

NEWSLETTER

5TH SUNDAY
OF LENT*The contemplation of the Lord's passion*

Anyone who has a true devotion to the passion of the Lord must so contemplate Jesus on the cross with the eyes of his heart that Jesus' flesh is his own.

Let earth tremble at the torments of its redeemer, let the rocks of faithless hearts be split, and, now that the mighty obstacles have been shattered, let those leap forth who were weighed down by the tombs of morality. May signs of the future resurrection appear now in the holy city, that is the Church of God, and hearts experience that which our bodies will undergo.

The victory of the cross is denied to none of the weak; there is no man who cannot be helped by the prayer of Christ. For his prayer aided the multitudes who raged against him, how much more does it help those who turn to him?

Ignorance has been taken away, difficulties have been made easier, and the sacred blood of Christ has extinguished the flaming sword which blocked the way to life. The darkness of the former night has given way to the true light.

The Christian people are invited to share the riches of paradise, and the road-block to the fatherland they lost has been thrown open once more to all who have been reborn, unless anyone closes for himself that way which faith of the thief was able to open up.

The activities of the present life must not fill us with anxiety or pride, so that we do not strive with all the powers of our soul to be conformed to our Redeemer in the way that he showed us. He performed and suffered everything necessary for our salvation, so that the power which was in the head might also be found in the body.

Indeed, what man was left deprived of his mercy, except the unbeliever, by that taking of our substance in the divinity, whereby 'The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us'? Who does not share a common nature with Christ if he has accepted him who assumed our humanity, and has been born by that Spirit by which he was begotten? Again, who would be unable to see that taking food, resting in sleep, being troubled by grief, and weeping out of love, rate the marks of the form of a servant?

Because humanity needed to be cured of its ancient wounds and cleansed of the filth of sin, the only-begotten Son of God became son of man too, lacking nothing of the reality of manhood and nothing of the fullness of divinity.

That belongs to us which lay lifeless in the tomb, rose again on the third day, and ascended above all the heights of heaven to the right hand of the glory of the Father. If we follow the way of his commandments, and are not ashamed to confess how great a price he paid for our salvation, in the bodily humility, we too shall come to share in his glory. For what he predicted shall be fulfilled clearly, 'Everyone who acknowledges me before man, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven'

Pope St Leo the Great

Readings for this & next Sunday

1st Reading— Isaiah 43, 16-21

Psalm 125 response v 3

2nd Reading - Philippians 3; 8-14

Gospel – John 8; 1-11

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

2nd Reading - Philippians 2; 6-11

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MASS INTENTIONSApril 2nd, 2022

6pm - Charles Starkie RIP

April 3rd, 2022

9am— Pro Populo

11am— For all the Victims of the Conflict in Ukraine

April 9th, 2022

11am— Ints of all First Communion Children & Families

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

**READERS NEEDED
FOR SATURDAY,
16th APRIL MASS
& SUNDAY, 17th
APRIL**

**IF YOU CAN MAKE
IT, PLEASE, EMAIL
YOUR DETAILS TO
THE OFFICE.**

Millwall@rcdow.org.uk

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

"Reconciliation is not primarily our drawing near to God, but his embrace that enfolds, astonishes and overwhelms us... Let us first look at things from God's perspective: then we will rediscover our love for Confession. We need this, for every interior rebirth, every spiritual renewal, starts there, from God's forgiveness. May we not neglect Reconciliation, but rediscover it as the sacrament of joy. Yes, the sacrament of joy, for our shame for our sins becomes the occasion for an experience of the warm embrace of the Father, the gentle strength of Jesus who heals us, and the "maternal tenderness" of the Holy Spirit."

Pope Francis

Changed by Mercy

Father Clinton, thank you for your letter. I found it most reassuring, it brought me close to what we discussed the other day. When it comes to expressing matters of a spiritual nature, I am a bit of a novice. My heart full of pride and egoism has served me as a heart that is so sterile. From the depths of being: I cry out to the Lord to give me a heart of flesh and to hear my voice. I also thank him for having heard my plea and having pity on my distress and for having responded to my cries with his mercy and love.

In reading your letter, I see how insightful you have been and you understand me. I can tell you with certainty that God has forgiven me and Jesus lives in me through me with my suffering. I have in my regular prayer open my soul to him. I confess that I am a lukewarm Catholic, repentant and full of goodwill, lacking in willpower. Indeed of his love, mercy, and compassion.

I often find myself falling back to a lack of interest and then I become unhappy since have fallen back to my old self and I am in despair. I appeal to him to stay with me since he knows how easily I can falter. I ask him to open me by enlightening me and to grant me the strength to persevere and seek his mercy. When I gaze upon the cross I see that the nails, the wound on his side were for me, and those words, 'Father forgive them they know not what they do' were also for me. I need your continued prayers for me since at times my prayer is feeble and it scarcely illuminates the darkness that is within me, even so, I hope it is pleasing to Jesus. Fr. Clinton when I celebrate Mass I drive such joy and in receiving him my darkness is dispelled. I thank you, for your advice and guidance. Thank you, Father.

Fr. Christopher

The Remedy for Peace in our World.

In our world, we see people have a notion that God does not matter. We live in a throwaway culture, and our attitudes have had an impact on our climate. We had such expectations at the close of cop 26. Sadly nothing has as yet transpired and we wait for governments to implement their commitments.

We are witnessing a conflict where millions of people have fled Ukraine having to leave loved ones behind. Due to one man's kleptocracy.

What is the answer to all that we see around us? It was given by our Lady at Fatima and our Lord. Pray the Rosary daily, go to Confession on the First Saturdays and receive the Holy Eucharist.

"We pray for all unborn children diagnosed with disabilities, we pray for protection for them and their mothers from the pressures of society to have an abortion, and that they would instead experience overwhelming support by all who surround them. Lord hear us"

"We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities."

Pope Francis



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*



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.

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

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*



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

St Michael's Catholic Grammar School

If your daughter is now in year 5. You now planning ahead by looking into Secondary Schools. You may wish to consider St Michael's Catholic Grammar School in London for years 7-11. Interested then visit the School website at

www.st-Michaels.barnet.sch.uk

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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:

Ramon Kando & Sons

Bethlehem-Holy Land

Contact person; Lara Kando

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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: £260.54 envelopes: £222.16

contactless collection last weekend: £137.00

total: **£619.70**

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

*As Catholics we believe in the Dignity of Work. The job market can be a minefield, particularly for those for whom English is not their first language, or who might not be aware of the options available to them. The Upper Room and Caritas Westminster invite you to join their free online 'Stepping Stones' programme to learn how to accompany people into dignified employment. Receive full training and support to become a **Dignified Work Champion** in your parish or outreach project. This programme has been funded by the St John Southworth Fund. More information, video and registration www.tinyurl.com/workchampions The programme will start after Easter, the **deadline for applications is 15th April 2022.***

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