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+ 2nd Sunday of Lent (Year B)

25th February 2018

Next Sunday we welcome Fr. Mamdouh Abusada from the The School of Joy in Bethlehem. THE SCHOOL OF JOY was founded to protect and defend the right of the destitute children, who are neglected and without care and education. The school was founded 20 years ago, in beginning of the scholastic year 1998 in Beit Sahour, the town of the shepherds fields in the Holy Land. The school serves 60 destitute children with special needs, boys and girls. The school keeps them out of the streets because they are not accepted at normal schools. The ultimate goal of this school is to improve the overall life of pupils who have low academic achievement in the greater Bethlehem region. The school of joy is considered their home, offering its service to abandoned students, poor and orphaned children. The school also caters for students with speech difficulties, without regard to race, religion or colour and it is a non profitable school. The school offers health insurance, as most parents who send children to our school cannot afford medical treatment. The health insurance covers all the children who attend the school for their medication, accidents, Xrays, doctor's consultations, hearing aids and simple medical treatments at our local clinic. Vocational training section is offered to the students according to their ability and interest. The focus is on teaching a skill whereby the individual can then earn a living and become economically self-sufficient. We would like to keep developing the school by buying equipment such as sewing machines, sewing equipment's and machines also embroidery equipments and materials to offer more opportunity for our abandoned mothers of our special needs student.

A retiring collection will be taken for this good work of THE SCHOOL OF JOY.
St. Anthony: Our new statue has arrived and this will be used during the Tuesday evening devotions. However our main statue is in need of restoration and will be taken away this week for a period of time. A new candelabra will also be fitted to allow more candles to be burnt here. The existing statue WILL RETURN – I promise.

SUNDAY MASS

Sat Vigil 6.15pm
9am, 10.30am*
12noon, 6pm
*Children Liturgy
(Year 5 & Below)

WEEKDAY MASS

Mon - Sat 9am
Tue & Thu 6pm
Fri 7pm

EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE

Mon & Wed 6pm

CONFESSIONS

Fri 6pm – Fr. Derek
Sat 9.30-10.15 –Fr. Azzopardi
Sat 4.30-5.30pm- Fr Derek

HOLY HOUR &

BENEDICTION

Sat 4.30-5.30pm

ROSARY

Mon-Sat 8.20am
(Wed & Fri 8am followed
by Stations of the Cross)

THE PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday : 9.30am - 1.00pm

OFFICE CLOSED ON FRIDAY

Parish Priest: Fr Derek McGuire

derekmcguire@rcdow.org.uk

(Day off: Monday 10am – Tuesday 12noon)

Assistant Priest: Fr Fortunato Pantisano

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(Day off: Wednesday)

PLEASE EMAIL OR CALL THE PRIESTS

DIRECTLY FOR APPOINTMENT

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(BOOKINGS TAKEN BY PHONE MON, THURS, FRI 7.00-8.30AM,
AND TUES/WED 4.00-5.00PM, OR BY EMAIL)

Child Protection Carer: *Appointment pending*

PARISH NOTICES

NURSERY SCHOOL FORMS 2018 Please visit the School(s) or their websites for Application(s) and relevant information. Fr Derek/Fr Fortunato will be signing the 'Certificate of Catholic Practice' during the second week of March. Online appointments and guidelines are now available on the Parish website: parish.rcdow.org.uk/Hounslow. PARENTS PLEASE DO NOT PANIC. Please keep reading the newsletter. The deadline is 4 May – so there is time.

SIGNING THE CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE FOR SCHOOLS

1. The Archdiocese requires that families attend regularly (this means attending Mass every Sunday or Saturday evening) for at least **TWO years** before a priest is able to sign the Certificate of Catholic Practice.
 - **Attendance Card** is used to indicate the presence of families at Mass.
 - If you are new to the parish – you will need a **letter from your previous Parish Priest**.
2. Parents, please visit the Local Council & Schools or their websites for forms and other guidelines. Once your application is ready, then contact the priest as below.
3. For signing the Certificate of Catholic Practice for Nursery, Reception & Secondary Transfer, please keep reading the newsletter near the time for online appointment(s) or visit the website.
4. For other school years, please make an appointment directly with the priest, details available overleaf.
5. Please make sure you have the attendance card(s) or a letter from your previous Parish.

PLEASE REMEMBER: On FRIDAYS there will be **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** AFTER Mass at 7pm. Also, ON SATURDAY after 9am Mass. **FLOWERS:** we ask parishioners NOT to bring in flowers to decorate any of the statues or the side altars.

BIBLE TIMELINE: After Easter we will begin a new series of Bible talks and the them will be **THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES**. Watch this space for information.

PARISH COUNCIL: Meeting on Tue 13 March at 7.30pm, Presbytery.

REGULAR NOTICES

NEW PARISHIONER OR FAMILY? CHANGE IN ADDRESS? ADDITION OF A NEW FAMILY MEMBER TO THE EXISTING RECORD? Please fill in the Parish Registration Form (GREEN COLOUR) available in the Church porch & drop the completed form into the mail-box, Parish Office **OR ONLINE FOR REGISTRATION OR AMENDMENT:** Please visit our website

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hounslow/registration/>

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPE BOXES – are ready for collection in the Church from this weekend after all Masses and thereafter during the weekdays. Please note:

- Your Box Number will remain the same as last years. Please remember your box number.
- Please make sure that your Name and Address are correct on the box.
- Those who would like to have a box of envelope, please fill in the PG registration & GAD form (colour White) and drop it into the box provided. **EVERY FAMILY SHOULD HAVE A WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION BOX – so please sign up.** Those who have recently signed up, box of envelope will be issued to you shortly.
- This box of envelope is for the whole year starting from April to March. Followed by a new box of envelope each year in Feb/March to all the active Parish donors.
- If you would like to cancel your box due to changes in your circumstances, please contact Lavina.
- If you are a tax payer, the parish will receive 25p more for every £1 you give. So please sign the Gift Aid declaration form.
- If you have any other queries or cannot find your box, please contact Lavina during office hours or via email.

ANY TEXT GIVING THROUGH YOUR MOBILE PHONE!

By using your mobile telephone, you can now text £5 as an offering to help support the running cost, ministries and programmes or the cost of maintenance and repair to our buildings.

Simple text "Parish HOURS" to this

number: 70800

MARRIAGE PAPERWORK – A GENTLE REMINDER – you need to give 6 MONTHS NOTICE of MARRIAGE – whether it is taking place HERE or ABROAD - INDIA, PHILIPPINES or elsewhere. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE IT TO THE LAST MINUTE. Couples or individuals should speak to a priest VERY EARLY IN THE PROCESS – so that there is no last minute rush. Marriage Preparation Courses are NOT offered EVERY MONTH – so best to book early.

MASS ATTENDANCE CARD - STICKERS FOR THE CHILDREN IN SCHOOL YEAR 5 AND UNDER.

- Stickers are issued at the start of the Mass and will not be given at the end.
- All parents are reminded that a sticker will only be issued if the child is present for the Mass.
- Stickers will not be given if the card is not presented.
- Any issues please speak to Fr. Derek, do not abuse the ushers and those handing out the stickers.
- Parents please remember to have the picture of your child and their name on the card.

GOING IN TO HOSPITAL? - If you find yourself going in to hospital please be aware that the staff there will NOT ask you about your religion. You have to notify them by telling them that you are a Roman Catholic and that you would like the CHAPLAIN to know that you are in the hospital OR YOU CAN NOTIFY US DIRECTLY.

CATECHETICAL PROGRAMMES

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – for children in year 5 or below will go into the Parish Centre for the Gospel at their level. We will resume today.

RCIA 1ST SCRUTINY – Saturday, 3rd March, 6:15pm Mass. The Elect (the unbaptised) and their sponsors are required to be present.

CONFIRMATION – RISE THEATRE will lead a mini retreat (11:30am-5:30pm) in the Parish Centre

on Saturday, 3rd and Sunday 4th March. The candidates will be split into two groups and allocated one of the two days.

WALK WITH ME - no classes on Sunday 4th March. We will resume on resume on Sunday 11th March. The Tuesday class is not affected and continues as normal on throughout.

REPOSITORY

LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA - *New CD of the Month: 'Could God love someone like me? – the Sacrament of Reconciliation'* by Fr Michael Schmitz. On sale by the Repository - £2.50 each.

"WE ADORE YOU, O CHRIST, AND WE PRAISE YOU": THE GIFT OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST Faith-Sharing booklets, Cost £3. Faith sharing groups & individuals may find it very helpful.

EVENTS

JUSTICE & PEACE - CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY – FRIDAY 23 February. Please return your envelope **TODAY**. Your donations will be doubled, so please donate between 13 February and 12 May 2018.

PERMANENT DEACON 'COME AND SEE' A two hour meeting from 10am to 12noon at: St Edward the Confessor, Golders Green on Sat 10th March, or Ealing Abbey Sat 14th April, or Our Lady and St Vincent, Potters Bar Sat 12th May. No booking needed. Wives welcome. Contact details Deacon Adrian Cullen 07961 594725 or Deacon Anthony Clark 07545 373548.

MOTHERS PRAYERS - Saturday 10th March, 2.30 - 4.30pm in church. What do you want Jesus to do for your children and grandchildren at this time in their lives? **An invitation for all mothers to unite in powerful prayer before the Blessed Sacrament bringing their pain and concerns to the Lord to receive healing, blessings, grace and guidance as they surrender their children and grandchildren to Jesus for His will to be done in their lives.** Jeremiah 31: 16-17

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: This year it will be held on Friday 2nd March at 10.30am at the United Reformed Church, First Cross Road, Twickenham. Please see poster at the back of the Church.

TEXTS FOR THIS SUNDAY'S MASS

Genesis 22:1-2.9-13.15-18 The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

Psalm response: *I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.*

Romans 8:31-34 God did not spare his own Son.

Mark 9:2-10 This is my Son, the beloved.

Divine Office: Week II

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS

3rd Sunday of Lent

Exodus 20:1-17 The Law was given through Moses.

Psalm resp: *You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.*

1 Corinthians 1:22-25 Here we are preaching a crucified Christ, an obstacle to men, but to those who are called, the wisdom of God.

John 2:13-25 Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

17/18 February 2018

Envelopes	£ 3,115.84
Loose	£ 1,411.13
TOTAL	<u>£ 4,526.97</u>

IN YOUR KINDNESS PLEASE PRAY FOR

SICK: Marcelle Baroudi, Pam Khoos, Clementine Parker, Tallula Parker, Laura D'Souza, Maralyn McNamara, Socorio Rozario Vaz.

RIP: Isabella Silva, Jason Asante-Appiah, Adriana Lauzado, Joy Mohan, Maura Dardis, Cleopatra Moulon, Rajamanikam Seevanasen, Edward Lennon

GROUP MEETINGS

PARISH COUNTING GROUP ROTA

This week: Group B (Denzil Burns)

Next week: Group C (John Radley)

ASCENT GROUP MEETING: Every Monday
1.30pm in the Parish Centre.

YEAR 7 & 8 YOUTH GROUP meets every Tuesday 6pm - 7.15pm in the Parish Centre. All girls and boys are welcome. Please see the poster in the church porch.

ST ANTHONY NOVENAS: Every Tuesday at 7pm in the Church.

UCM: No meeting this week. Tuesday 27th February 7.30pm its our AGM. Members please make a special effort to attend. All are welcome.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP: Wednesday evenings at 5.30pm, Church.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP) MEETINGS are held on Weekend Group: 28th Feb (Wed) 7:30pm in the Parish Centre. New members are welcomed.

DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS AND IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY: Every Thursday from 5pm in the Church.

PRAYERS FOR PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN AND CLOSURE OF ABORTION CLINICS IN UK every last Friday of the month at 9.30am.

DIVINE MERCY: on first Friday at 3pm

LIVING WORD CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL PRAYER GROUP meets every Friday from 7- 9pm at the Parish Centre.

CHURCH CLEANING: Every Saturday after 9am Mass. Please give a hand for half an hour.

YOUNG ADULTS: (AGE 18-35) meets every Sunday, 1.30-2.30pm in the Parish Centre.

SYRO MALABAR MASS: Sunday 4th March, 3.30pm.

GHANAIAN ASSOCIATION MEETING: Sunday 4th March at 1.15pm in the Parish Centre.

SRI LANKAN SINHALESE MASS on Sunday, 11 March at 4pm in the Church.

NIGERIAN COMMUNITY Meeting on Sunday, 11 March at 1.15pm in the Parish Centre.