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**Red Boxes** The time has come to empty your red

### Mass this Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter (B) 15<sup>th</sup> April 2018

#### Today's Readings

*Acts 3:13-15. 17-19* God said through all the prophets that the Christ would suffer.

*1 John 2:1-5* If anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just.

*Luke 24:35-48* It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

#### Mass this week

			<i>Intention</i>
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>	6:30am		Ken Hagger (anniversary)
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am		For Our Parishioners
	10:30am		Julia McKinley (anniversary)
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm	<b>No Mass</b>	
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	<b>No Mass</b>	
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	Easter Weekday <b>(Mass in School Hall)</b>	Jill lee (RIP)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	Easter Weekday	<b>Fr Patrick Smyth RIP</b>
	11:00am	<b>Funeral Mass</b>	Jill Lee (RIP)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** Saturday 5:45pm or by appointment.

**The Sanctuary Lamp** burns for **The People of Syria**

**Last Week's Offertory** This amounted to £592.01  
Many thanks for all your generosity. We also receive approx £300 each week in bank standing orders from parishioners. **Text Giving** If you wish to support the parish by giving £5 via your mobile 'phone, just text PARISH ROYST to 70800.

**Data Protection** new legislation is coming into force this May which will impact on how we gather, retain and manage personal data. Thank you to those who have already expressed a willingness to help or who have provided information. There will be a meeting at 7:30pm on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> in the Presbytery to which anyone is most welcome. If anyone who is willing to be part of this meeting, please could she or he e-mail Fr Philip by Wednesday afternoon, and he will forward some documents to be discussed at the meeting.

**Change of Mass** Please note there will be no weekday mass this Tuesday and Wednesday. The Mass on Thursday morning will be in St Mary's School and any parishioners, who wish to, are welcome to join us there.

**Missio** mission boxes. Envelopes are available to pick up at the back of Church. Thank you for supporting our brothers and sisters in the youngest and poorest dioceses and their work for the gospel and thank you for contributing to the world mission of the Church.

**Parish Safeguarding Representative** Tim Shepherd has been appointed our new Parish Safeguarding Representative.

**Planned Giving Envelopes** These are now ready at the back of church. Please ensure you have collected your box of envelopes to start using now.

**First Holy Communion** The next parents meeting will take place on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April, at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall and the children's workshop will be on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April, also in the Parish Hall, at 11:30am (prompt start please!) until 1 pm. Please could the children bring their books with them and may we suggest a snack and drink **before** they attend the session to help with concentration.

**Priest Training Fund Collection** Next weekend is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests

and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest training Fund will also take place next weekend. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 45 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 28 of whom are for our own Diocese, and last year eight men ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. This fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Please take home a donation leaflet. Read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can donate online anytime at [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations)

**Cardinal's Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony**, Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 19th May 2018 at 3pm The Cardinal will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th anniversaries (and every year over 60) in 2018. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please contact the Parish Office with your details. The closing date has been extended to 16th April.

**CAFOD Share the Journey Campaign** Thanks to your support, CAFOD's campaigning tackles the causes of poverty and injustice, not just the symptoms. When the Catholic community speaks out together, we have a powerful voice. Could you become a Campaign volunteer and help enable and inspire others to take action as part in CAFOD's campaigns? Find out more at our new volunteer day in Central London on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April? Contact Tony email [westminster@cafod.org.uk](mailto:westminster@cafod.org.uk) or phone 0208 449 6970.

#### Lourdes Pilgrimage 2018: Volunteer Recruitment

volunteers for medical/practical support of sick pilgrims for the 30th annual Lourdes pilgrimage this summer from 21st to 27th July 2018. Interested applicants are asked to contact the office on 0207 798 9173 or email [lourdes@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:lourdes@rcdow.org.uk), [westminsterstfrai@gmail.com](mailto:westminsterstfrai@gmail.com)

**SPEC Volunteers** SPEC are now recruiting volunteers who are 18 years of age or older for the academic year commencing September 2018. SPEC are looking for young people enthusiastic about their faith and willing to share it with others, to spend a year living in community with other people their age; in return they receive formation in the faith, training in youth work, experience living in community. For information, email [spec@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:spec@rcdow.org.uk) or call 0203 757 2503.

**Let it Be Done Unto Me-** There will be three parish Training events introducing this new café DVD resource exploring How Mary helps us to be filled with God.. 30<sup>th</sup> April 7:30pm-9pm Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, Westminster, SW1P1QN on 2 May 2018 Time: 7:15-9:15pm: SS Peter and Paul, Cambourne Avenue, Northfields, WestEaling, W13 9QZ 3 May 2018 7:00-9:00pm: Mary, Mother of God Church, 192 Nags Head Road, Ponders End, Enfield, EN3 7AR. Come see/hear how this course fits with Proclaim Westminster. Refreshments available at the event. These events are free, an offering will be taken. To register email [catadmin@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:catadmin@rcdow.org.uk) Telephone: 07875 848138

**Holy Fathers Intentions for April: For Those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters** That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

**Cleaning Rota** Monday - Ruby Friday – Vanessa



Pope Francis has written an Apostolic Exhortation, *Gaudete et Exsultate*, on the call to holiness. Every Christian is called to be holy and the grace of God we see shining forth in the saints is there for every one of us. The Holy Father hopes to give practical advice for our times so that each of us may grow in holiness. He begins by saying:

**“REJOICE AND BE GLAD” (Mt 5:12), Jesus tells those persecuted or humiliated for his sake. The Lord asks everything of us, and in return he offers us true life, the happiness for which we were created. He wants us to be saints and not to settle for a bland and mediocre existence.”** The full text of the exhortation is available at:

[http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost\\_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco\\_esortazione-ap\\_20180319\\_gaudete-et-exsultate.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20180319_gaudete-et-exsultate.html)

The Diocesan Pilgrimage office is looking to recruit