

# LITURGY, CONFESSION & MASS TIMES

Sun 14th April	<b>+ THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> Acts 3:13-15, 17-19, 1 John 2:1-5, Luke 24:35-48 (pg. 258) Mass 11am - Pro-populo + John Reilly & Father RIP
Mon 15th April	<b>Easter Feria, Monday in the Third Week of Easter</b> Mass 9.30am - Celebrants Intention
Tues 16th April	<b>Easter Feria, Tuesday in the Third Week of Easter</b> Mass 9.30am - Celebrants Intention
Wed 17th April	<b>Easter Feria, Wednesday in the Third Week of Easter</b> Mass 9.30am - Christ The King School Mass
Thur 18th April	<b>NO MASS</b>
Fri 19th April	<b>Saint Alphege, Bishop and Martyr</b> (Friday abstinence) Mass 9.30am - Celebrants Intention
Sat 20th April	<b>Easter Feria, Saturday in the Third Week of Easter</b> Mass 9.30am - A Day With Mary beginning with entry procession of Our Lady 9.30am 6pm Vigil Mass - Pro-populo
Sun 21st April	<b>+ FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> Psalm 32:5-6, 1 John 3:1-2, John 10:14 (pg. 261) Mass 11am - Harold Chinegwundoh RIP

**Church Opening Times: Mon-Wed & Fri 8.30am-10am**

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# Saint Mellitus

A Parish of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Westminster

Year B + THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 14th April 2024



## Finding the Meaning

Were the other disciples really so very different from Doubting Thomas? When they saw Jesus in their midst, they took some convincing that it really was Jesus and not a ghost that had come to visit them.

The gospel outlines four pieces of proof that Jesus uses to convince them that he really has risen from the dead. They can look at the marks on his hands and feet, they can touch him to check that he is really flesh and bone, and they can watch him eat a meal that they have prepared. The fourth proof is when Jesus opens their minds so that they can understand the prophecies that were made in the Old Testament, and which he has fulfilled by rising from the dead.

We are not as lucky as the first disciples. Two thousand years down the line we do not have the benefit of their first-hand experience. We cannot look at Jesus, we cannot touch him, or share a meal. The fourth proof though, the prophecies in the Old Testament are still there for us to read. The only trouble is, the Bible isn't always an easy book to read. We read a passage and fail to understand it. Sometimes we think we understand the literal meaning but the words fail to offer any significance. It would be good if Jesus could open our minds up as he did for those first disciples when they had trouble understanding the meaning of his death and resurrection.

One thing is for sure, understanding the Bible isn't going to happen magically, just as it didn't happen overnight for the disciples. We know that everything worthwhile takes effort. Playing a musical instrument takes years of practice. Being good at a sport takes considerable training. Learning a language demands a concerted amount of study and hard work. So too, we have to apply ourselves to understanding what we read in the Bible. We have to consider each passage for some time before we can really grasp it ... sometimes a single verse or phrase. Often we can derive great satisfaction from knowing that those parts we struggled with the longest hold the greatest meaning. The Bible yields up its greatest treasures to those who persevere.



### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**The sick and the housebound: All of our sick and housebound parishioners, all in care homes, hospitals and hospices and to all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.**

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION:** If you are planning to marry here or elsewhere, at least 6 months notice is required and you **MUST** contact a priest to register for a preparation course. Please speak to any of the priests after Mass.

**BAPTISMS:** To book a Baptism for your child please speak to any of the priests after Mass, for an application form, or contact the parish office.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024:** Classes will resume next Sunday, 21st April, after the 11am Mass.

#### **FINANCE - Giving by Standing Order:**

Would you consider gifting your offering by Standing Order? If so, the payment details are: **HSBC Bank plc** A/C Name: **WRCDT Tollington Park**: Sort Code: **40-05-20** & A/C No: **21264869**:

**Gift Aid / Donating to the Parish:** If you are a UK Tax Payer and would like to support our Church with Gift Aid, details is on the website: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/tollingtonpark/donate/> Thank you for your support.

**SICK & HOUSEBOUND:** Clergy and other ministers of Holy Communion are able and willing to visit those who are housebound. Please speak to any of the fathers or contact the parish office if in need.

### PARISH NEWS

**Planned Giving Offertory Envelopes 2024-2025:** There are still a few made ready to collect from the porch of the Church. If you wish to switch to standing order, please contact the parish office. Thank you for all your support .

**A DAY WITH MARY, HERE AT ST MELLITUS CHURCH, NEXT SATURDAY 20TH APRIL 2024.** Mass will begin with the procession of Our Lady at **9.30am**. **ALL** are welcome. Please see the posters / leaflets displayed at the front of the Church.

**UK GENERAL ELECTION 2024: A GUIDE FOR CATHOLIC VOTERS:** The election for the Mayor of London will take place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> **MAY** The Catholic Church encourages all citizens to participate in public life and vote when they are able. The deadline to register to vote is **11.59 pm on 16<sup>th</sup> April**. This year's election will be the first time that voters will need to show photo ID at the polling station. There are many forms of ID that can be used such as a Freedom Pass, Oyster 60+ card or a biometric Residence Permit. Even expired passports or driving licences are allowed if the photograph still looks like you. If you don't have photo ID you can apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate either online at [www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate](http://www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate) or by using the paper

forms available on the noticeboard in the porch. You can also apply for a postal vote or to allow someone else to vote on your behalf by Proxy. Contact details for the local councils are also on the noticeboard.

**WE SAY GOODBYE** to our Seminarian Francis, who has been with us since September 2023. He will be leaving us **Monday 15th April** to continue his formation in the Philippines. We wish to thank him for all he has done in both parishes, wishing him all the best and all of Gods blessings. Please keep him in your prayers, he will be missed.

**PARISH HALL REDEVELOPMENT MEETING today, Sunday 14th April after 11am Mass** in the parish dining room. ALL welcome to join.

**PARISH FORUM SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY. PLANNING MEETING NEXT Sunday the 21st of April** You will remember that we had a very productive Parish Forum 18 months ago, after Sunday Mass. We are very keen to hear your views about how we can improve everything that goes on in the parish at all levels. You are warmly invited to our next Parish Forum to be held **12:15 to 1:45 on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May**. There will be a planning meeting for this event **after mass NEXT Sunday the 21st of April** in the parish meeting room. Please do try and come so that we can plan the best event possible.

**Mary's Meals, Crisis in Ethiopia Appeal 2024:** This week most of our children will be back at school, and most of us will be settling our school dinner accounts for the coming term. But whilst we are settling our accounts, could we be sparing a thought for children who are not so lucky? Mary's Meals' vision is

that every child receives one daily meal in their place of education and that all those who have more than they need, share with those who lack even the most basic things. Mary's Meals is currently highlighting the pending catastrophic famine in Ethiopia. A combination of drought, displacement, and brutal conflict has left huge areas of the country in crisis. In Tigray, the war has undone years of progress in Tigray's education system. To support Mary's Meals school feeding programme across Tigray, which is a lifeline to children living in poverty, we are invited to make an online donation at [www.marysmeals.org.uk/campaigns/crisis-in-ethiopia](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk/campaigns/crisis-in-ethiopia) A donation of £19.15 will feed a child for a whole year, but you can of course make any donation you can afford.

**PENTECOST SUNDAY, 19TH MAY:** We are inviting all the parishioners to celebrate the Gift of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday 19th May, **10am** Mass. Parishioners are encouraged to dress in their cultural attires to celebrate this special day. Candidates for First Holy Communion will be receiving their Sacrament on Pentecost Sunday also. Please don't forget to bring a dish to share after 11am Mass. We look forward to welcoming you all.

**PARISH OFFICE:** Will re-open Tuesday 16th April at 10am.

**POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR APRIL 2024:** For the role of women Regardless of where you live in the world, gender equality is a fundamental human right. Pope Francis invites us to join his prayer intention "...that the dignity and worth of women be recognized in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world." **Amen.**