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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A 23RD APRIL, 2023

THEME: Journeying With the Lord



Wen we are sad as we travel, or bored or discouraged or all alone, the journey seems to last much longer. But let someone join us on the road, a friend or even a stranger who gives us courage and joy again, the journey becomes lighter and interesting and our hearts are lifted up. The road of life is like this. At times it is hard and tiring, but it becomes easy and joyful when we know that the Lord journeys with us and warms our hearts. Today and everyday Jesus wants to be our companion on the road of life.

MEDITATE: The story of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus is an important one for each of us trying to find Jesus in our lives.

ACT: Take time each day to visit the Scriptures again. Try to understand Jesus and his message in a new way that is helpful to your life.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND



Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place next weekend. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 48 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 14 of whom are from our own Diocese, as well as two men studying in Rome and two in Valladolid. Last year five men were ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. This fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation envelopes are available at each exit of the church. 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The next "Link Mass" will take place on **Saturday 6th May at 5.30pm**,
Theme: "The Eucharist"

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

NOW ACCEPTING CONTACTLESS DONATIONS

Donations, Mass Intentions and Repository payments can also be made via the card readers in Church

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

THANK YOU



SAVE THE DAY: PENTECOST SUNDAY INTERNATIONAL DAY

On the feast of Pentecost [**SUNDAY 28th May**] we celebrate our "Unity in Diversity" and the different cultures, food and traditions that are part of our Parish. This event is a wonderful, joyous celebration, and it requires a lot of work. We need as much help as possible. Details on how you can help in next week's newsletter.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

Saturday 29th April 10.30am – 11.30am
Registration forms available on the website.

PARISH MAGAZINE – PENTECOST EDITION

Articles need to be in by the weekend of 13th/14th May.

REPOSITORY

Currently in stock: a good selection of First Holy Communion and Confirmation cards, Prayer Books, Rosaries and gifts, all at reasonable prices. If you don't see what you require, please ask as we are unable to display our full stock. You are welcome to have a browse.

REGINA CAELI

["Queen of Heaven" is a prayer addressed to the Blessed Virgin Mary that is used during the Easter Season, from Easter Sunday to Pentecost. During this season, the Marian Prayer takes the place of the traditional Angelus.]



V. O Queen of Heaven, rejoice, Alleluia
R. For He Whom you were worthy to bear. Alleluia

V. Has risen as He said. Alleluia
R. Pray for us to our God. Alleluia

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia.
R. For the Lord has risen indeed, Alleluia.

Let us pray:
God our Father, you give joy to the world by the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Through the prayers of his mother, the Virgin Mary, bring us to the happiness of eternal life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE MONTH OF MAY AND THE ROSARY



On the Wednesdays in May, there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 9.30am Mass, followed by meditative Rosary, Individual prayer time and Benediction at 11.00am. You can also follow us on-line.

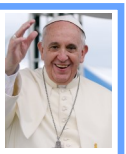
THANK YOU

very much for the cards, gifts, good wishes and prayers and to everyone who helped with the preparations and services for Holy Week and Easter. Also to all those who help the parish in so many ways throughout the year.

Special gratitude to Monica and the choir, whose beautiful singing and plain chant added to the spirituality of all the Services.

With every blessing. [Fr. Anthony]

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL



For a culture of peace and non violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non violence, through a decreasing use of weapons by both states and citizens.



THE LARDER

Thank you for your kind donations,
especially during these difficult times.
Please leave your donations in the box provided by the Lady Chapel.

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 EASTER

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

Sunday 23rd April: Third of Easter, Year A: [10.00am/11.30am] Readings: Acts 2.14,22-33; Psalm: 15; 2nd Reading: 1Peter 1.17-21; Gospel: Luke 24.13-35. **Intentions:** 10.00am: John Sullivan [Intention]
11.30am: People of the Parish

Monday 24th April: St. George [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Apocalypse 12.10-12; Psalm: 125; Gospel: John 15.18-21. **Intention:** John Loftus [RIP]

Tuesday 25th April: St. Mark Feria [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: 1Peter 5.5-14; Psalm: 88; Gospel: Mark 16.15-20. **Intention:** Peter Donoghue [RIP]

Wednesday 26th April: Easter Feria: [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Acts 8.1-8; Psalm: 65; Gospel: John 6.35-40. **Intention:** Judith Jayawardane [RIP]

Thursday 27th April: NO SERVICE

Friday 28th April: Easter Feria: [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Acts 9.1-20; Psalm: 116; Gospel: John 6.52-59. **Intention:** Kitty Regan [RIP]

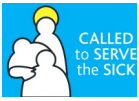
Saturday 29th April: Fourth of Easter, Year A: [5.30pm] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Acts 2.14,36-41; Psalm: 22; 2nd Reading: 1Peter 2.20-25; Gospel: John 10.1-10. **Intention:** Anne and Eileen Joyce [RIP]

Sunday 30th April: Fourth of Easter, Year A: [10.00am/11.30am] Readings: Acts 2.14,36-41; Psalm: 22; 2nd Reading: 1Peter 2.20-25; Gospel: John 10.1-10.
Intentions: 10.00am: Margaret Cornish [RIP, A]
11.30am: People of the Parish

CORONATION MASS

On Friday 5th May there will be Mass at 6.30pm offered for the intentions of King Charles III

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK



We keep in our thoughts and prayers: Margaret Beeby, Yves Remedios, Denton Allen, Radwan Naffa, and Magdalene Davis. 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.

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]*