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Archdiocese of Westminster

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NEWSLETTER

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+ 8th Sunday in OT (Year C) 3rd March 2019

LENT – 6th March Ash Wednesday, this starts our preparation for the celebration of EASTER. The ashes are from the branches of olive or palm trees, which have been blessed the previous year. Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence, which means we reduce our food intake and we DO NOT EAT MEAT. Masses will be at 7.30am, 9am, 6pm and 7.30pm with the distribution of ashes. There will be a **LENTEN ALMS COLLECTION** at each Mass for the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal which helps the mission of the Church and those on the margins of our society. Donations can also be put into the box on the wall near the Sacred Heart altar during Lent. **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.

THE GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR), which came into effect on May 2018, has imposed some new ways of administration and management of information in different institutions and/or organisations. The Church is not an exception. As a result of this development, there have been some noticeable changes in the administration of our parish. The distribution of our Planned Giving /Gift Aid Envelopes is one of the changes happening in the parish at the moment. We can no longer display those envelopes in "public" as was previously the case (Data Protection). In addition, we will no longer publish the **list of sick people** in our parish newsletter without **written consent** from family members, which can be in form of a letter that a member of the family will sign **authorising us** to include the person's name in our **Sick List**. Furthermore, the way that **liturgical Rotas** are displayed in the Church has been changed. Please, we appeal for your understanding as we work to make our parish **GDPR Complaint** as required by the existing law. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation. Parish Management.

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

WEEKDAY MASS
Mon – Sat 9am
Mon -- Thu 6pm
Fri 7pm

CONFESSIONS
Fri 6pm
Sat 9.30-10.15
Sat 4.30- 5.15

HOLY HOUR & BENEDICTION
Sat 4.30-5.30pm

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

MORNING PARISH OFFICE: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday : 9.30am - 1.00pm
EVENING PARISH OFFICE: Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Parish Priest: Fr Augustine Nwosu CSSp.
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davidsandambongo@rcdow.org.uk *(Day off: Wed)*
Assistant Priest & Chaplain at Heathrow Airport: Fr Daniel Adayi CSSp.
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PLEASE EMAIL OR CALL THE PRIEST DIRECTLY FOR APPOINTMENT
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Youth Worker: Ivan Čižmárik
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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

IMPORTANT PARISH NOTICE May I use this opportunity to inform our parishioners and at the same time strongly advise that nobody is permitted to use my name or any of the names of the Assistant Parish Priests as a **Referee** under any circumstance without prior discussion and authorisation from any of the Parish Clergy (Fr Austin Nwosu, CSSp., Fr Daniel Adayi, CSSp., and Fr David Sandambongo, CSSp.). Any attempt to circumvent this instruction might be deeply regrettable. Civil behaviour demands that you should approach whoever you want to be your **Referee** and obtain his/her consent before ever forwarding his/her name to the end user especially if you are not known to that person. It is in your good interest to be proactive with issues that could greatly undermine your credibility and/or integrity. We look forward to your absolute cooperation with regard to the above appeal. Thank you so much for your understanding. Fr Austin.

SIGNING THE CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE (CCP) FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Parents, please visit the Local Council & Schools or visit their websites for forms and other guidelines. Once your Catholic School application is ready, then contact the Priests to sign the **CCP** as below.

1. The Archdiocese requires that families attend Mass 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 PRIESTS***.

2. For signing the Certificate of Catholic Practice (A). For **Nursery, Reception & Secondary Transfer,** please keep reading the newsletter near the time for online appointment(s) with the Priest & visit the parish website. (B). For **school years (Yr1 to Yr6) or any other school years,** please make an appointment directly with the Priest, details available overleaf.

3. Please make sure you have the attendance card(s) or a letter from your previous Parish before making an appointment.

NURSERY SCHOOL (September 2019): Please visit the School(s) or their websites for Application(s) and relevant information. The Priests will be signing the Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP) during the *third week of March.* Online appointments and guidelines will be available on the Parish website from **Tuesday 26th February.** The deadline is 3rd May– so there is time.

BIBLE TIMELINE – *Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come*: On Mondays at 7.30pm for the full version and then the abridged version on Wednesdays mornings after the 9am Mass – both in the Parish Centre. Contact person: Ivan Cizmarik, Email: ivancizmarik@rcdow.org.uk

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: Saturday 4th May at 10am, Presbytery.

PARISH COUNCIL: Meeting on Tuesday 12th March at 7.30pm, Parish Centre.

LECTORS/READERS ROTA (Amended copy for 12noon readers) **& EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS ROTA** are available in the sacristy and online on the Parish Website.

MEETING OF EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST WITH FR AUSTIN on Saturday 30th March 2019 in the Church at 10.30am – 12.00 noon. Please, block this date in your diary.

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.

MASS ATTENDANCE CARD

The new Mass Attendance Card (Green Colour) (Sept'18 to June'19) for children in Year 5 and below only. This Card will be requested by the Priest for signing of the *Certificate of Catholic Practise (CCP) for Catholic Schools.* Stickers will be given when you ENTER THE CHURCH BEFORE MASS BEGINS.

- Please ensure your card has a recent PHOTO of your child and their FULL NAME.

- 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.

PLANNED GIVING BOXES will be available for collection from the Parish Office during office hours (mentioned on page 1). Please note:

- The new box begin on **Sunday 7th April.** Please do not use it before that. Dates mentioned on the envelopes.
- Your Box Number will remain the same as in previous years. Please remember your box number.
- Please make sure that your Name and Address are correct on the box. Any changes, email Lavina.
- If you are a taxpayer, the parish will receive 25p more for every £1 you give. So please sign the Gift Aid declaration form.
- Those who would like to have a box of envelope please fill in the PG registration & GAD form (colour White). **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 or any other queries, please email Lavina.

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 see the Priest early to book the course. **Please make an appointment directly with the Priest, contact details available overleaf.**

CATECHETICAL PROGRAMMES

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Next session will be on Sunday 10th March at 10.30am Mass. This is for children in school year 5 and under.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Saturday 9th March 2019 - Celebration of SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION, 10.30am – 12.00noon, Parish Centre. All children together. There is no Parents' Session on this day.

RCIA: Please pray for our catechumens Charlotte, Lynda and Lola as they go to Westminster Cathedral on Sunday 10th March, 3pm, for the Rite of Election. Cardinal Nichols will formally acknowledge their readiness and call them to the Sacraments of Initiation.

NEXT BAPTISM COURSE is on the 12th and 19th May.

EVENTS

PROCLAIM SPRING GATHERING 2019 WITH BISHOP JOHN WILSON on Saturday 16th March at St Mark's Catholic School, 106 Bath Road, Hounslow TW3 3EJ will help all who are interested in sharing their Faith to respond to Pope Francis' call to grow 'Missionary Parishes' and form 'Missionary Disciples'. You are invited to hear talks and presentations, and join in discussion with participants from other parishes. This event is free and run from 9.30am to 3.00pm. Refreshments will be provided. Please bring your own lunch. To register for Proclaim Spring Gathering e-mail Warren Brown at catadmin@rcdow.org.uk Telephone contact is 0207 798 9152

REPOSITORY: St Patrick's Day, Mother's Day, Westminster Year Books, First Holy Communion & Confirmation cards & gifts are now on sale in the Repository. **WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS & MY DAY BY DAY LENT BOOKLETS** for personal use. For Adults £1 & for Junior 50pence each are available at the back of the church. Please put your donations into the box marked PARISH UPKEEP at the back of the church. **LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA –** CD ***'The Crisis of Happiness: Hurting, addicting & Healing' by Jim Owens*** on sale by the Repository - £2.50 each.

TEXTS FOR THIS SUNDAY'S MASS

Ecclesiasticus 27:5-8 The orchard where a tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit,
Psalm response: *It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.*
1 Corinthians 15:54-58 Death is swallowed up in victory.
Luke 6:39-45 Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? ***Ps Week IV***

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS

1st Sunday in Lent, Year C
Deuteronomy 26:4-10 The creed of the chosen people.
Psalm response: *Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.*
Romans 10:8-13 The creed of the Christian.
Luke 4:1-13 Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness and was tempted there.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

23/24 February 2019

Envelopes	£ 2,893.95
Loose	£ 2,206.08
TOTAL	**£ 5,100.03**

IN YOUR KINDNESS PLEASE PRAY FOR

SICK: Clementine Parker, Tallula Parker, Laura D'Souza, Maralyn McNamara, Socorio Vaz, Breda Peters, Wences Faria, Patrick Kinneally, Alban Pereira, Maurizio Bellion.
RIP: Catarina Fernandes, Agnelo Phiip Dias, Rupert Elvin Philips.
FUNERAL MASSES: Late Eric Dominic Macedo on Thursday 7th March at 11am.
Late June M Barford on Tuesday 12 March, 11am.

GROUP MEETINGS

PARISH COUNTING GROUP ROTA
This week: Group C (John Radley)
Next week: Group D (Joe Furey)

SYRO MALABAR MASS: Sunday 3rd March 3.30pm.

GHANAIAN ASSOCIATION MEETING: Sunday 3rd March at 1.15pm in the Parish Centre.

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

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

UCM: Tuesday 5th March 9.30am meeting and pancake day in the Parish Centre. A guest speaker will give a talk on Hermits. All parishioners are welcome. Tuesday 12th March 9.30am officers meeting.

YEAR 7 & 8 YOUTH GROUP We meet every Tuesday 6pm – 7.15pm in the Parish Centre. All girls and boys are welcome. There will be games and social time. Come along! Contact person: Ivan Cizmarik, Email: ivancizmarik@rcdow.org.uk

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP: Wednesday evenings at 5.15pm, Church.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP) MEETINGS are held on Weekday: 2nd & 4th Wednesday at 7:30pm, Weekend: 2nd & 4th Saturday at 10am 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.

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

PARISH SOCIAL SUPPORT TEAM are available in the Church porch on: 2nd and 4th Tue = 7:30pm to 7:45pm; 2nd and 4th Sat = 9:45am to 10am.

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

YOUNG ADULTS' GROUP Age range: 18 - 35 years| Date: Every Sunday| Time: 1.30-2.30pm| Location: Parish Centre – Meeting Room. Contact Ivan Cizmarik, Email: ivancizmarik@rcdow.org.uk

YOUTH MUSIC MINISTRY Rehearsal on Sunday 10th March at 1.30pm in the Parish Centre. New members welcome!

SRI LANKAN SINHALESE MASS on Sunday, 10 March at 4pm in the Church.

NIGERIAN COMMUNITY Meeting on Sunday, 10 March at 1.15pm in the Parish Centre.

CARIBBEAN CATHOLICS Meeting on Sunday 17th March at 1.30pm in the Parish Centre.