

# NEWSLETTER

## 'Better for one man to die for the people'

After he had already planned everything in his own counsels in union with the Son, he yet permitted us all through the intervening time to be carried away, just as we chose, by unruly passions-victims of unbridled desires. Not that he at all took delight in our transgressions ;no, he merely exercised patience. It was his intention that we, after our own conduct in the past had proven us unworthy of life, should now be rendered worthy by the goodness of God, and that after we had demonstrated our inability, as far as in us lay, to enter the kingdom of God, should be enabled to do so by the power of God. And when the cup of our iniquities was filled and it had become perfectly clear that their wages-the punishment of death-had to be expected, then the season arrived during which God had determined to reveal henceforth his goodness and power.

O the surpassing kindness and love of God for man! No, he did not hate us, or discard us, or remember our wrongs; he exercised forbearance and long -suffering! In mercy, of his own accord, he lifted the burden of our sins! Of his own accord *he gave his only Son as ransom for us*-the Saint for sinners, the Guiltless for the guilty, *the Innocent for the wicked*, the Incorruptible for the corruptible, the Immortal for the mortal Indeed, what else could have covered our sins but his holiness? In whom could we, the lawless and impious, be sanctified but in the Son of God alone? O sweetest exchanged! O unfathomable accomplishment! O unexpected blessings-the sinfulness of many is buried in One who is holy, the holiness of One sanctifies the many who are sinners! He wished us to have faith in his loving-kindness, to consider him Nurse, Father, Teacher, Counsellor, Physician, Mind, Light, Honour, Glory, Strength, Life.

*From The Epistle to Diognetus, (is a work of early Christian apologetics, from the 2<sup>nd</sup> century)*

## He must rise from the dead

'They had failed to understand scripture, that he must rise from the dead'. There is no tone of rebuke in the way John describes the disciples had failed to understand. Yet in both traditions of the synoptic Gospels and John accounts there are regular statements on Jesus' fate: the threefold statement about Jesus being lifted up in John, and threefold insistence in the synoptic , that the son of man would be handed over, put to death, and rise again. It's worth pondering the change in understanding. John describes the condition of the grave clothes and their distribution, but that is all they see, and that is enough. It is as if the fact of the Resurrection makes faith now accessible to Peter and John and subsequently to Mary and the other disciples. We are told of John (the beloved disciple) that he saw, and he believed. He didn't see the Lord with his eyes, but with the eyes of faith, the faith that now can be accessed by those who know the Lord as a gift, the fruit of the Resurrection This true of believers today who see not even a few scraps of linen cloth, but who can 'understand the teaching of the scripture' through the gift of faith that comes as a gift to those like Peter and John racing to the tomb, seek the crucified lord and find that he has risen. All of us who gather for the liturgy on this Easter Sunday are like those first disciples, granted the gift of faith that comes from being loved by the lord and seek him.

*Robert Draper*

## MASS INTENTIONS

### April 1st, 2023

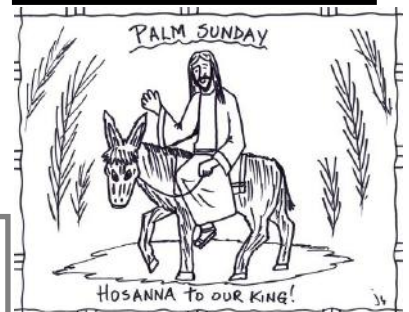
6pm - Ints of Dayanathi  
Pragasam (Sick)

### April 2nd, 2023

9am— Ints of Persecuted  
Christians  
11 am - Pro Populo

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.



## Readings for this & next Sunday

1st Reading— Izaiah 50: 4-7,

Psalm 21; 8-9, 17-20, 23-24

response v 2

2nd Reading - Philippians 2:6-11,

Gospel – Matthew 26;14-27; 66

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

## NEW SETS OF DONATION ENVELOPES

If you have been giving your donations in envelopes, you can find a new set for the next financial year in our Sacristy. Please, approach our Sacristans after/before a mass and they will help you to find your box.

### The Journey through Lent.

We began our Lenten journey in the desert, where Jesus was tempted to turn from the Father. Lent, has also brought us to a garden where Judas turned from Jesus, who at the Last Supper proclaimed himself to be the visible face of the Father. In this garden, Jesus reiterates his communion with the Father's will, even unto his Passion and Death. On the other hand Judas, lives in anxiety for what he has done, which leads him to take his own life.

Jesus in the midst of suffering, walks with a resolute, authoritative calm. He is animated by love and life beyond what the world could ever offer. This love and life will walk through suffering and death, and will not be held back by the tomb, or by the soldiers who seal it.

When all is done, Mary Magdalene sits in the garden where he is entombed. She sits silently facing the tomb. What has attracted her? What does she anticipate? She has spent the last few hours witnessing man's hatred and violence; but she has seen the unconquerable peace of Jesus, the focus of that anxious, raging hate.

In the Passion, God has placed before Mary Magdalene, and before all of us, life and death. Mary chose life.

In the garden and the desert of our own life, where do we look? Whom do we choose?

*Fr. Christopher*

### CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL 2023

Funds raised this year will be shared between the four pillars of the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal: Marriage & Family Life; Youth & Evangelisation; The Education Service and Caritas Westminster. The effects of the pandemic, followed by the cost of living crisis, are still making daily life harder for all. Price rises last year meant many families faced an impossible choice: HEAT or EAT? And this crisis is far from over. The Church continues to respond, with thousands of people putting their faith into action by serving those in need. Cardinal Nichols has expressed his gratitude to everyone who supports the Appeal, with whatever they can afford. And for those who can't give financially, your time is a priceless commodity – please see the posters on how you can volunteer in the diocese and help those in need. Please take a donation envelope today, for more information. You can use the QR code to make your donation online. Thank you for your generosity.

### Easter services

### AT ST EDMUND'S



**MAUNDY THURSDAY - 6th April at 8pm**

Watching & Praying at the Altar of Repose till 10.30 pm

**GOOD FRIDAY - 7th April at 3pm**

**HOLY SATURDAY - 8th April at 8.30 pm**

**EASTER SUNDAY - 9th April - 11am**

**No morning Mass on Monday, 10th April & Tuesday, 11th April**

**Since Wednesday, 12th April - all Masses as usual.**

*BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD  
ON SATURDAY, 8th April at 11am*





## DIOCESE OF WESTMINSTER YOUTH MINISTRY

# World Youth Day LISBON

Tuesday 25th July to Wednesday 9th August 2023



### ARE YOU:

- Aged 18 - 35
- Looking to deepen your faith and relationship with Jesus
- Part of the Westminster Diocese
- Up for discovering cultures different to your own
- Ready to meet other Catholics from all around the world

### WHAT WE ARE OFFERING YOU:

Two weeks in Fatima/Porto from Tuesday 25th July to Wednesday 9th August 2023 to celebrate World Youth Day with 2 million other young people! All transport, accommodation and food is included.

### WHAT WE ASK OF YOU:

To pay a deposit of £100 upon booking, to cover the full cost of ~~£1,700~~ £1,500.  
To attend WYD ready to dive fully into the experience.

£1,500



### Dates for the Pilgrimage diary in 2023:

- **Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> July 2023**
- **Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine at Walsingham: Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2023**
- **Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land - Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> to Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

### PA to Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia

We are currently looking for a dynamic, proactive and experienced PA to support the Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia. These are two roles but carried out by one person, currently Monsignor Gerry Ewing, who is also a Trustee of the Archdiocese. All of his work is associated with the management and running of the Archdiocese. This job is based at Archbishop's House, 150 St George's Road, London SE1 6HX and role exists to provide support to him in all aspects of his work.

The key responsibilities include diary, meeting and travel management, dealing with correspondence and phone calls, undertaking research, producing reports and presentations and extensive liaison with senior clergy, lay staff, trustees and external professionals.

The ideal candidate will be Catholic, with a good knowledge of the workings of a parish and a diocese. They will have extensive senior secretarial/PA experience, preferably from a religious or other charitable organisation and will be proactive, adaptable and easily able to cope with changing priorities. They will be an excellent communicator - both verbally and in writing and be skilled in producing reports and presentations. They will have excellent IT skills, including Word, Powerpoint and Excel.

This job is for 3 days per week based in the office at Archbishop's House. Some home working could be considered on an occasional basis. Annual salary range is £19,000.00 per annum to £21,000.00 per annum depending on skills and experience.

If you would like to apply please email your CV to [HR@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:HR@rcaos.org.uk) by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

### **BAPTISMS can happen now on Saturday morning or during any Mass (if number of guests are limited).**

Parents are asked to come to see Fr Christopher first. Next, they must attend a Baptism Formation Program (during pregnancy or after birth) – The date of the **next baptismal courses is Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> April 2023 @7-9pm on zoom..** Please, drop an email to the office [millwall@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:millwall@rcdow.org.uk) 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).



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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 Representative

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:**

loose: £365.64 envelopes: £421.80 contactless collection last weekend: £175.00 total: **£962.44**

Standing orders in January; **£5706.00**

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***

WRCDT Charity No: 233699

**'Come and see'-Introduction to the Diaconate 2023**

Men who may be considering, a vocation as a deacon, or for those wanting to know more about the Permanent Diaconate, are invited to attend one of the Introductory Mornings on:

20<sup>th</sup> May, 10am -12noon: 'Come and See' 3, at Greenford Parish Hall- Our Lady of the Visitation,

358 Greenford Road, UB6 9AN

For further information please contact Deacon Colin Macken, email: [colinmacken@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:colinmacken@rcdow.org.uk)

**Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony**

**Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 2:30pm.**

The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their **5<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> (and every year over 60)** wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2023.

If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish clergy the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

Details of attendees are sent to [family@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:family@rcdow.org.uk)

**FREE 8 week programme for Living A healthy Life**

**with long term /chronic health conditions.**

**Self-Management Skills for Heart Disease, Arthritis, Diabetes, Depression, Asthma and other physical and mental health condition**

**Starting Friday 17th March 2023 ,from 3pm-5pm at Trafford Friendship Hall ,Trafford Street, E14 , Isle of Dogs**

To register , email [CW\\_DymphnaD@Safh.org.uk](mailto:CW_DymphnaD@Safh.org.uk) or phone 07539078072