

NEWSLETTER

**THIRD
SUNDAY
OF LENT**

Loyalty to God, One and True and Good

Where a man's heart is, there will be his treasure also, for God is not wont to refuse a good gift to those who ask. So because God is good and especially good to those who serve him, we must cling to him, and be with him with all our soul and with all our heart and with all our strength. This we must do if we are to be in his light, and see his glory, and enjoy the grace of heavenly joy. To this happiness we must lift our minds, we must be in God, and live in him and cling to him, for he is beyond all human thought and understanding and he dwells in endless peace and tranquillity. This peace passes all understanding, passes all perception.

This is the good which permeates everything. All of us live in it, depend on it. It has nothing above itself, but is divine. No one is good but God alone, because the good is divine and the divine is good. So the psalmist says, 'When you open your hand all creatures are filled with goodness.' Through God's goodness all the truly good things are given to us, and among them is no mixture of evil. These are the good things the scripture promises to the faithful in the words, 'You shall eat the good of the land.' We are dead with Christ; in our bodies we carry the death of Christ, so that the life of Christ also may be manifested in us. We do not live any longer our own life, but the life of Christ, the life of innocence, charity, simplicity, and of every virtue. We have risen with Christ; we must live in Christ; we must ascend in Christ, so that the serpent can no longer find our heel on earth to wound.

We must flee from here. You can flee in your own mind, even though you are still held back in the body. You can be both here and you can be present with the Lord if in your soul you cling to him, if in all your thoughts you walk after him, If in faith and not in outward appearance merely you follow his ways, if you fly to him; he is our refuge and our strength. It was to God that David said, 'In you, O Lord, do I take refuge; I have not been put to shame.'

Because God is our refuge and God is in heaven and above the heavens, we must flee from here and come to that place where there is peace and rest from our labours, where we may enjoy the great sabbath feasts, as Moses said, 'The sabbath of the land shall provide for you.' To rest in the Lord and to gaze upon his loveliness is truly a feast and full of delight and peacefulness.

We must flee like deer running to the fountains of water. The thirst which David felt, let our soul too feel. Who is that fountain? David said, 'For with you is the fountain of life.' My soul must say to the fountain, 'When shall I come and behold your face?' For the fountain is God.

You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind: this is the greatest and first commandment. What does the Lord ask of you? Only this: to fear the Lord your God, to love him, and to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul:

St Ambrose

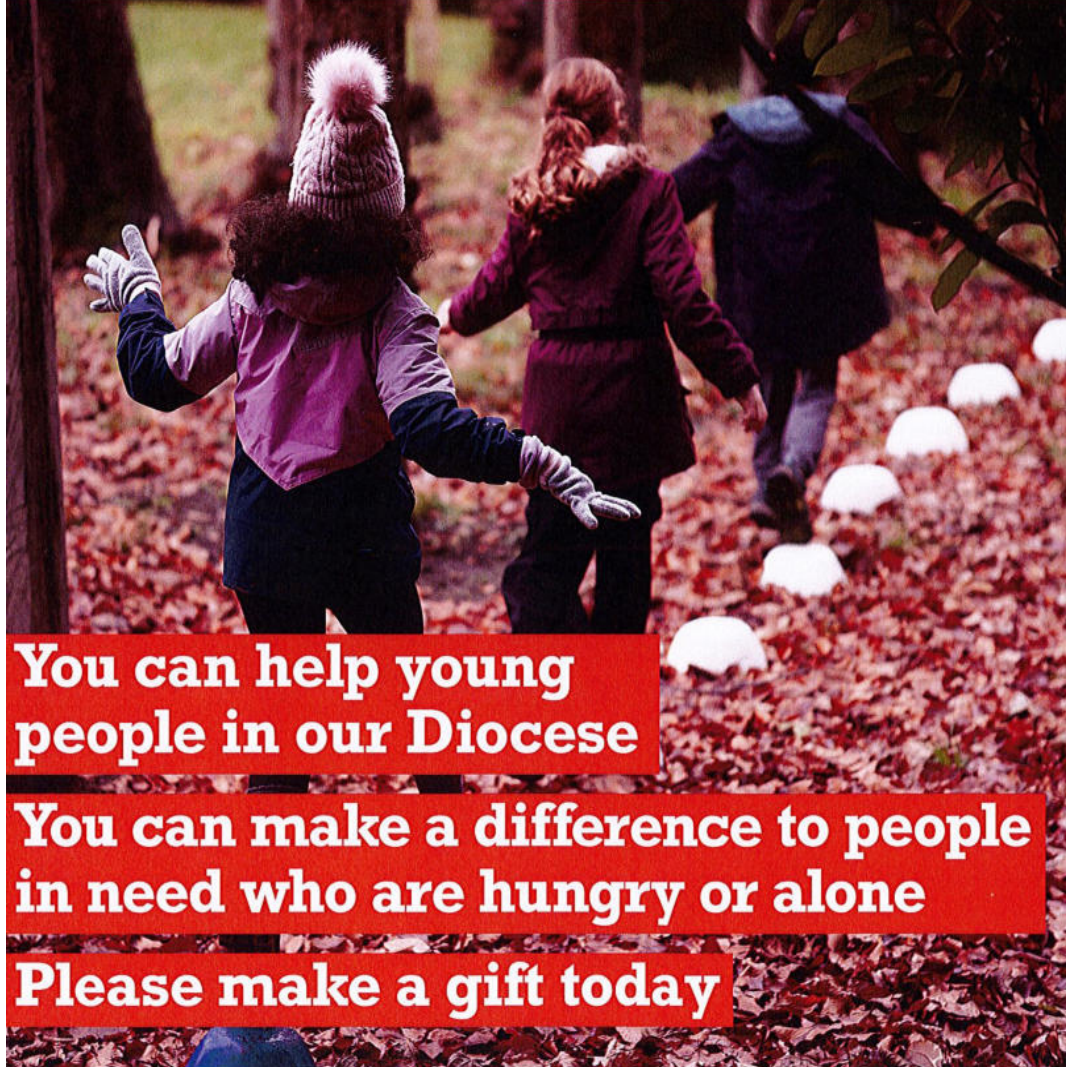
<p><i>"We pray for our society. That we would promote a culture that values life, and that we would seek the protection of all humans from conception to natural death. Lord hear us".</i></p>		<p>No Mass on Monday morning (9 March) due to Fr Chris' under-going test.</p>	<p><u>MASS INTENTIONS</u> <u>March 7th, 2026</u> 6pm - Pro Populo <u>March 8th, 2026</u> 9 am — Fro Peace in the World 11 am - For All Married Couples 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.</p>	
<p>A Prayer after Communion Grant O Lord, we pray, that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things. We may be helped by what you give in this present age and prepared for the gifts that are eternal. Through Christ our Lord. Amen</p>	<p><u>Readings for this & next Sunday</u></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="411 1792 790 2139"> <p>1st Reading— Exodus 17:3-7; Psalm 95; 2-9. R.7 2nd Reading - Romans 5; 1-2, 5-8 Gospel – John 4; 5-42,</p> </td> <td data-bbox="790 1792 1165 2139"> <p>1st Reading– 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7; 10-13 Psalm 23; 1-6, R 1 2nd Reading - Ephesians 5;8-14 Gospel - John 9; 1-41</p> </td> </tr> </table>		<p>1st Reading— Exodus 17:3-7; Psalm 95; 2-9. R.7 2nd Reading - Romans 5; 1-2, 5-8 Gospel – John 4; 5-42,</p>	<p>1st Reading– 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7; 10-13 Psalm 23; 1-6, R 1 2nd Reading - Ephesians 5;8-14 Gospel - John 9; 1-41</p>
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Lenten Appeal: "Because we are formed in faith, we are sent in love."

Our annual Lenten Appeal across the Diocese supports one shared mission: helping people encounter Christ and live that faith in love and service. Through **Education, Youth & Evangelisation**, and **Marriage & Family Life**, the diocese forms hearts, nurtures faith, and strengthens families within our parishes. Through **Social Action**, that formed faith reaches outward, ensuring that no one in our communities faces life's hardest moments alone.

Your generous support this Lent will enable the Church to continue walking with people at every stage of life and be a visible sign of Christ's love, both within our parishes and among our neighbours. To donate today please visit www.rcdow.org.uk/LentenAppeal. Alternatively, envelopes are available in church. Thank you for your support and for helping our diocesan family to continue this vital work.

Please support the Lenten Appeal 2026



You can help young people in our Diocese

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Diocese of Westminster

Reg. Charity No.: 233699

LENTEN APPEAL 2026



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Stations Of The Cross

From Friday 20th and throughout Lent we shall have Stations of the Cross at 7pm. Should you wish to lead the Stations, then let the Parish Office know and indicate which Friday you wish to lead.

Holy Hour

From 21st Saturday we shall have Holy Hour commencing at 5pm.



IF YOU WISH TO DONATE FOR FAMILY FAST DAY—CAFOD,

Take a donation envelope that is available on the table and leave it in our main collection basket or in our Sacristy.

Dear Friends, Peace be with you.

On 27th October 1967, the Abortion Act was passed by Parliament. Six month's later, on 27th April 1968, it came into force. Since then more than **10 million babies have been killed by abortion in the United Kingdom.**

Today two bills—the Leadbeater and McArthur Bills—threaten to unleash a new wave of killings that, if not stopped, could lead to millions more deaths in years to come.

The abortion amendments to the Crime and Policing Bill, will be debated and voted on by the House of Lords at Report Stage on Wednesday 18th March. This is the last opportunity for the Lords to amend the Bill before it is sent back to the House of Commons.

There has been considerable opposition to decriminalise abortion in the previous debates in the Lords. Let us, turn that opposition into a concrete vote to remove this clause—which, lest we forget, will **legalise self-induced abortion up to birth.** Please write to the Peers, asking them to defeat the abortion amendments to the Crime and Policing Bill. Thank you

**DIOCESE OF WESTMINSTER JUSTICE & PEACE COMMISSION
ANNUAL LECTURE 2026**

**LIVING OUT CATHOLIC
SOCIAL TEACHING IN
TODAY'S BRITAIN**

Speaker: Charles Wookey

Founder, Blueprint for Better Business
Former Assistant General Secretary,
Bishops' Conference of England
and Wales

Responder: Dr Charlotte Bray
University of Manchester

Wednesday 25th March, 7pm
followed by refreshments

Farm Street Church
144 Mount Street
London W1K 3AH

RSVP to justiceandpeace@rcdow.org.uk by 1 March



A Day With Mary is taking place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 14 March 2026 (9.45am to 5.00pm). Further information is available at

<https://www adaywithmary.org/> or
<https://eventcatholic.com/>

STABAT MATER CONCERT

As part of a Lenten devotion, on **Wednesday 18 March at 6.45pm in Westminster Cathedral**, the Cathedral Choir and the Britten Sinfonia will perform a concert of reflection on the ancient Marian hymn, contemplating the sorrow of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the foot of the Cross: **MacMillan's *Stabat Mater***, and Vaughan Williams' *Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis*. As a way of encouraging parishes across the diocese to benefit from this spiritual preparation to the Holy Week, the Cathedral offers an opportunity to buy tickets at a discount of **50%**. Discounted tickets are available in Sections A, B and N at the following link: <https://www.ticketmaster.co.uk/event/1F00638BCD835BA6?did=50off>
Password: **WCSBDO**. The performance will begin with Sir James MacMillan in conversation with Fr Patrick van der Vorst, our Precentor and Founder of [Christian Art](http://Christian Art website) website. With thanks, **Fr Slawomir**

"On 11 April 2026, we're hosting a fun charity event to raise funds for our local food bank, and we'd love for you to be involved. There'll be a barbecue, live music from a local band, a DJ, and a raffle with prizes donated by local businesses. We're also inviting the Church to set up a stall on the day. Whether it's baking, crafts, or anything else, to help support the cause. If you'd like to take part or find out more, please get in touch. Let's come together and support our community!"

Contact no: [020 7987 1365](tel:02079871365) Email: info@thewatermansarms.co.uk"

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Parish Priest,

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Parish Administrator

The office may be contacted by phone:

Monday to Friday 9am-2pm

Closed on Bank Holidays

Mrs Diane Winship - Safeguarding Representative

Mr Tomasz Daszkiewicz - Data Protection

Parish Officer

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

loose: £318.09 envelopes: £103.00 contactless collection last weekend: £427.00

total: **£848.00**

Standing orders in 2026: January- £2436,

All donations of unwanted foreign currency for Mary's Meals has been counted and valued at **£407.00**

As a Charity, we rely on your weekly donations. We will be grateful for your financial support. Your New offertory envelopes will be available at the end of March for collection after Mass or from the parish office. If you wish to have an offertory envelope, then give your details to the parish office, where a new box of envelopes will be made available to you. Alternatively, you could make your donation via bank transfer. The parish account is on our website.

WRCDT CHARITY NO: 233699

Thank you for your Generosity

We have created a specified fund for utility bills & building maintenance and we encourage you to give specified donations towards one of the funds. As we need to share our general donation with the diocese, we find it difficult to meet our parish needs. Your donations towards a specified fund let us keep 100% of the money in our parish. If you give by a card, just chose: utility bills or building maintenance on the screen, if you transfer by bank: type 'utility bills' or "building maintenance" in description, or you can give money in a prepared envelope that can be found on the table in the church's lobby.

A recliner armchair is looking for a new home.

The armchair is like new and is free. If you would like to have it, you need to organise the collection.

Please, contact Parish Office for more information.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE



Counting of the Collection

Dear Friends, To comply with guide lines set by the Diocese, they require us to create a Rota of Counters to Count the collection. Therefore we are appealing for volunteers who would be willing to count the collection after the 11 am Mass on a Sunday or on an alternative date.

You need to count in pairs, with another member of our community. It will take probably half an hour, once a month if we have enough volunteers to cover each week. We also ask students of six forms to step forward. **If you are interested, please give your details into the Parish Office.**

Hope we will hear from you, *Fr Christopher with Parish Finance Committee Members.*