



OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PARISH NOTICES

✘ **PAINTING OF THE CHURCH:** From Monday 17th March the church will be repainted along the two side walls and central panels around the church. It's been 10 years since the church was last painted and there has been some water staining due to leaks. The leaks have now been fixed. Please be aware there will be a tower in place so do not allow your children to climb on it. Please be patient with any disruption which we hope will be kept to a minimum. We expect the painting to take less than 2 weeks. We are trying to match the colours as closely as possible with the existing ones although there is likely to be some variation. Thank you for your understanding. Masses will be held as usual.

✘ **CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL 2025:** This Holy Year invites us to be 'Pilgrims of Hope'. We invite you to consider supporting work being done in the Diocese of Westminster to bring hope into many lives. Your contributions will help fund vital projects across our Diocese, including Youth & Evangelisation, Social Action, Marriage & Family Life, and Catholic Education Initiatives. His Eminence, Cardinal Nichols, extends his heartfelt thanks to all who give what they can to this meaningful cause. Donation envelopes are available today, and you can also contribute online using the QR code. Thank you for your kindness and support.

✘ **LENT FOOD DONATION APPEAL:** This Lent members of The Evergreen Club and the Catechetical team have decided to ask parishioners for food donations that will be distributed to members of our community and neighbouring parishes. As Fr Bernard stated in his homily on Ash Wednesday the fasting we do in Lent leads to more money in our pockets and more food in our cupboards. This is linked to almsgiving, so we not only give something up but we give something out to others from our surplus. There are two boxes under the table at the back of church for your donations. Let's be generous this Lenten season.

✘ **ST PATRICK'S DAY:** The Evergreen Club will be hosting a St Patrick's Day afternoon at their session on Monday 17th March between 1-3 pm in the hall. Tea/coffee, cake, Irish Coffee and music. ALL WELCOME.

✘ **JUBILEE YEAR:** A great theme of the Year is that of Pilgrimage and Walking Pilgrimages in particular. The Diocese have devised the **Westminster Way**, a gentle (ish) walk of about 5 miles from Tower Hill to the Cathedral, passing through Moorfields, Charterhouse, Ely Place, Maiden Lane and Westminster. There are good resources to use available on the Diocesan Website: <https://rcdow.org.uk/jubilee-2025/>

✘ **CARITAS SURVEY:** Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) is conducting a survey to understand the impact of the two-child benefit cap and the current economic climate on Catholic families in England and Wales. Please share your experience by completing the survey, which can be accessed at csan.org.uk/news/familysurvey, where you'll also find further information about the survey. The survey will close on 25th March.

✘ **LOURDES PILGRIMAGE:** Registration for the Westminster diocesan pilgrimage led by Cardinal Vincent Nicholas is now open via the online form at <https://pilgrimages.rcdow.org.uk> or by contacting the Pilgrimage Office on 020 7798 9173. Options to travel by plane or train are available and there are many volunteering opportunities for those wishing to serve. All applications to join this year's pilgrimage need to be submitted by Wednesday 30th April.

✘ **JUBILEE CARE FOR CREATION INVITATION:** Hear from the Repair Café at St Margaret's Parish, Twickenham, about how their volunteers offer a warm welcome with a cuppa, whilst they repair items, from electrical appliances to bikes and cuddly toys. Caritas Westminster are hosting this event, open to anyone interested in finding out more, and consider starting something similar in their own parish during this special Jubilee year. To join us online, please email stephencurran@rcdow.org.uk (07803 634240) for a Teams link or further info.

✘ **MASS FOR BEREAVED PARENTS:** Westminster Cathedral on Saturday, 5th April, at 2:00 PM.

✘ **BAPTISM CLASS:** The next Baptism Preparation Classes will be on 5th and 12th April at 10am in the hall. Please contact Liz Cetin in the first instance. Fr Bernard would like to meet all the parents. You must be a practicing Catholic and live within our parish boundary to be eligible.

✘ **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS:** All classes will begin at 9.45am in the hall. Please be punctual and collect your children at 10.40am.

✘ **SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE:** If you would like to be considered as our new Safeguarding Officer please contact the office or speak to Jackie Charles. There is a poster in the church with more details.

✘ **CONTACTLESS MACHINE:** The contactless machine by the candle stand isn't available because the socket isn't working so it's not charging. Please be patient as the problem with some of the sockets on that side of the church is longstanding but in the meantime kindly use the other machine.

✘ **PARISH GROUPS:** All parishioners and non-parishioners are welcome to join these groups:

THE EVERGREEN CLUB: meet on Mondays 1-3pm in the church hall for a chat over tea/coffee and cake with guest speakers. It's a chance to meet new friends and is open to all ages.

MEDITATION: "Would you like to mark this lent a little more special? Have you always wondered what meditation is about? If so, why not join the Fulham meditation group at Our Lady's in Stephendale Road during lent. We meet every Wednesday at 6.30-7.30pm for this ancient way of silent prayer (entrance is at the first door to the left of the church building in Tynemouth Street). Introduction and guidance will be given. Any questions, ask Fr Bernard or email Pia (pia.huber@gmail.com)."

✘ **PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please can you remember the sick of our parish in your prayers: Connie Arowojolu; Baby Gloria; Jacqueline Kelleher; Patrick Murphy; Maureen Palmer; Alma Smith.

✘ **PARISH CONTACTS:**

Jackie Charles: First Holy Communion and Confirmation: stephendaleroadcat@rcdow.org.uk

Liz Cetin: Baptism Preparation Classes: cetinliz@yahoo.com

✘ **PLEASE GIFT AID YOUR CONTACTLESS DONATIONS:** When making your donation by card there is the option to gift aid your donation on the screen, simply click yes and once you have entered your details you do not have to do it again for future donations. Please ensure that we have the full first line of your address. For more info visit: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/stephendaleroad/donate/other-ways-to-give/>

✘ **MASS TIMES:**

Weekend Masses: Saturday 7pm Sunday 10.45am

Weekday Masses: Wednesday 10am Saturday 10am followed by Exposition and Confession

Holy Days of Obligation: Please check the newsletter

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16 th March	7pm and 10.45am	Second Sunday of Lent	156
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THE SANCTUARY LAMP

If you would like the Sanctuary Lamp lit before the Blessed Sacrament for a particular intention please send an email to the office. Each lamp burns for a week.

This week's special intention is for: Jacqueline Kelleher

