ST BERNADETTE'S RC CHURCH



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Sunday 3rd December 2017
First Sunday of Advent

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Sunday Masses

Saturday	6 pm
Sunday	9 am, 11 am & 5.30 pm

Weekday Masses

Monday	10 am
Tuesday	No Mass
Wednesday - Saturday	10 am

Exposition and Benediction
Friday following the 10 am Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday 10.30 – 11 am

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE
The fourth session takes place next Sunday, December 10th, at 9.45 am in the Hall. All the children will be brought into church afterwards to join their families for the 11 am Mass.

CHRISTMAS FOODBANK COLLECTION
Our Christmas Food Bank collection takes place this weekend. We have been asked for pasta sauce, cereals, UHT milk, tinned fish, fruit juice and any Christmas stuff. Thank you.
The Justice and Peace Team

CATHOLIC YOUTH COLLECTION
Thank you all very much for your kind donations last weekend, which amounted to £193.46.

CONFIRMATION COURSE 2018
Enrolment forms for next year's Course are now available at the back of the church for those in Year 10 and above. **The closing date is 15th December.**

HARROW COMMUNITY CENTRE for divorced and separated Catholics. The next meeting will be on Monday 4th December in the hall in St Bernard's Church, Northolt. (not far from Northolt Station.)

CONCERT FOR LOURDES PILGRIMAGE
A Christmas Celebration to raise funds to help less-able pilgrims and their carers to participate in the pilgrimage and be provided with appropriate medical and volunteer support. Thursday 7th December at Our Lady of Victories, Kensington High Street, at 7 pm, in the presence of Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Poster at the back of the church.

THE PASSAGE – THE BIG GIVE
If you donate online to The Passage befoe 12 noon on Tuesday 5th December the amount will be doubled. Gift Aid can also be included. For more information ring Andrew Hollingsworth 020 75921855, or email, andrew.h@passage.org.uk
https://secure.thebiggive.org.uk/project/27756

READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS CHRISTMAS DAY
There are sheets at the back of the church for you to volunteer for the Christmas Masses. If you are on the rota for Christmas Eve, but are going to be away, please ask someone to swap. Thank you.

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE
Fr Matthew will be signing the Certificate of Catholic Practice to support Nursery applications on Friday 8th December between 11.15 and 12.15pm in the church.

Closing dates for applications to St Bernadette's school for September: **Nursery: Friday 9th February 2018 and Primary Reception class: Monday 15th January 2018.** All queries should be made to the school office.

WESTMINSTER YEAR BOOK 2018
Copies are now available for sale at the back of the church priced £4.50.

PRAYER FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Lord God, your Son will come again at the end of time, but now he lives and suffers in today's people. Send us in love to those who need our time, our care and our comfort. We make this prayer particularly for all the sick of our Parish, through Jesus Christ our Lord, AMEN.

A CATHOLIC EDUCATION
Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard. The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it; now we need you to tell them not to u-turn on their promise to Catholics.
Visit http://catholicnews.org.uk/ or search for 'Catholic Education' to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.

DIOCESAN ACCOUNTS 2016
There is a copy of the Diocesan Accounts review for 2016 at the back of the church. You are welcome to take a look, but please replace it for other parishioners to see. If you prefer you can view the figures online at www.rcdow.org.uk/publications.

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA
We have received a belated thank you (the parcel was misdirected!) from the chaplain at Tilbury Docks for all the rosaries and prayer cards you so kindly donated earlier in the year. They are very grateful!

WEEKLY COLLECTION Thank you for your Offering last week of £2,055.69.

Parish Priest: Fr Matthew Heslin **Deacon:** Rev. Reg Abrahams
Parish Secretary: Mrs Linda Broadbridge (email: lindab@rcdow.org.uk)
Office Hours: Monday & Friday 9 am – 3.30 pm, Wednesday 10 am – 2 pm.