

Please pray for: Ken and Sheila Green, Melanie Kraan, Gigi Reale, Jo Dearlove, Malgorzata Myrkwa, Leila Cummings, Terril Park, George Brum, Chris Keeffe, David Newbert, Teresa Oatway, Stephen Connellan, Stanley Cummings, Avit Castillo, Avelina Pelaez Siddiqi, Marlene Lock, Michael Delaney, Maria Wales, Breda Connellan, Suzanne Acton, Carl Bryan, **for those who died recently:** Keith Murray, Alcinda Ramos, Maria Stella Bastiampillai, Margaret Mulhall, Fr Bryan Jones, Pat Galvin, **and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time:** Margaret Molinari, Mary Culkin, Sophia Merlin Pergjergji, Raymond Murphy, Michael Linnane, Irene Naylor King, Livio Upali, Monica Galvin, Gerard O'Flynn, John Daly, Pearl Fernando, Madge Howard, Frank Reynolds, Hedy Tremayne, Bill Taylor, Alfred Lewis, baby Santa Cruz de Souza, Ellen Regan



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - A

Acts 2: 14, 36-41 | Peter 2: 20-25 | John 10: 1-10

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BOOKING A MASS INTENTION DURING THIS PERIOD

Masses will continue to be said in private for the intentions that have been booked each day and we have received Mass Intentions for each Mass until the end of May. If you would like to book a Mass Intention for June onwards you can do so via email at perivale@rcdow.org.uk or by phone (020) 8997 3164. Please leave your contact details so that we can confirm which day has been booked. Payment can be made once we are able to re-open the church.

LEONARD CABRAL RIP

Please pray for the eternal repose of the soul of Leonard Cabral who passed away on 28th April, after battling with the coronavirus over the last few weeks. Please pray for his family and friends at this very difficult time.

May he rest in peace.

MASS INTENTIONS - COLLECTIVE INTENTION MASSES

As public Masses cannot be celebrated at this time, it is generally no longer appropriate for priests to celebrate Mass more than once a day, including on Sundays. This might mean that some Masses which were to be celebrated for a special intention will now not be celebrated. In these situations, and only whilst these very exceptional circumstances continue, it might be necessary for a Mass to be celebrated for more than one intention.

If you have arranged to have a Saturday or Sunday Mass celebrated for a specific intention and do not wish to have that intention included with other intentions in what is known as a Collective Intention Mass, please contact the parish office.

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	2	John and Christine Mathias RIP
Sunday	3	John Maye RIP
		Johnny Leung RIP
		Alcinda Ramos RIP
Monday	4	Stella Fitzgerald
Tuesday	5	William 'Bill' Taylor RIP (Anniversary)
Wednesday	6	NO MASS
Thursday	7	Betty Deasy RIP
Friday	8	Carmina Gonsalves RIP
Saturday	9	In Thanksgiving

5th SUNDAY of EASTER

Sunday	10	Margaret & John Dineen RIP
		Ellen Regan RIP
		Jane & Sophia

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Good Shepherd Sunday, 3rd May 2020, is the day when we pray for our seminarians and encourage other men to consider the call to the priesthood. The seminaries, Allen Hall, the Venerable English College and the Beda College in Rome, where future Westminster priests are in formation, are physically closed. Nevertheless, prayer continues in the life of seminarians and staff, and they are able to participate in streamed liturgies. All have on-line lectures, regular conversations with formation staff and spiritual direction. Our seminarians are praying for an end to the pandemic, for the priests serving in the parishes and hospitals, the heroic healthcare staff and care workers, and all who are suffering from this virus. While the present reality lacks the community dimension of formation and the important common liturgical life, their studies and preparation for priesthood continue.

Some seminarians are also supporting priests in this time of lockdown as is the case of Marco Salvagnini, a seminarian for the diocese of Westminster from Italy, who is in our parish. We pray together and I say Mass only with him present. It's good to have at least one more person celebrating Mass with you! Someone who somehow represents a congregation, who reads the Word and does the responses. Most evenings we come together in front of the Blessed Sacrament, we pray the Rosary and recite evening prayer. We are finding this time very challenging, but we are also taking this opportunity to deepen our prayer life and draw closer to the Lord in our lives. First and foremost seminary formation is about being with the Lord, "He appointed twelve that they might be with him" (Mark 3:14) only when we start "knowing" the Lord and "Knowing" in scriptures always refers to a personal relationship, then we can be sent to serve the people of God and announce the good news of God's love to the whole world.

Fr Agustin

PRIESTS' TRAINING FUND

As we are unable to come to church to celebrate Mass, there will not be a collection for the Priests' Training Fund this year. Please pray for the seminarians and those discerning God's call at this time. May they model through their actions and words the example of Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, who came to serve and not to be served.

Donations to the Priests' Training Fund are always gratefully received and if you wish to make a donation, please visit the donation page on the Diocese of Westminster website.

<https://rcdow.org.uk/donate/priests-training-fund/>

CONFESSION

Although it is not possible, at this time, to come to confession, it is possible to confess at home by going directly to God, through an 'act of perfect contrition'. The act should include:

- A good examination of conscience, think seriously about the sins you have committed.
- Make a sincere act of contrition to the Lord and say sorry for your sins.
- Promise that you will go to confession next time you can.

You may wish to say the following prayer:

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against You, whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Amen.

POPE FRANCIS - NEW PRAYERS TO OUR LADY

In his letter on the month of May, Pope Francis has provided two new prayers which he encourages us to recite at the end of the Rosary and are included below and on the next page. During this month especially, when we express our devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the pope encourages us to 'pray the Rosary at home within the family', recognising that 'the restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this "family" aspect, also from a spiritual point of view.'

First Prayer

O Mary,

You shine continuously on our journey
as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the foot of the cross,
were united with Jesus' suffering,
and persevered in your faith.

"Protectress of the Roman people",
you know our needs,
and we know that you will provide,
so that, as at Cana in Galilee,
joy and celebration may return
after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the will of the Father
and to do what Jesus tells us.

For he took upon himself our suffering,
and burdened himself with our sorrows
to bring us, through the cross,
to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen

*We fly to your protection,
O Holy Mother of God;
Do not despise our petitions
in our necessities,
but deliver us always
from every danger,
O Glorious and Blessed
Virgin.*



Second Prayer

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply.

Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew.

Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the front-line of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others.

Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health. Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus. Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realise that we are all members of one great family and to recognise the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary.
Amen.