

KNIT & NATTER
Come and join the group on **Tuesday 29th March at 11.00am in the Parish Room.**
You're welcome to bring your knitting, crochet or simply yourself and enjoy a sociable hour with a cup of tea/coffee and friends.

UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY
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CAFOD LENT APPEAL
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THANK YOU to everyone who has donated so far. There is still time to donate to CAFOD.. Donation envelopes are available and can be returned during any Mass. Alternatively, you can donate online using the QR code on the envelope or via the CAFOD website [Lent Appeal 2022 | CAFOD](http://LentAppeal2022.CAFOD) **Thank you for your generosity at this time.**

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY
Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 14th May 2022 at 3pm
The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) Wedding Anniversary of Catholic Marriage in 2022. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please send the following details to the Parish Office (perivale@rcdow.org.uk): husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

FLOWERS
The flowers this week are dedicated to
WILLIAM SWORDS RIP
Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen

SANCTUARY CANDLELIGHT
This week in memory of
CON and ELLEN BRENNAN RIP (Anniv)
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

LITURGY TIMES THIS WEEK				
Masses will be offered for the following intentions:				
Saturday	26	Mass	6.30pm	Dorcus D'Colyse RIP Marta Bronikowska RIP
Sunday	27	Masses at	9.30am	William Swords RIP
			11.30am	All Confirmation candidates, their parents and sponsors
Monday	28		10.00am	Michael Sprackling RIP Matthew Wynne RIP
Tuesday	29	Mass	10.00am	Ronald Rozario RIP
Wednesday	30	No Masses		
Thursday	31	Mass	10.00am	Andres Camacho
Friday	1	Mass	10.00am	Carmel (Get Well) Mary (Get Well)
Saturday	2	Mass	6.30pm	Sarah Hogan RIP Departed souls of the Remedios and Mathias families
5th SUNDAY of LENT				
Sunday	3	Masses at	9.30am	Michael John Nee RIP Kitty Lyne RIP (Anniv)
			11.30am	Stanislas Fernando RIP
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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Saturdays 5.00pm- 6.00pm and Mondays 10.30am - 11.00am			
Confession	Saturdays 5.15pm - 6.00pm			

Please pray for: (the sick)
The names previously shown in this section were given to us some time ago. We rely on you letting us know whether names should be added or removed, and as the list had not been updated for a long time, we thought it best to remove all the names and start again.
If you would like the parish to pray for someone who is sick, please contact the parish office and their name will be added to the next newsletter.

for those who have died recently:
Neil McElhinney, Michael Lavin, Rita, Talbutt, Ann Marie Coughlan, Michael Delaney, Julian Hains, Sandra Warner, Remo Losi, Timothy Mulcahy
and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Josef Sautschak, Pat Galvin, Imre 'Jim' Horvath, Martial D'Colyse, Lil Kenny, James Hughes, Joseph Robertson, Catherine O'Driscoll, Alcinda Ramos, Catherine O'Driscoll, Margaret Knightson, Thomas Donhue, Sedley Gayle, Maria Bastiampillai, Bridget Rozario and Michael Harvey.



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4TH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C			27th March 2022
Joshua 5:9-12	2 Corinthians 5:17-21	Luke 15:1-3, 11-32	Parish Mass Book p.168

LAETARE SUNDAY
Today is traditionally referred to as *Laetare Sunday*, "Rejoicing Sunday". To mark this, there is the option for the priest to put aside purple vestments and wear rose or pink! Because rose is only prescribed for two Sundays in the year, this usually means that the best preserved vestment in any parish is the pink one... if there is one at all! We are blessed to have a reddish-pink colour chasuble in St. John Fisher, which will make its appearance this weekend.
What is more important than the colour is the fact that we are now entering a phase in the Holy Season of Lent when we prepare especially for Holy Week, the Great Week of the year.
Thankfully, this year, with most Covid restrictions now removed, we will be able to celebrate this great week here in the church and all rites will be restored such as the washing of feet, the veneration of the cross and candles for the Easter Vigil.
Further information including Mass times will be published in next week's newsletter and on our website.

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Today is also **Mother's Day.**
Mothers are very special people and gifted by God with so many graces and blessings.
Pray for all mothers today living and dead, as we thank God for all they have given to us.

Mothers - enjoy your day!

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CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Good Friday - 15th April 10:00am

As we return to a more normal pattern of events, we would like have a celebration of the Stations of the Cross especially for children this year, here in the church, on Good Friday at 10:00am.
It will be a great opportunity for all children to be involved and better understand the events of this day. They will be able to participate in prayer and hymns and some of them will portray the roles of the main characters who witnessed the important events of this day.
If your child would like to take part by playing one of the characters and is available, could you please provide their name, school they attend and year group they are in, to Ana in the office. A tear-off slip is below or you can email the office.
In order to play one of the main characters, your child must be able to read, be available on Good Friday and also be available for the rehearsal (which will take place during the 2nd week of the Easter holidays).

CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS 2022

My child would like to take part this year.

NAME: _____

SCHOOL THEY ATTEND: _____

YEAR THEY ARE IN: _____

Please return by Monday 28th March

**ACT OF CONSECRATION OF RUSSIA AND UKRAINE
TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**

On Friday, 25th March, Pope Francis led an Act of Consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Below is the letter sent to all clergy and an extract from the Act of Consecration. The full Act of Consecration can be found on the Vatican website. [Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary \[25 March 2022\] | Francis \(vatican.va\)](#)

We are all invited to unite ourselves to the Holy Father's prayer by praying the Act of Consecration.

Letter to all Bishops

Dear Brother,

Nearly a month has passed since the outbreak of the war in Ukraine that is daily inflicting immense suffering upon its sorely tried people and threatening world peace. At this dark hour, the Church is urgently called to intercede before the Prince of Peace and to demonstrate her closeness to those directly affected by the conflict. I am grateful to the many people who have responded with great generosity to my appeals for prayer, fasting and charity.

Now, also in response to numerous requests by the People of God, I wish in a special way to entrust the nations at war to the Blessed Virgin Mary. As I announced yesterday at the conclusion of the Angelus prayer, on 25 March, the Solemnity of the Annunciation, I intend to carry out a solemn Act of Consecration of humanity, and Russia and Ukraine in particular, to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Since it is fitting that we should invoke peace with hearts renewed by God's forgiveness, the Act of Consecration will take place in the context of a Celebration of Penance to be held in Saint Peter's Basilica at 5:00 p.m., Rome time. The Act itself will take place about 6:30 p.m.

This Act of Consecration is meant to be a gesture of the universal Church, which in this dramatic moment lifts up to God, through his Mother and ours, the cry of pain of all those who suffer and implore an end to the violence, and to entrust the future of our human family to the Queen of Peace.

Extract from the Act of Consecration

O Mary, Mother of God and our Mother, in this time of trial we turn to you. As our Mother, you love us and know us: no concern of our hearts is hidden from you. Mother of mercy, how often we have experienced your watchful care and your peaceful presence! You never cease to guide us to Jesus, the Prince of Peace...

We now turn to you and knock at the door of your heart. We are your beloved children. In every age you make yourself known to us, calling us to conversion. At this dark hour, help us and grant us your comfort. Say to us once more: "Am I not here, I who am your Mother?" You are able to untie the knots of our hearts and of our times. In you we place our trust. We are confident that, especially in moments of trial, you will not be deaf to our supplication and will come to our aid...

Therefore, O Mother, hear our prayer.
Star of the Sea, do not let us be shipwrecked in the tempest of war.
Ark of the New Covenant, inspire projects and paths of reconciliation.
Queen of Heaven, restore God's peace to the world.
Eliminate hatred and the thirst for revenge, and teach us forgiveness.
Free us from war, protect our world from the menace of nuclear weapons.
Queen of the Rosary, make us realize our need to pray and to love.
Queen of the Human Family, show people the path of fraternity.
Queen of Peace, obtain peace for our world.

Holy Mother of God, as you stood beneath the cross, Jesus, seeing the disciple at your side, said: "Behold your son" (Jn 19:26). In this way he entrusted each of us to you. To the disciple, and to each of us, he said: "Behold, your Mother" (v. 27). Mother Mary, we now desire to welcome you into our lives and our history. At this hour, a weary and distraught humanity stands with you beneath the cross, needing to entrust itself to you and, through you, to consecrate itself to Christ. The people of Ukraine and Russia, who venerate you with great love, now turn to you, even as your heart beats with compassion for them and for all those peoples decimated by war, hunger, injustice and poverty.

Therefore, Mother of God and our Mother, to your Immaculate Heart we solemnly entrust and consecrate ourselves, the Church and all humanity, especially Russia and Ukraine. Accept this act that we carry out with confidence and love. Grant that war may end and peace spread throughout the world. The "Fiat" that arose from your heart opened the doors of history to the Prince of Peace. We trust that, through your heart, peace will dawn once more. To you we consecrate the future of the whole human family, the needs and expectations of every people, the anxieties and hopes of the world.

Through your intercession, may God's mercy be poured out on the earth and the gentle rhythm of peace return to mark our days. Our Lady of the "Fiat", on whom the Holy Spirit descended, restore among us the harmony that comes from God. May you, our "living fountain of hope", water the dryness of our hearts. In your womb Jesus took flesh; help us to foster the growth of communion. You once trod the streets of our world; lead us now on the paths of peace. Amen.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 28th	First Holy Communion programme (Monday groups) - Lesson 3	3.30pm	School
Tuesday 29th	Knit & Natter Group	11.00am	Parish Room
APRIL			
Friday 1st April	Stations of the Cross (led by the Altar Servers)	7.00pm	Church
Friday 8th April	Stations of the Cross (led by the Knit & Natter Group)	7.00pm	Church

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FR AGUSTIN - SURGERY HOURS

If you would like to see Fr Agustin in person next week, Father will be available on:

Monday 28th 11.00am - 1.00pm
Thursday 31st 6.00pm - 7.00pm

Please contact the parish office if you would like to book an appointment.

CONGRATULATIONS...

To all the Confirmation candidates who will be officially enrolled onto the programme during the Sunday 11.30am Mass. May God bless them and accompany them as they continue on their faith journey.

Lessons will resume after the Easter break on Tuesday 26th April.

Congratulations also to the 4 couples who completed our marriage course and will be blessed during the Saturday evening Mass. May the Lord bless them and guide them.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME - SUNDAY 3RD APRIL

Sunday 3rd April is the 'First Sunday of the Month' when all children attending the First Holy Communion programme are expected to attend the Sunday 9.30am Mass.

As the school Spring terms ends on Friday 1st April, we understand that many families will have plans to travel that weekend and start the Easter break.

If you are planning to go away, it is not necessary to send your apologies. We wish you a safe journey.

If, however, you are not going away, you are invited to still attend this 'First Sunday of the Month Mass'.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

New Envelopes - starting 10th April

New boxes of Planned Giving Envelopes for the next tax year 2022-23, are now available for collection before and after each Mass. Boxes can also be collected outside of Mass times by contacting the parish office and arranging a collection date/time.

If you are currently housebound and unable to collect your box, please contact the parish office and we will arrange to deliver your box to you.

Keeping information up-to-date

We need to ensure the information we have about you is correct. When you collect your new box we will ask you to verify your title, name, address and gift aid status.

I did not collect my box last year, can I still have a new box?

Yes, of course. We know it has been difficult for some to come to church during the last 2 years and so we have allocated boxes to all parishioners who were on our planned giving register in 2019. Please come and collect a box, even if you haven't used envelopes for a while.

I do not want my envelopes any more, what should I do?

If you no longer wish to use the envelope scheme because you want to switch to a standing order or simply do not want to donate in this way, please contact the parish office.

I have never had a box of envelopes, how do I get one?

Planned Giving Envelopes are for those who wish to donate to the church regularly by cash or cheque. If you would like a box, please contact the parish office.

Please note that the most effective way to donate is via a regular bank transfer (Standing Order). If you would like to know more, please also contact the parish office.