

**LITTLE AMAL TO VISIT WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL**  
Monday 25th October at 2.00pm

On Monday 25th October we will be welcoming a visitor who has walked from the Turkey/Syria border. Little Amal is a 3.5m high puppet of a young refugee girl, who will have celebrated her 10th birthday the day before. She is walking 5,000 miles through several European countries, reaching Manchester on 3rd November.

The purpose for her journey is to draw attention to the plight of refugees, including unaccompanied minors. All places through which she passes are asked to engage and interact with her. Amal, on her way, will also visit venues associated with drama and the arts which celebrate achievements and talent, as a reminder that refugees also have potential.

We look forward to welcoming Amal in the Cathedral at 2pm on 25th October. More information about this event will be circulated in due course. More information about Amal is available at <https://www.walkwithamal.org>

"It is because the attention of the world is elsewhere right now that it is more important than ever to reignite the conversation about the refugee crisis and to change the narrative around it."

Yes, refugees need food and blankets, but they also need dignity and a voice.

The purpose of The Walk is to highlight the potential of the refugee, not just their dire circumstances.

Little Amal is 3.5 metres tall because we want the world to grow big enough to greet her.

"We want her to inspire us to think big and to act bigger."

*Amir Nizar Zuabi, Artistic Director of The Walk*

**MARGARET MARY RATTRAY RIP**

Funeral Service - Tuesday 28th September at 10.00am

The funeral service for Margaret Rattray will take place here at St John Fisher Church on **Tuesday 28th September at 10.00am. This will be in place of the normal Tuesday Mass.** Parishioners are welcome to attend the service and there is no need to book in advance.

Please pray for the eternal repose of the soul of Margaret and for her family and friends at this time.  
May she rest in peace.

**LITURGY TIMES THIS WEEK**

Saturday	18	Mass	6.30pm	Alcinda Ramos RIP
Sunday	19	Masses	9.30am	Vincent McHugh RIP (Anniv)
			11.30am	People of the Parish
Monday	20	Mass	10.00am	Deceased members of the Gilhooley family
Tuesday	21	Mass	10.00am	Mary O'Mahoney RIP Iris Keys RIP (Anniv)
Wednesday	22	No Mass		
Thursday	23	Mass	10.00am	Chris O'Dwyer RIP Francisco & Leona (Special Intention)
Friday	24	Mass	10.00am	Bellyrosa Vargas RIP (Anniv) William Talbut RIP (Anniv) Elizabeth Joseph RIP
Saturday	25	Mass	6.30pm	Deceased members of the Keigher & McElhenney Families
<b>25th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME</b>				
Sunday	26	Masses	9.30am	Margaret & William Beasley RIP (Anniv)
			11.30am	People of the Parish

**Confession:** Please contact the parish office to book an appointment.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS**

Last Week: Envelopes £ 315.81      Loose Plate £ 240.94      Standing Orders £ 510.00      Total £ 1,066.75



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Wisdom 2:12, 17-20      James 3:16 - 4:3      Mark 9:30-37

**19th September 2021**

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Last August Pope Francis granted a rare interview to Spanish journalist Carlos Herrera from Radio COPE. The interview was broadcast on September 1 and lasted over an hour. During the course of the interview, Pope Francis talked about his July surgery and discussed "thorny" issues such as Afghanistan, China, euthanasia and the reform of the Roman curia. It was an intimate and personal interview that gives us a good insight into the personality of Pope Francis and his way of thinking. You can read the full interview on the [Vatican News' website](#) but, here is an extract that I found particularly striking:

**C/H** "What was the Pope's confinement like? The time we have been confined at home. What has the Pope done during the confinement?"

**P/F** "First, I have to put up with myself, which is not easy. It is a science that I still have to master. It's hard to put up with oneself".

**C/H** "You have been practicing for many years..."

**P/F** "Yes, but it is difficult. Sometimes a person is capricious with himself and wants things to come out automatically. Then I started to take things back little by little and, today, I am leading a normal life. This morning, the whole morning of hearings; today is the second hearing in the afternoon (I started at 3.30 p.m.) and I am still going on.

I find the Pope's response to this question quite amazing and, I must say, I fully identify with the words of Pope Francis. To put up with oneself is a science we all need to master! And how hard that is! It is true we, at times, behave impulsively and disorderly. We want things automatically, and easily become impatient with ourselves and the people around us. We, like the Pope, perhaps have discovered this during the time of pandemic. This is indeed a lesson the Pope has thought of and with humility and honesty is sharing it with us.

As we slowly regain our confidence and begin slowly to lead a more normal life, it's a sign of hope to see many of you returning to Mass. We are still some way off from pre-pandemic times but, certainly the number of parishioners attending Sunday Mass is gradually increasing. As a Church, we still have some restrictions in place, obviously, we should still wear a mask, sanitise our hands and keep some distance from those we don't normally spend time with...and all this, we deem necessary to make everyone feel safe in Church and to encourage those who are still reluctant, to come back. Please consider returning to the practice of Sunday Mass and encourage others to do so.

We are also moving towards a fuller celebration of the Mass. Last week we re-introduced the offertory procession, singing and altar serving, which is great. However, the pandemic has had an impact on our parish, not only financially but, also in terms of having now a shortage of volunteers and ministers crucial for the day to day running of a parish. Now it is the time to start rebuilding the parish so please consider offering yourself as a volunteer. We need readers, musicians, cleaners, stewards, catechists...Let us know if you are willing to offer some of your time to the Church. We cannot rebuild St. John Fisher without you!

Our Sacramental preparation is another area which has been affected by the pandemic. We are now in the process of organising our First Holy Communion and Confirmation programmes for next year, with sessions face to face instead of online. This is not an automatic process! And it takes time to put together, catechists, resources, logistics...so please be patient. The application forms for First Holy Communion and Confirmation will be available at the end of October with both programmes starting most likely in January 2022.

Let's continue to pray that we may soon leave the pandemic behind, that Catholics may return to Church and that we may together rebuild our parish community. In this, I strongly invite you to take responsibility, engage in any way you can and play your part.

**Fr. Agustin**

**TUESDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER - CHANGE OF MASS TIME**

Fr Agustin will be celebrating Mass for the children at the school next Tuesday morning, therefore the Tuesday Mass here in the church will **start at the slightly later time of 10.30am.**

## **SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS & CERTIFICATES OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE**

Despite the ongoing pandemic, the application process for Catholic Secondary Schools remains unchanged and a Certificate of Catholic Practice, obtained from your parish priest is required.

Parents whose children have just started year 6 of Primary School this September (therefore due to start Secondary School in September 2022) and need a Certificate of Catholic Practice, will need to book an appointment with Fr. Agustin. Appointments are available on the following days:

<b>Monday 27th September</b>	<b>5.30pm – 7.20pm</b>
<b>Friday 1st October</b>	<b>5.30pm – 7.20pm</b>
<b>Monday 4th October</b>	<b>5.30pm – 7.20pm</b>
<b>Monday 11th October</b>	<b>5.30pm – 7.20pm</b>

Appointments can be booked by calling the parish office on 020 8997 3164 or by sending an email to [perivale@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:perivale@rcdow.org.uk). When you contact us please provide:

- your name,
- your child's name,
- a phone number and email address

You will also be required to complete an **Additional Information Form**, which can be completed over the phone or will be emailed to you. **This form must be completed and received, before you come to your appointment.**

The deadline for applications for Secondary Schools is 31st October 2021. Some schools are oversubscribed each year so please consider applying early and not leaving it until the deadline.

### **Coming to the Appointment**

Please come prepared for the meeting with Fr Agustin. Before you come, read carefully all the school application forms that you have in case there are any questions you need to ask Fr Agustin or sections you need his help to complete. Please note that Fr Agustin will not be able to complete the forms for you.

All meetings will take place in the Parish Room. We ask that only 1 parent and the child going to secondary school attend the meeting. You will need to sanitise your hands on arrival and parents must wear a face covering.

***Please note that these appointments are for those applying to Secondary Schools.***

***The deadline for Primary School applications is typically in January.***

***Appointments for Primary School applications will be announced later this year.***

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## **SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN DAYS**

### **Sacred Heart High School, Hammersmith Year 7 – Admission 2022/23 academic year**

We are delighted to be able to welcome prospective parents to Sacred Heart High School Hammersmith. Tickets can be booked via our website for **Thursday 23rd September from 3:30 - 5:30pm**. *Please use the links below (if you are viewing this newsletter online), or visit the school's website.*

[Thursday 23rd September Headteacher's address at 3:30 followed by tour at 4:30pm](#)

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**Sacred Heart Sixth Form Open Evenings** will be held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 4pm – 6:00pm. The Head Teacher will address candidates and their parents and invite them to take a tour of the school. You do not need to book a place.

### **Gunnersbury Catholic School Open Days**

Tuesday 5 October 2021 - Tours @ 1-30pm, 4-30pm, 5-30pm, 6-30pm, 7-30pm

Thursday 7 October 2021 - Tour @ 10-30am

Tuesday 12 October 2021 - Tour @ 10-30am

Tours must be booked through the school website: <https://www.gunnersbury.com/>

## **INTRODUCTION TO VOLUNTEERING**



Are you thinking of volunteering? Caritas Westminster is running a free, online 'Introduction to Volunteering' event on 21 September 2021, 10 – 11:30 am.

The event is meant for anyone thinking about or just starting out in volunteering. This informative and practical workshop will cover all the basics to help you get started. It can help prospective volunteers explore their options, understand the application process, ask questions and leave with an action plan.

For more information and to register, please visit [www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/events](http://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/events) or email [cvs@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:cvs@rcdow.org.uk).

### **THERE ARE ALSO OPPORTUNITIES TO VOLUNTEER HERE IN THE PARISH. We are looking for:**

**Stewards for the Sunday 11.30am Mass**

**Readers for the 11.30am Mass**

**Church Cleaners (Wednesdays or Saturdays)**

**Offertory Collectors (Weekend Masses)**

If you would like more information, please visit our website (Parish Life - Vacancies) or contact the parish office. To apply please contact the parish office by email: [perivale@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:perivale@rcdow.org.uk) or tel: 020 8997 3164

## **OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN CANDLELIT PROCESSION**

**Sunday 10th October at 7.00pm**

Fr Stephen Willis writes: 'During the past 119 years, it was only the Blitz, and then Covid 19, that have interrupted the annual May and October Processions at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden. Whilst during the different stages of the pandemic we have both sent out a filmed virtual Procession, and then live streamed October and May devotions from the Shrine, we are very keen to reinstate the traditional Processions and reclaim the rhythm of prayer which is so much part of our witness.'

Therefore we are happy once more to invite you to the October Candlelit Procession which will take place on Sunday 10th October at 7pm.

The procession begins at the Shrine at 1 Nicoll Road NW10 9AX, making our way through local streets and praying the Rosary. Following the procession, we return to the Shrine for homily and Benediction. Bishop Michael Campbell OSA will preach. All are most welcome to attend and join in prayer to Our Mother, that she may wrap her protective mantle around us.

## **WALSINGHAM - PILGRIMAGE OF REPARATION & PRAYER FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE**

**Saturday 23rd October, from midday**

There will be a pilgrimage for the sanctity of life in Walsingham with the theme, 'the courage to proclaim the Gospel of Life on post-pandemic Britain'.

### **Outline of the day**

The main programme commences with midday Mass in the Chapel of Reconciliation celebrated by Bishop Mark Davies (Shrewsbury) with Fr Jeremy Davies and Fr David Donaghue. The day will include opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation and to spend time before the Blessed Sacrament. This time will include the Holy Rosary, Stations of the Cross, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the Litany of Life and Benediction.

Mid-afternoon will herald the change of location from the Shrine to the Priory in the village, walking the Pilgrim Way, to the original site of the Holy House of Nazareth. This is the now traditional silent walk, a prayerful walk with Jesus to Calvary.

While the focus is prayer and reparation for sins against life, the pilgrimage is also a chance for those attending to spend time in the peace and quiet of England's Nazareth

More information can be found at <http://www.prolifepilgrimage.org>.

For those who are unable to attend, the Shrine livestream will carry the main events of the day.

## **WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL - MASS FOR ALTAR SERVERS**

**Saturday 2nd October at 2.30pm**

The Archconfraternity of St Stephen invites servers, family and friends to the Westminster Diocese Mass for Altar Servers on Saturday, 2nd October 2021 at 2:30pm in Westminster Cathedral. Bishop Nicholas Hudson will be the principal celebrant. More details will follow closer to the event.