

NEWSLETTER

'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him''

When you go to the Holy Land, Mount Tabor is a place to visit. It's where the theophany, God showing himself took place. Permit me to linger in memory on moments like this when I was lifted into intimacy with God and felt the rapture that goes with intimacy. The disciples were encouraged as they saw Jesus as he really is. Accompanied by Moses and Elijah he was guided by the law and the by the prophets. I too seek this balance, drawing on the wisdom that comes from tradition and from vision. In that glorious moment, Peter wanted to remain and I pray that I might appreciate the blessings that I have received, and not get stuck in the past which I at times tend to do. When God says, 'This is my Son,, the Chosen One' the disciples are called to listen. They were in danger of being distracted by what they were witnessing and might miss the meaning that they had to listen closely. I have to consider where I need silence in the hurly-burly of my life to listen closely to the Chosen One.

At all the sacramental moments we see those we love in their true dignity as human beings beloved of God. The dreams for this perfect infant at Baptism, the blessings with gifts at Confirmation, the beauty of forgiveness at Reconciliation, the joy of Communion, the hope for healing at the Sacrament of the Sick, the dignity of covenant-love at Matrimony, the beauty of service at Ordination. Fine clothing sometimes makes us gasp with admiration. Peter, James, and John were privileged to see Jesus in his full dignity.

In our journey towards God, we experience high moments, when we find ourselves on holy ground, and God shows himself. This was the state of Peter as he witnessed the Transfiguration of Jesus: 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here, so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah'. Peter wanted this experience to go on forever and Jesus had to bring him down to earth and to stop talking about the vision but instead be ready for Calvary.

On the Holy Mountain, three apostles had a glimpse of Jesus's prayer and glory. His prayer here is a conversation with Moses and Elijah. They spoke of his impending passion and death. This is a down-to-earth conversation about Jesus's life. Is my prayer like that?

The appearance of Jesus' face 'was changed'. Even his clothing is made radiant. If we are faithful, 'he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body' says Paul in our second reading. The Eucharist gives that vision day after day. Across the world, it provides an ongoing silent witness to transfiguration, for in it 'creation is projected to divinisation, and is a source of light and motivation for our concerns for the environment, directing us to be stewards of all creation (Laudato Si 236). In the Eucharist, I meet God who is active in transforming the world. This saves me from perishing in despair.

Fr. Christopher

Please pray for the people and the land of Ukraine

'Almighty God, Through Jesus' Divine name and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, we humbly ask for your mercy, to obtain peace in the land of Ukraine. May all the people of that Country remain safe from danger. Please do not let Chaos and war reign in the land of Ukraine but only peace that come from you'. Amen

"We pray for all considering abortion. We pray that the love and support of those around them would encourage the mother to continue with her pregnancy and find peace in what the future holds. Lord hear us"

Readings for this & next Sunday

1st Reading— Exodus 15, 5-12, 17-18
Psalm 26: 1, 7-9, 13-14 response v 1
2nd Reading - Romans 5; 1-2, 5-8
Gospel – Luke 9; 28-36

1st Reading— Exodus 3, 1-8, 13-15
Psalm 102: 1-4, 6-8, 11 response v 8
2nd Reading - Corinthians 10; 1-6, 10-12
Gospel – Luke 13; 1-9

**2ND SUNDAY
OF LENT****MASS INTENTIONS****March 13th, 2022**

6pm - Ints of Sick
& Housebound

March 14th, 2022

9am— Pro Populo
11am— Ints of Eve Marlow
(B'day)

Special on this week:

March 17th, 2022

9.15 am— Anniv
of Gwen Silva

For weekday mass intentions please, see the notice board on the left hand side of the main door of the church.

Confession on Saturday between
5.15-5.45 pm

or by appointment.

ADORATION

Every Saturday

from 5pm until 5.45

A Date for Your Diary

St Edmund's Penitential Service will be on

22nd March 22 at 8 pm.

'Confession is the Soul's bath. Even a clean and unoccupied room gathers dust; return after a week and you will see that it needs dusting again'

St Padre Pio

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Father, send now Your Holy Spirit over the earth. Let the Holy Spirit live in the hearts of all Nations, that they may be preserved from degeneration, disaster, and war. May Our Lady of All Nations, who is your Blessed Mother, be our Advocate and guide.

Amen.

Our Father, 10 Hail Marys,
Glory be

To those seeking a possibility to help financially to Ukrainians, I share with you a letter I have received from one of priests of our Deanery. Fr Christopher



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11/2022

Obukhiv, 28.02.2022

L. J. Ch. et M. I.

Dear Brothers,

On behalf of all Oblates belonging to the Delegation in Ukraine and Russia, and in my own, I wish to express my great gratitude for all support from Father General, Father Provincial, Oblates of our Province, and the help of each of you. We sincerely thank everyone who, whether in person by phone, via e-mail, or in any other way, supports us and the people entrusted to our care in this hard time of the war with the troops of the Russian Federation.

Over the past few days, it has been necessary to hide many times from bombings, but the Oblates do not leave their monasteries and parishes but stay in them, to accompany people, support them morally, spiritually, and materially, and often allow them to shelter in the cellars of our churches and monasteries.

In Chernihiv, which is often bombed by the Belarusian side, not only parishioners but also people from nearby buildings take refuge in the basement of the church, where young children also spend the night. In our Tyvriv monastery and sanctuary of Our Lady of Tyvriv and martyrs for the faith of the 20th century, a large group of parishioners from Kyiv and other villages more threatened with bombing found shelter. In the Sanctuary of St. Joseph, there is intense prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament for peace. Such prayer takes place in many of our chapels and churches.

In various circumstances of our everyday life, also during the celebration of the Eucharist, we hear sirens announcing possible bombing or flights of military planes, which is the cause of increased fear.

All the more, we express our sincere gratitude to everyone for every form of support, especially for intercession before the Lord. We believe that God can work a miracle and give us peace.

Many of you have the opportunity and the desire to support our ministry financially. Thanks to it, we will be able to help people who are entrusted with our responsibility and all others who need help even more effectively. And for this, we will be very grateful and we will respond with our prayers.

Financial support can be sent to an account in Poland. Payments in Euro.
Beneficiary: Prowincja M O N M N Delegatura Prowincjalna na Ukrainie
Beneficiary's Account (IBAN): PL69 1240 1763 1978 0000 1813 2432

Beneficiary's Address: ul. Ostatnia 14, 60-102 Poznań, POLAND
Bank Name: PEKAO S.A. II o./Poznań
Address of Bank Branch: ul. Masztalarska 8 a, 61-767 Poznań, POLAND
SWIFT Code (Bank International Code): PKOPPLPW
BLZ Code: 12401763

Yours faithfully

Father Vitaliy Podolan, OMI
Superior of the Delegation



A Lenten Prayer

Fast from fear; Feast on Faith
Fast from despair; Feed on hope

Fast from depressing news;

Feed on prayer

Fast from discontent;

Feast on gratitude

Fast from anger and worry;

Feed on patience

Fast from negative thinking;

Feast on positive thinking

Fast from bitterness;

Feed on love and forgiveness

Fast from words that wound;

Feast on words that heal

Fast from gravity;

Feast on joy and humour

Remember, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God'

William Arthur Ward

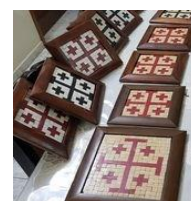
Dear Friends, The photos of the Ceramic Crosses were sent to me via whats app. I insert them in the News Letter the price of each is \$ 150.00. The money raised through your purchase will go to help the Christian families and children in the Holy Land. Contact details:

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Stations of the Cross

Dear All, Our lives changed again when the pandemic officially ended. Our world is now suffering from debt and uncontrollably rising prices. The world never stops. It is already changing once again. Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, is almost here. Easter will follow soon after. This is the most important time of the year for every Christian across the world. If ever our world needs our prayers, and we need to pray, it is now.

We are therefore personally inviting you, plus every parishioner and catechumen, to attend this year's Stations of the Cross, every Friday at 7pm, starting on the 4th March. We are also asking our most respected parishioners to make a special effort and attend every event, including all the PPC Members, Eucharistic Ministers, Catechists, and Ministers of the Word.

We have already invited our best and most enthusiastic readers to lead each event with new voices. None of them have previously read the Stations of the Cross before, so please come and give them your support.

You should also make a point of giving your confession during Lent. It is traditional for Catholics to make a meaningful confession before Easter, often known as the Easter Duty. This is mandatory for serious sins. The Parish may arrange a special Penitential Mass, but please do not wait for this. You should give your confession as soon as possible, to avoid overwhelming Father, by making an appointment through the Parish Office or by asking Father directly.

Lent is your chance to put aside all distractions and renew your relationship with God. You can still give something up if you wish, but maybe you should also say your prayers at the same time every day. Or say the rosary. Or read the bible, studying the whole chapter for each week's readings. Or study the psalms and try to memorise your favourites. Choose one that feels special to you and then **commit to doing it every day in Lent.**

Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2022

There are fewer donation envelopes, and you will see on the donation envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with your phone camera to give online. What you give to this year's appeal will be shared between parishes and Caritas Westminster. The effects of the pandemic are making daily life harder for all. The Church is responding with Thousands of people putting their faith into action by serving those in need. Just as a mosaic is made up of many different parts each piece is unique, each person's contribution will bring light into the lives of people across our Diocese. Please collect a donation envelope as you leave the Church from the table in the lobby. I thank you for your generosity. God bless you all .

Fr Christopher

'The Passage, a Catholic charity working with homeless people is raising funds through the Big Give a matched giving scheme from 12.00 noon on Monday 14 March. Every £1 donated online between 12.00 noon on Monday 14 March and 12.00 noon on Monday 28 March makes £2 and £2.25 if you are a taxpayer through Gift Aid. Please visit: <https://bit.ly/BigGiveMarch22> to support the campaign. The campaign 'It takes more than a house to make a home' focuses on the services we provide to people who have been homeless in their journey to being happily settled in a new home. The Passage would be very grateful for your support. For questions about the campaign or assistance making a donation please ring 020 7592 1856.'

Resource ideas for the Lent & Easter

SYCAMORE: are you looking to renew & refresh your faith this Lent in an informal setting, or support for parents with children in sacramental programmes? If so, click: <https://www.sycamore.fm/pathways/b-formation-pathways/lent-course/>

The God Who Speaks – are providing a range of free resources for use in the home, churches & schools to feed our Lent & Eastertide journey <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-god-who-speaks/focus/preparing-for-lent-and-eastertide/>

Wintershall comes to Trafalgar Square – be part of something amazing <https://www.wintershall.org.uk/one-good-friday>

St. Edmunds Church needs your help!

The Diocese of Westminster announced in July 2021 the aim of becoming carbon neutral by 2030 in its parishes and curial buildings.

We are inviting you to be a part of this very exciting project. You do not need any particular skills or expertise- just willing to give a few hours a month to meet and take this project forward.

Knowing what you can do to make a difference and where to start can be tricky, especially when we're bombarded with so much jargon and abstract information in the news; it can sometimes feel like everything has a bad impact! What can we do to live more 'sustainably' and what does that really mean? How can we do more for the planet and reduce the environmental impact we have?

If you would like to know more and become involved, please

email millwall@rcdow.org.uk, /

or provide your details on the information sheets provided on the table at the back of the church



On the one-year anniversary of the Ever Given ship getting stuck in the Suez Canal, Catholic charity Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea) is hosting a webinar about modernisation in the shipping industry. It will look at the history of the container ship, the rise of the ultra-large container vessels, and explore what impact modernisation of the shipping industry has had on seafarers around the world. Please register now at www.stellamaris.org.uk/modernisation to join online on **23 March at 7.30pm** to hear how shipping has changed in the last century, the impact this is having on seafarers today, and the important role Stella Maris has in supporting them.



Stations of the Cross

**Takes place: Every Friday
in Lent, 7pm, 30 mins**

**Dates: 04Mar, 11th, 18th, 25th, 01Apr, 08th
Events led by new Readers
All Welcome. Please Attend**

London Docklands Singers want to invite you
for

St Matthew Passion—J S Bach

On Saturday, 2 April 2022

at 7.30pm

At All Saints Church, Poplar E14

Ticket £15 (£12)

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Fr Christopher Silva

Parish Priest,

Mrs Katherine Woznicka

Parish Secretary

The office may be contacted by phone:

Monday to Friday 9am-2pm

Closed on Bank Holidays

Those who might be in Need

If you are aware of anyone who might be in need at this difficult time, do let the parish office know, by giving their details after having consulted with them. We can assist with food vouchers and one of our neighbours are willing to help with groceries. Do let us know if anyone might need help.

Thank you, Fr Christopher

ALTAR SERVERS

If you have made your First Holy Communion, and would like to be an Altar Server, could you submit your details to the parish office. We hope to commence training initially after the 11am Mass. Lauren, Joseph and Izabella will conduct your training. Thank you . *Fr Christopher*

BAPTISMS can happen now on a Saturday morning.

Parents are asked to come to see Fr Christopher first. Next, they must attend a Baptism Formation Program (during pregnancy or after birth) – The **next baptismal courses will be on 28 April at 7pm on zoom**. Please, drop an email to the office if you are interested, also you have to book your appointment with Fr Chris. Later, we will need your email address to invite you to join the session on Zoom. Before you do the course you need to come to the office to buy a baptism pack (£10).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO CLEAN THE CHURCH. If you can spare an hour or two monthly to help us to keep the church clean, please, contact the office to discuss details. Thank you.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

loose: £307.50 envelopes: £176.89

contactless collection last weekend: £254.00

total: **£738.39**

Standing orders in January **£2492.00**

Last Sunday there was a problem with our card reader and some people were not able to make a card donation. The problem happened due to a poor internet connection, we believe. But we are sorry for any inconvenience caused. We put a new Wi-Fi connection and a new router with a hope that it is not going to happen again.

As a charity we rely on your donations only. As you have not been allowed to come to the church, we only were receiving donations set up as standing orders. We will be grateful for your financial support when you are back.

Your new sets of gift aided envelopes are available for collection before/after any mass or from the office.

Alternatively you could sent your donation by bank. Parish account is on Parish Web.

Thank you for your Generosity

WRCDT Charity No: 233699

THE FRIENDS

The Society of Friends of Westminster Cathedral is seeking to recruit a part time Organising Secretary to help administer the charity, assist in recruiting new members and in organising events. The appointment based in Westminster Cathedral Clergy House is for 20 hours per week at a salary in the region of £14,500 per annum. The appointment is for 12 months. Closing date 27 March 2022. For further details please visit <https://westminstercathedral.org.uk/the-friends-see-an-organising-secretary/>.