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THIRD SUNDAY, YEAR A **22ND JANUARY, 2023**

THEME: A Light Has Dawned.



We are convinced that the coming of Jesus was a radical change for the world. With him God's light began to shine on a world plunged in the dark. Today, is all darkness gone from our world? Even from his Church? Is Jesus still our light today? Our lives should reflect God's light on all people far and near. We acclaim Jesus here among us as the light of our life.

MEDITATE: Because the Kingdom of heaven has come near, Jesus invites some fishermen to follow him.

ACT: Reflect on what it is about our faith that would act as "bait" to attract those who are searching and questioning.

"Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world." [Pope Francis, *Aperuit Illis*]





PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Thursday 2nd February we celebrate Candlemas Day. We will be blessing the Church Candles for the year. You are welcome to bring your own candle for it to be blessed. If you are joining us online, please have your candle ready for blessing.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The next parents and children's session will take place on **Saturday 28th January** at 10.30am in the Parish Hall.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

For educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses who help the youngest and most vulnerable. May they teach fraternity rather than competition.



COMING TO MASS: COVID-19 SAFE ENVIRONMENT

[Please do NOT attend Mass if you are unwell or have any Covid symptoms]

As we have many vulnerable parishioners we ask that you **continue to wear your mask and sanistise your hands** when you come to Church.
Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

DONATIONS AND COLLECTION OF MONEY
IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT GIVING ON-LINE

GIVING BY STANDING ORDER [Preferred Method]: If you would like to support the parish we would ask you to consider setting up a regular donation in this way.

Offertory Envelopes and other donations can be placed in the Collection Box at the entrance or at the exit of the Church.
There are also a number of cashless methods now available:

Make a donation via our website:
https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wembleyprestonroad/donate/

Via Dona [the company who supply our card readers].
https://portal.mydona.com/assets/webPay/index.php?cid=268
Donations, Mass Intentions and Repository payments can also be made via the card readers in Church

NOW ACCEPTING CONTACTLESS DONATIONS

Simply choose the amount you wish to donate and hold your card onto the reader. *You can also opt-in for **Gift Aid** to increase your donation by 25%. [If you are a UK taxpayer then donating with Gift Aid means that we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 received.]*

Contactless donations are simple to administer, secure and convenient.

[If you are a tax payer, please Gift Aid your donation]

THANK YOU

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you to all who have supported the Parish during the year, by making their offertory donation by the preferred methods of Standing Order, On-line, or by Card Reader. Thank you also to those who donate via the Planned Giving Envelopes.

As some parishioners are unable to use any of the above, and also for visitors, there will be a retiring Offertory Collection at all weekend Masses. Cash only please, no "Planned Giving Envelopes", these should be placed into the boxes provided at the entrance/exit of the Church marked "Offertory" etc.

REPOSITORY

We have a limited number of Adult and Children's Bibles for sale in the Repository, various prices.

The last of the 2023 Church Art Calendars reduced to 80p to clear.

If you do not see something you would like, please ask one of the Repository Team. You are welcome to browse.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK



On Saturday 11th February, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, and the 31st World Day of the Sick, Cardinal Vincent will celebrate Mass in the Cathedral at 2.30pm. During this Mass anointing of the sick will be offered.

Whilst a ticket is required, it can only be booked through the Parish. There are three categories of tickets available:

- 1. Wheelchair users who require anointing,
- 2.Walking sick who require anointing,
- 3. Those assisting the sick, who do not require anointing.

Time is limited, so we require details ASAP and not later than next **Sunday 29th January.**

Please, either put your request in the boxes provided in the Church, or email: wembley3@rcdow.org.uk [including your contact details and what category of ticket] or phone the office: 020 8904 6031.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY
ANNUAL MASS FOR MATRIMONY

The annual Mass for Matrimony will be celebrated in the Cathedral by the Cardinal on Saturday 13th May at 2.30pm for couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries. Full information and invitation will be issued shortly.

THE PASSAGE

THE PASSAGE to ending homelessness

Celebrate St David's Day with *The Passage* on Thursday 2nd March at St Paul's Knightsbridge. Hear an inspiring mix of traditional Welsh music, as well as some popular classic tunes in a stunning venue. The London Welsh Male Voice Choir will be joined by special guests Eiry Price [soprano] and John Ieuan Jones [baritone].

All proceeds from this event will go directly to *The Passage*, helping to provide essential support for those who have experienced homelessness, and preventative action to support those at risk of becoming homeless. Tickets can be purchased at: https://passage.org.uk/get-involved/events/st-davids-day-concert/

THE LARDER

Thank you for your kind donations.

Please leave your donations in the box provided by the Lady Chapel.



VISITING THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Fr. Anthony is at the moment visiting the sick and housebound. If you know of anyone who is in need of a visit please see Fr. Anthony or contact the Parish Office. [If in hospital, please contact the hospital chaplain].

CHURCH CLEANING

The Church closes for cleaning after the 9.30am Mass on Tuesdays.
If you have any spare time please come along and join us.

LITURGY FOR THE THIRD WEEK OF YEAR 1

[All services can be followed online: https://www.churchservices.tv/wembley3
[Saturday 5.30pm and Sunday 10.00am/11.30am Masses are recorded]

Sunday 22nd January: Third Sunday of Year A: [10.00/11.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Isaiah 8.23-9.3; Psalm: 26; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 1.10-13,17; Gospel: Matthew 4.12-23. **Intention:** 10.00am:Norma Jones [RIP, A]
11.30am: Krzysztof Warzych [RIP, A]

Monday 23rd January: Feria: [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Hebrews 9.15,24-28; Psalm: 97; Gospel: Mark 3.22-30. **Intention:** Bertie Cosc [RIP]

Tuesday 24th January: St Francis de Sales: [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Ephesians 3.8-12; Psalm: 36; Gospel: John 15.9-17. **Intention:** Michael Byrns [RIP]

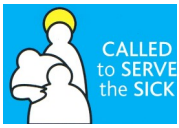
Wednesday 25th January: Conversion of St. Paul: [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Acts 22.3-16; Psalm: 116; Gospel: Mark 16.15-18. **Intention:** Tommy Supple [RIP]

Thursday 26th January – NO SERVICE

Friday 27th January: Feria: [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Hebrews 10.32-39; Psalm: 36; Gospel: Mark 4.26-34. **Intention:** Monica Drosso [RIP, A]

Saturday 28th January: Fourth Sunday of Year A: [5.30pm] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Zephaniah 2.3;3.12-13; Psalm: 145; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 1.26-31; Gospel: Matthew 5.1-12. **Intention:** Tony McElwee [RIP, A]

Sunday 29th January: Fourth Sunday of Year A: [10.00/11.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Zephaniah 2.3;3.12-13; Psalm: 145; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 1.26 -31; Gospel: Matthew 5.1-12. **Intention:** 10.00am: People of the Parish
11.30am: Delia Sheehan [RIP, A]



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

We keep in our thoughts and prayers: Margaret Beeby, Yves Remedios, Patrick Carmody, Denton Allen, and Radwan Naffa.
We remember also those in Kenbrook, Birchwood Grange and Brook House.

In case you are admitted to hospital.....

Please indicate *on entering hospital* that your details are to be passed to the RC Chaplain, and that you would like a visit from the RC Chaplain.
Sunday - Thursday 9.00am – 4:30pm 020 8967 5130. Kindly leave a voicemail including patient's name and ward or e-mail: LNWH-TR.CHAPLAINCY@NHS.NET

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.
[*based on a prayer of St Alphonsus Liguori]*