Family -
Thursday 7th	9 am 9:30 am Mass 7 pm Mass	Prayer of the Rosary Credola Elethia Joao – Good Health (1 st Birthday) Souls of D’Abreo & Tracey Family
Friday 8th	9 am 9:30 am Mass 6:15 pm 7 pm Mass	Prayer of the Rosary Souls of the Furtado Family Stations of the Cross Vicentiu & Horatio - Birthday
Saturday 9th	9:30 am Mass 10-10:45 am 7 pm Vigil Mass	Thanksgiving Adoration & Confessions Anthony Fernandes - RIP
Sunday 10th +FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	8 am Mass 9:30 am Family Mass 11:30 am Mass 5:30 pm	Don Carver Una Karai – Get Well Albert Pires – RIP Casimiro Luis & Alicia Gonsalves
*Mass will be celebrated in the Martyrs’ Chapel, please use the Car Park Entrance.		

Let us pray for the sick people of our Parish

Catherine Jennings, Ann Duckmanton, and Grace Gauci.

Let us pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time

*Nora O’Sullivan, Billy O’Malley, Sean Kenny, John Maloney, John Griffin, James Clarke, Olivia Mary Clara Wilkinson
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the
faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

PARISH EVENTS – FOR YOUR DIARY

SATURDAY 16 MARCH: Bingo Night

SUNDAY 31 MARCH: Easter Draw

SATURDAY 20 APRIL: SDV Cooperators Disco
and Curry Night

SUNDAY 19 MAY: International Mass

FRIDAY 31 MAY: May Procession

SUNDAY 2 JUNE: Parish BBQ

SUNDAY 30 JUNE: Parish Community Picnic

PARISH EVENTS – FOR YOUR DIARY

SATURDAY 13 JULY: Fr Simon’s Silver Jubilee

SATURDAY 20 JULY: Summer Fayre

SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER: Bingo Night

SATURDAY 5 OCTOBER: SDV Cooperators
Dinner & Dance

SATURDAY 9 NOVEMBER: Bingo Night

SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER: Christmas Fair

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.