

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

MON 24 February	feria	8.30am 12.00noon	Alice McDermot, RIP Peter Molloy, Anniv
TUES 25 February	feria	8.30am 12.00noon	Joan Lyons, RIP Gretta Dunlea, RIP
WED 26 February	ASH WEDNESDAY	8.30am 12.00noon 7.30pm	Susan Ochieng, RIP Delphine Boyde, RIP
THUR 27 February	Lent feria	8.30am 12.00noon 7.00pm	For the Parish Sr. Redempta, Birthday Polish Mass
FRI 28 February	Lent feria	8.30am 12.00noon 7pm	Mary Curtin, RIP Gianna Maria Gigin, 1st Birthday STATIONS OF THE CROSS
SAT 29 February		11.00am 6.00pm	Dakshi Lin, Intentions Pro Populo (For the People)
SUN 1 March	1st Sunday of Lent	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 2.15pm 5.00pm	Private intention Louise Kaveh Polish Mass Fionn Kavanagh, RIP

CONFESSIONS: Saturday from 11.30am and 5pm, Friday from 8pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Saturday 4.30pm -5.30pm, Tuesday 9am-11.45am.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MARCH For the Church in China. We pray that the Church in China persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

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Sunday 23rd February 2020

7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings for this Sunday are on page 139 of the Parish Mass Book

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Holy Rood
Catholic Church, Watford

Dear parishioners, the Order for the new seating has been completed and we hope to have these installed BEFORE Easter. Our money from the Growing in Faith campaign will be used together with £30,000 donated by an individual, (she told me that it was better than inheritance tax going to the Government!). There will be a shortfall of about £10,000. Could you think of donating something towards this? The chairs BELONG to the parish and it would be lovely to have them go to the homes of our parishioners. So would you like ONE or TWO? Lists will be at the back of the Church this week – please write down your name and number required. There is NO CHARGE for these but if you would like to make a small donation (say £10) you are welcome to do so.

MISSIO RED BOXES

Through your Red Box and regular donations, you bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth. Your support enables communities of faith to share God's love, live in peace, act with justice and become self-sufficient. Missio is tasked by the Holy Father to help and support the Church where it is new, young or poor so that the Good news may be shared with all people. Your support goes directly to the local Church and to missionaries as they bravely share the gift of faith. Your love and prayers keep them strong. Be assured that as supporters of Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries you will be remembered at their daily Masses and the Congregation will keep you and your intentions in their prayers. RED BOXES ARE AVAILABLE FOR YOU TO REGISTER FOR AND TAKE HOME FOR YOUR LOOSE CHANGE OR CONTRIBUTIONS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. These boxes are collected a few times a year and given back.



CORONAVIRUS. Pending further advice on this important issue, we will continue with the distribution of Holy Communion and the exchange of the sign of peace as normal. However, if individuals are uncomfortable with this at the present time, they may choose to receive Holy Communion in the Host only and exchange a gesture of peace such as a bow rather than a handshake. Please let us all be respectful of one another in the present situation.

SVP QUIZ NIGHT. We will be holding our annual quiz night on Saturday 29th Feb, 7.15pm for 7.30pm start Cost £10 per person including supper of Jacket Potato and dessert. Bring your own drinks. Teams of up to 8 people but you don't have to come as a team, individuals, couples etc. all welcome. For further info or to book please call or text Julie on 07715553690

PROPOSED PARISH PILGRIMAGE. Pilgrimage to Westminster cathedral via public transport on Friday 20th March. Meet at Watford High Street Station at 10.30 am to arrive at the Cathedral for 12.30pm. Some people have asked us to look in to the possibility of going to the Cathedral by Coach. If you are interested in going by Coach from Holy Rood, please write your name on the sheet at the back of the Church. This will give us a clear indication of how many people are interested. The cost will depend on numbers .

ROSARIES FOR THE WORLD. Watford Catenians will be doing a rosary collection. To be distributed to Overseas missions and UK prisons. If you have any spare rosaries to give, please place them in the box at the back of the church marked "Rosaries for the World".

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

SATURDAY/ SUNDAY 29th/1st March

6pm Ethan Hill and FAMILY

8am Anushka Srithevan and FAMILY

9:30am Joshua J Beirne and FAMILY

11 am Anna and Alexandre and FAMILY

5pm Fernando FAMILY

List will be published EVERY week in the NEWSLETTER for the following weekend. IMMEDIATELY after the intercessions please go to the back of the church and wait for the altar servers.

PARISH CENTRE DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Mon 24	Cocaine Anonymous	7pm
Tue 25	Bible Study	7.30pm
Wed 26	Bible Study RCIA	1.00pm 8.00pm
Thu 27	Confirmation Session 9	6.45pm
Fri 28	Women's World Day Prayer Alcoholics Anonymous	2.00pm 8.00pm
Sat 29	Proclaim Lenten Prayer SVP Quiz Night	11.30am 7.15pm
Sun 01	Tea and coffee after 11am Mass Proclaim Lenten Prayer	 6.00pm

GETTING MARRIED? THE NEXT MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE is on the 2nd May at Holy Rood for those intending to marry in 2020/21. Space is limited so please reserve a place with the parish office on watford@rcdow.org.uk if you wish to attend. Please note that for marriage in any Catholic Church, six months notice is required for paperwork and pastoral preparation. It is also important to remember when marrying abroad that many countries require Catholics to have received all their Initiation Sacraments, including Confirmation before marriage in Church.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Gertrude Baulk, Diane Baulk, Thomas Costello, Mick McCarthy, Therese Ahossey, Mary Curtin.

ANNIVERSARIES

Teresa Niro, Peter Molloy.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord

RENTED ACCOMMODATION. From time to time, families and individuals within the parish are looking for accommodation to rent. If you have property available, we would be very grateful if you could let the clergy know so that details can be passed on.

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY, WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL Saturday 30th May , 3pm. The Cardinal will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the diocese who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of catholic marriage in 2020. If you are celebrating an anniversary please give your parish clergy the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email and telephone numbers. You can also email this information to watford@rcdow.org.uk.

PROCLAIM LENTEN PRAYERS The Proclaim team invites you to come together in the parish centre for Lenten prayers. We are offering two opportunities, starting on Saturday 29th February at 12 noon and Wednesday 4th March at 7:00pm, throughout Lent. We will be using the Lenten prayer books from Westminster, and look forward to seeing you on either the Saturday or Wednesday.

Lent 2020 with St Elijah the Prophet: The Centre for applied Carmelite Spirituality in Oxford invites you to a great biblical journey this lent through an online retreat. Using audios, videos and meditations sent twice a week. You will explore aspects of Elijah's journey to meeting God which will echo fruitfully in yours. For more information or to register for the online retreat visit <https://www.oxcacs.org/online-retreat/> Or email: online-retreat@oxcacs.org

SVP- WATFORD FOODBANK DONATIONS. Thank you very much for your donations in January which totalled 139.6 kg. This was exactly the same weight as January 2019. Some of that food you donated will go to families with children and assist them during the February Half term. The donation boxes are at the back of the church. Thank you.

MEMORARE

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen

THE SVP are distributing **11,500 Vinnie Packs** containing cold weather essentials to the homeless this winter. Please could you consider sponsoring packs at a suggested donation of £3.50 per pack? Donations can be sent to **Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ** with cheques made out to SVP or by bank transfer to Nat West **sort code 60-60-04, account no. 4608 8237.** Thank you so much for your support.

THE CARDINAL VAUGHAN MEMORIAL SCHOOL is seeking part-time invigilators for their summer exams. Please refer to their website for details. <https://www.cvms.co.uk/Staff-Vacancies/>

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP

is sponsored for
Nell Duignan RIP

WEEKLY COLLECTION

**Loose £ 862.85 Envelopes £ 486.74
White Flower Appeal £521.85**

**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR
GENEROSITY**

REMEMBER TO REGISTER YOUR NAME AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ONE OR TWO OF THE CHURCH CHAIRS FOR YOUR HOME.