

NEWSLETTER

**33 SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME****The battle between good and evil**

We know the outcome, Jesus won during his Passion, Death, and Resurrection. The battle continues to be played out until the end of time. It's good for us that we know who the victor is: Jesus. All evil be conquered if for a little while it looks as though it's winning or will win. But Scripture assures us that even if we have to endure persecution as a result of our faith, in the end we will be vindicated. For those who are persecuted for their faith, the vindication might be in the next life. Whether the persecution be long or short, the important thing to remember is that Jesus will win, all evil be conquered, and no matter what happens we have every reason to hope and believe in Jesus' victory.

In our Gospel, from Luke, we see hope beyond persecution as He tells the disciples about the persecution of his followers would take place before the temple in Jerusalem would be destroyed by the Romans in AD 70. Even today we can see the stones cast down Jesus said they would be. He told the disciples that they would be seized, persecuted, put in prison, and some of them would be put to death. But he assured them, 'Your endurance will win you your lives'

Our Christian brothers and sisters in the Middle East have suffered for their faith and many have paid with their lives. I recall one priest whom I met in exile in Jordan, who had to flee with some of his parishioners, he told me how sad he was to leave his parents and brother and sister behind. One day in the middle of the night the doorbell rang, he opened the door to his amazement it was his parents and family. They had walked all the way from Mosul. Not only in the Middle East but also in other parts of the world Christians are suffering for their faith, 'Your endurance will win you your lives'

In the land of the free (USA), there is misunderstanding about the Catholic faith and discrimination exists; just recently an 'evangelical pasture' burnt bibles and rosaries, Catholic Bishops and priests have to stand up for the freedom of religion and the freedom to believe the creed and not to be forced to act against our conscience. In some cases in the world some doctors have had to forego their career not to be forced to act contrary to their Catholic faith or who paid the price for remaining faithful. 'That will be your opportunity to bear witness'.

These are the Catholic heroes: 'Your endurance will win you your lives' *Fr. Christopher*

Sick & Retired Priests' Fund

Thank you to all who donated to the Sick and Retired Priests' Collection last weekend. Your generosity means our sick and retired priests will receive the care and support they need. We have collected £380.34.

If you were unable to make a donation, there is still time. You will find some envelopes on the table in the lobby or alternatively donate online through the website of the Diocese-look for the 'QR CODE' on the envelopes and poster. The care of priests in their old age, and at a time of illness, is a priority of the Church. It's a wonderful way for us to come together and say 'Thank you' to the priests who have served us. May God bless you all for your kindness.

Readings for this & next Sunday (Christ the King)

1st Reading— Malachi 3; 19-20

Psalm 97;5 response cf v 9

2nd Reading - 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel - Luke 21; 5-19

1st Reading— 2 Samuel 5; 1-3

Psalm 121;1-5 response cf v 2

2nd Reading - 2 Thessalonians 1:12-20

Gospel - Luke 23; 35-43

MASS INTENTIONS**Nov 12th, 2022**

6pm - Margaret Pudney RIP

Nov 13th, 2022

9am— All Faithful Departed

11am— Maureen Scott RIP

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**On Saturday**

(from 5pm until 5.45)

The next baptismal courses will be on Thursday, 17th November 2022 from 7pm to 9pm on Zoom. Please, drop an email to the office millwall@rcdow.org.uk asap if you are interested. 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).

"Come and join us for our Eco-Social Sunday after 11 am mass. Let's have a cup of tea or coffee while we enjoy the screening of Cardinal Vincent Nichols's message around the road to carbon neutral life"

**St Edmund of Abingdon-Bishop
Patron Saint of our Church**

We specially remember Him on 16th November and ask Him to pray for us.

Edmund Rich was born in 1180 in Abingdon, Oxfordshire. He studied the then new Universities of Oxford and Paris. He returned to Oxford in 1214 and became Professor of Philosophy. He was a pioneer of Scholasticism and in addition a significant biblical scholar St Edmund Hall, Oxford, is named after him.

In 1233, after some 11 years as Treasurer at Salisbury, he was appointed Archbishop of Canterbury. He undertook a considerable programme of reform during his time as Archbishop, asserting the authority of the bishop within the Church and the independence of the Church from the state.

His work aroused opposition, not least from the King. It was while on a journey to Rome on appeal against the King that Edmund died, at Soissy on November 16th, 1240.

He was buried at Pontigny, and was canonised, only 6 years later, in 1246.



LDS 30th Anniversary Concert - Handel's Messiah Saturday 19th November 7.30pm

London Docklands Singers

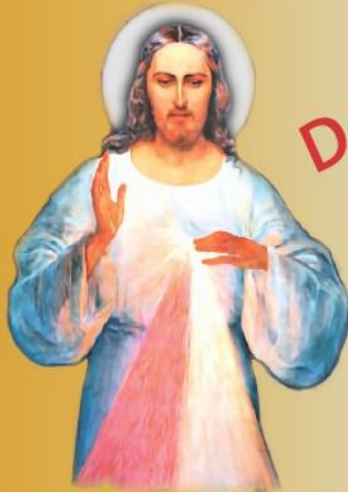
30th Anniversary Concert -

Handel's Messiah

St Paul's Church Covent Garden welcomes back our beloved The London Docklands Singers as it celebrates its 30th Anniversary with a performance of Handel's Messiah. You can buy your ticket her:

<https://www.londondocklandssingers.org/concerts/>

Speak to the world about My mercy; let all mankind recognize My unfathomable mercy
(Diary of St Faustina, 848)



JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU

**Divine Mercy
Advent Retreat**

Led by Marian Fathers

Sunday

11th December 2022

2:15 pm - 4:30 pm

Immaculate Heart of Mary
Catholic Church,
Stafford Road, Kilburn West,
London, NW6 5RS

Advent Retreat Devotional Programme:


- 2:15 pm Worship & Enthronement of the image of Merciful Jesus
- 2:30 pm Talk on Mercy by Rev Dr Jacek Rygielski, MIC
- 3:00 pm Hour of Mercy
- 3:30 pm Holy Mass
- 4:15 pm Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus
- 4:30 pm Depart



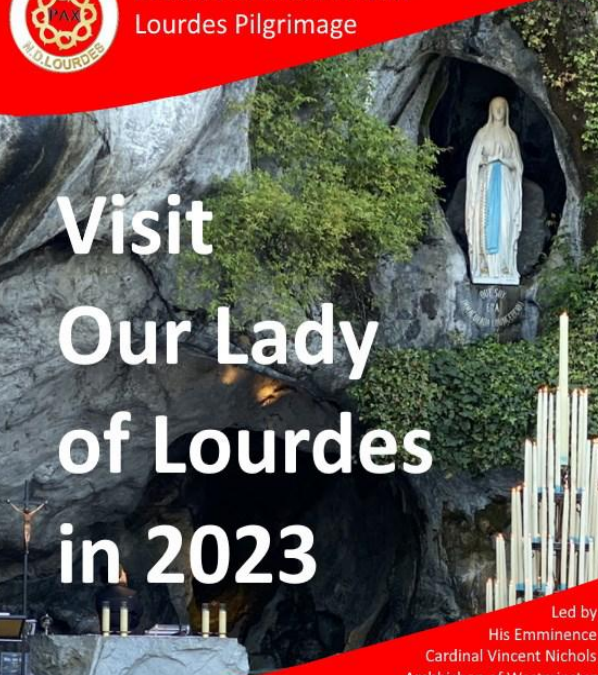
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All welcome - Bring your family & friends to the Merciful Jesus



Diocese of Westminster
Lourdes Pilgrimage





Visit Our Lady of Lourdes in 2023

Led by
His Eminence
Cardinal Vincent Nichols
Archbishop of Westminster
Friday 21st July - Friday 28th July 2023

Contact the Diocesan Pilgrimage Office for more information

Tel 0207 798 9173
Email lourdes@rcdow.org.uk
Web www.rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes

Remembering our Faithful Departed

During the month of November we remember the souls of the faithful departed.

If you wish to put forward a list of your loved ones to be remembered write out a list (using the lavender paper provided and put it in the Holy Souls envelopes) which you can find on the table in the lobby of the church. If you wish to make a contribution, place your donation in the envelope; place your envelope in the basket at the altar; the money will be used to fund Mass intentions for the Holy Souls during the coming year. Alternatively, you could place the envelope in collection basket or hand it in to either John or Paul or put through the letter box. Thank you, *Fr Christopher*



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS- FINAL WEEK

First Holy Communion: Parents are reminded that this Sunday 13th November 22, is the last day to submit your application forms for your child to be registered for the First Holy Communion program, which starts in January 23.

Parents are also reminded that the parents meeting will be on Monday 7th December 22 @ 7pm in the church.

Confirmation:

Those of you who in year 9 and have taken an application form to register to prepare for your Confirmation. You reminded that this Sunday 13th November is the last day to submit your application form. The course will commence in January 23.

Dear Friends,

As we approach, Christmas and planning how to celebrate with your family and friends.

Could I suggest you consider those in need. Today, how many people are without food on their table or having to rely on food banks. Friends, I ask you to think about it this Christmas, it's the Christmas of the Crib. Visit the Crib as you do think about the people who having to go without. Ask yourself, how can I help those in need? Get in touch with various organisations that reaches out to families and children this Christmas and how you could support them.

Try to keep your Crib simple, don't commercialise it as we see in shopping centres. Instead, recall how Jesus was born in a stable the Holy Family had nowhere to go, and he came to live amongst the people to experience their suffering. He knew what it meant to be hungry and the pain of hunger. He showed his unlimited love, and sacrificed his life on the cross

The more I reflect, I conclude that Jesus didn't want his birth to be celebrated the way we are doing today, as it's full of commercialisation which has reduced the true meaning of Christmas. But we Catholics wouldn't want his birth celebrated in this manner Hence I ask you to reflect on the birth of Jesus and cut out the wasteful decorations and use that money if you can to help the needy and may your giving be done in the name of Jesus, and perhaps buy food for a family who might be struggling this Christmas. So, they might have some joy, and may this Christmas be truly meaningful for all of us, as we prepare through Advent by listen to the readings. Thank you,

Fr Christopher

SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

We are approaching that time of the year when parents request a priest's reference. Usually, it's the Catholic Practice form. Catholic Practice means regular attendance at Mass. It is a requirement that all Catholics attend Mass on Sundays and on holidays of obligation. While there may be genuine reasons for the occasional absences from Mass. It has been made clear that fortnightly or monthly attendance does not constitute the practice required by Church Law.

Since I've been here I have urged parents to come and see me to establish two things:

Any problems they might have in meeting the requirement to attend Mass every week and How we might establish proof as to what their attendance has been.

Most parents, don't think of the lead times that are involved. If you want your child to enter a new school in September 2022, the applications have to be in, depending on the school, somewhere between March and October 2021. Don't wait until then to speak to me about your problems or to discuss how to get evidence to support your request for weekly Mass attendance. You need to come to me a year prior to that.

Recently a problem has emerged: where families who, because of their situation, think they will not need a reference and so take no action to establish a basis; then circumstances change-they want to change school, and now they find themselves exposed, unable to get a reference that they need. It does not cost you to put a basis for a reference in place: please be prudent. Thank you,

Fr Christopher

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Fr Christopher Silva

Parish Priest,

Mrs Katherine Woznicka

Parish Administrator

The office may be contacted by phone:

Monday to Friday 9am-2pm

Closed on Bank Holidays

Mrs Diane Winship

Safeguarding Officer

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

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: £214.87 envelopes: £186.00 contactless collection last weekend: £353.00 total: **£753.87**

Standing orders in September; **£2265.00**

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 send your donation by bank. Parish account is on Parish Web.

Thank you for your Generosity

WRCDDT Charity No: 233699

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 Thursday, 17th November 2022 from 7pm to 9pm on Zoom.**

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Please, note that we have been experiencing problems with our landlines. If you need to contact us, please, do it by email:

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FREE TEA AND COFFEE

There is free tea and coffee after 11 am Mass every Sunday. This makes a good time to meet your fellow parishioners. Come and join us.

Kingsley Nnaji

