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Mass this Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter (B) 14th April 2024

Today's Readings

Acts 3:13-15. 17-19 God glorified Jesus by raising him back to life.

1 John 2:1-5 True love of Jesus means listening to him and obeying his word.

Luke 24:35-48 Jesus appears to the disciples hiding in the Upper Room and, instead of condemning their Good Friday cowardice, offers a greeting of peace.

Mass This Week

Saturday 13th 6:30pm

Sunday 14th 9:00am

10:30am

Tuesday 16th 6:00pm Easter Weekday

Wednesday 17th 9:15am Easter Weekday

Thursday 18th 9:15am Easter Weekday

Friday 19th 9:15am St Alphege

Intention

For Our Parishioners

Joan Williams & Maureen
Nangle (anniversary)

Those affected by floods in
Kazakhstan

The New School Term

The Right Use of The Media

Our Parish Pastoral Council

Fr Anthony Conlon (RIP)

The Sanctuary Lamp burns in Thanksgiving for Pope Francis

The Sacrament of Reconciliation may be celebrated during exposition (5:30pm Saturday) or by appointment

Please note that it is our intention to livestream the 9am Sunday Mass and most of the weekday Masses.

First Holy Communion Please note that next Sunday the 10:30am mass will be our final Link Mass before the First Holy Communion Masses. There will be First Holy Communion Masses on the last Sunday of April and first three Sundays of May.

Parish Pastoral Council meets at 7:30pm in the Sacristy this Thursday. Among items for discussion: a review of Lent, Holy Week and Easter; plans for our Parish Mission; plans for our Parish Pilgrimage to Rome.

Wesminster Lourdes Pilgrimage 19th-26th Jul <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> or 020 7798 9173. All applications to join this year's pilgrimage need to be submitted by Tuesday 30th April.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place this year on Saturday, 21st September. We are intending to join with our friends in Letchworth again. Please sign up on the list in the Sacristy. The cost will depend on how many people are on the coach.

Parish Pilgrimage to Rome This is very early notice but we need an approximation of numbers now, and to enable people to save for it. We have a hotel booking in Rome for October 2025 but we need to confirm very soon. (Rome is going to be very busy for the Jubilee Year.) We do encourage as many people as possible to make this special Jubilee Pilgrimage. The estimated cost will be ~£1,150 per person (costs of flights not yet available). Please sign up on the list as soon as possible.

Are You A Tax Payer? If your tax status changed for 2023-24, or will change for 2024-25, please inform Lawrie Fernee on 01763 243395 or RoystonGA@rcdow.org.uk.

Lay Ministries For those who carry out lay ministries during Mass (sacristans, readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion etc) *we are always looking for more volunteers* please be reminded that there is a WhatsApp group available, to make it easier to find a replacement if you become unavailable. If you would like to be added to this group (which covers all three weekend Masses) please contact anitaclayson@hotmail.co.uk

Missio Red Boxes The time has come to empty your *Missio* Red Boxes. Please pick up an envelope and return it as soon as possible to the sacristy. Many thanks for your continued support.

Priest Training Fund The collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place next weekend. There are currently 49 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 13 of whom are from our own Diocese. We also have one seminarian in Valladolid and one at the Beda, presently on pastoral placement in Ruislip. There are also two on a propaedeutic year at Redemptoris Mater. Last year 3 deacons were ordained for Westminster Diocese. The Priest Training 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. Donation envelopes are available in the Sacristy. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you for your generosity.

Vocations Days: 'Come and See' Men who are interested in exploring vocations to the priesthood or the permanent diaconate are invited to: Sat 20th April, 10am-2pm at Our Lady and St Vincent Church Hall, 243 Mutton Lane, Potters Bar EN6 2AT; or Sat 1st June, 10am-2pm at Our Lady's Hall (the undercroft) at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Rothamsted Avenue, Harpenden AL5 2DB. Refreshments and a light lunch will be provided. To find out more and to register attendance at one of the days, please contact: Canon Roger Taylor, Vocations Promoter, at robertaylor@rcdow.org.uk or Deacon Adrian Cullen, Director Permanent Diaconate at adriancullen@rcdow.org.uk or call 07961 594725

The Saint John Henry Newman Catholic School currently have vacancies for Foundation and Community School Governors. Their current team of Governors are highly committed, talented and aspirational, and form a Governing Body which sees its purpose as one of service to the School community and the wider community. Remember that the gift you bring is of YOURSELF. This will entail life skills and experience, qualification and business skills, no prior experience of working in education is required.

If you would be interested in joining the Governing Body, please contact the clerk to the governors:- Lesley Radcliffe by email on radcliffel@jhn.herts.sch.uk

Holy Fathers Prayer Intentions for April
For the role of women We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

Christ is Risen: The world below lies desolate
Christ is Risen: The spirits of evil are fallen
Christ is Risen: The angels of God are rejoicing
Christ is Risen: The tombs of the dead are empty
Christ is Risen indeed from the dead, the first of the sleepers,
Glory and power are his forever and ever.

- St. Hippolytus of Rome