

NEWSLETTER

PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday

When I read the account of the Passion of Jesus each year it's a special time in my life. It is an account of my salvation, of Jesus giving his life to save us. I recall my sins, my sinfulness, I been a man of unclean lips who have failed to serve him, and yet to save me he died on the cross. Holy Week is a week like no other when we celebrate The Paschal Triduum, what Jesus did for us. This coming week we should read John 13-17 to remind ourselves of what Jesus did for us.

in Gethsemane, his prayer to God gives us the strength to face the worst. Jesus said, his soul is sorrowful to the point of death (Matt 26: 38; Mark 14: 34) He even asked his Father to take this cup away from him; He was asking the Father to make it possible that he wouldn't have to suffer and die. During his prayer, he gained strength to face his Passion and was able to pray, 'not my will but thine be done' (Matt 26: 39; Mark 14: 36; Luke 22: 42).

It's an example of the life of Jesus for us. Prayer helps us, and it strengthens us. Jesus went down to the depths of prayer, 'Take this cup away from me' but went on to say, 'not my will but thine be done' When we face problems, turn to prayer and be persistent because prayer helps. Prayer helped Jesus to encounter his Passion and prayer can help us too.

During the commotion at Gethsemane as Jesus was arrested everyone left him. we too can run away from Jesus and how often have I run away and yet there he is waiting for me to receive me back in the Sacrament of Reconciliation

We can be shocked when we read the Passion of the physical punishment of Jesus. All of this he underwent for you and me, that our sins wouldn't have the last word but when the Father sees our sins he would have to look through his Son on the cross making up for our sins and so forgive us. After Jesus died we all enter God's sanctuary when we receive the Body and Blood of Jesus in the Eucharist, as we celebrate Jesus giving his body and blood for us on Calvary.

Fr. Christopher

"Pure observance of commands, on a sense of duty. This could also be our problem, the problem among ourselves and with God: to lose sight that he is a Father and to live a distant religion, composed of prohibitions and duties. And the consequence of this distance is rigidity towards our neighbour whom we no longer see as a brother or sister... May the Virgin Mary teach us how to receive God's mercy so that it might become the light by which we see our neighbours."

Pope Francis

- "As we enter into Holy Week and reflect upon the passion of our Lord, we pray for all those going through their own passion. We pray especially for mothers with unexpected pregnancies in this society that often encourages them to have an abortion, that they would feel love and support from their family and neighbours, and that they would find peace and joy in the midst of their circumstance. Lord hear us"

Readings for this & next Sunday

1st Reading— Isaiah 50, 4-7

Psalm 21; 8-9, 17-20, 23-24 response v 2

2nd Reading - Philippians 2; 6-11

Gospel – John 2; 8-9

1st Reading— Acts 10, 34, 37-43

Psalm 117; 1-2, 16-17, 22-23 response v 24

2nd Reading - Colossians 3; 1-4

Gospel – John 20; 1-9

MASS INTENTIONS

April 9th, 2022

11am— Ints of all First
Communion Children
& their Families

6pm - Pro Populo

April 10th, 2022

9am— Ints of the Priests of
the Diocese

11am— Ronald Bankere
(Anniv)

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

Will return on 23rd April

(from 5pm until 5.45)

**SECOND
COLLECTION
ON GOOD
FRIDAY
for HOLY
PLACES**

*There is a
Breakdown
of how
the donations are
used.*

*Go to our web
(News) to read the
whole letter from
Cardinal Sandri.*

"Fidelity of waiting sharpens the senses... Old age weakens, in one way or another, the sensibility of the body: one is going blind, another one deaf. However, an old age spent in awaiting God's visit will not miss his passage; on the contrary, it will be even more ready to grasp it, will have greater sensitivity to welcome the Lord when he passes. Remember that it is typical of the Christian to be attentive to the visits of the Lord, because the Lord passes in our life, with inspirations, with invitations to better ourselves."

Pope Francis

' Than for the whole nation to be destroyed'

Christ came to fulfill the old law. That law that he gives us is summarised in this: *'Love the Lord your God with all your whole heart, your whole soul, your whole mind, your whole strength, and love your neighbour as yourself'*. Every law that has ever come from God is a law of love. They protect us from ourselves, from one another, and lead us to eternal happiness.

If the law of love given us by Almighty God prevailed throughout all history, there would be no wars...., While I could never pretend to be a war hero, I have lived in a hole in the ground filled with mud, with shells flying over. I have prowled through a jungle with men who did not know which moment might be their last. And I have seen men die beside me.

If so many were prepared to give their lives to save the world materially, how much our divine Lord must have loved us to have given his Body and Blood for our eternal life. We are told in the Gospel, *'After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives (Mark 14: 26)*. His crucifixion loomed before him. There his blood was going to drench the ground in the horror of his suffering. There he was going to cry out to God, his father, *'Take this cup away from me. But let it be as you, not I, would have it'*. It is only because of the crucifixion, the death of our divine Lord, that we have his Body and Blood in Holy Communion. It was only because of that Last Supper that we have the sacrifice of the Mass today. And it is only because of his crucifixion and death that eternal life is possible for us. Christ always raises the natural up to the supernatural. When we receive his Body and Blood we are swept up into his divinity.

Late John Cardinal O' Connor



Easter services AT ST EDMUND'S

MAUNDY THURSDAY - 14th April at 8pm

GOOD FRIDAY - 15th April at 3pm

HOLY SATURDAY - 16th April at 8.45 pm

EASTER SUNDAY—17th April - 11am

**No morning Mass on Monday, 18th April;
Since Tuesday, 19th April— all Masses as usual.**

***BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD
ON SATURDAY, 16th April at 11am***



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



MASS FOR MIGRANTS

Principal Celebrant:
Bishop Michael Campbell OSA

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL
MONDAY 2ND MAY
2PM BANNER PROCESSION
2.30PM MASS

For the Feast of
St Joseph the Worker,
with ethnic chaplancies
and communities around
London

May Procession at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden, Nicoll Road, NW109AX.
Sunday 8th May at 3pm. Preacher, Most Rev Kenneth Nowakowski; Eparch of the Holy Family of London (Ukrainian Catholic Church), who will be accompanied by the Icon of the Mother of Protection- Pokrova. Come and join the praying of the Rosary for asking the prayers of the Black Madonna of Willesden for the protection of London, and for Peace and Restoration in Ukraine.

Bakerloo Line & Tube, Willesden Junction Station (Old Oak Lane exit), Buses 18, 187, 206, 226, 228, 260, 487.

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The office may be contacted by phone:

Monday to Friday 9am-2pm

Closed on Bank Holidays

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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Bethlehem-Holy Land

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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.

NEW DONATION BOXES OF ENVELOPES, For those registered in previous years, the envelopes are now ready for collection in our Sacristy. If you would like to sign up, and to increase your donation by £0.25p from every pound you donate, please, find a Gift Aid form on a table in church's lobby and leave it in the Sacristy or deliver to the office. Once you sign the declaration, I can prepare a box of envelopes for you. You can also donate by a standing order.

Do not hesitate to contact the office on Millwall@rcdow.org.uk you should have any question. Katherine

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

loose: £332.74 envelopes: £466.00

contactless collection last weekend: £399.00

total: **£1197.74**

Standing orders in February **£2922.00**

If you are experiencing problems while donating by card, if only you can, please, take a photo and email it to the office. During week-days the machine is working perfectly and we cannot make a proper complain to the provider as we do not see errors.

We do apologies for any inconvenience caused.

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

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

Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory be