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SEVENTH SUNDAY, YEAR C **23RD FEBRUARY, 2025**

THEME: Love Even Your Enemies



If we are capable of doing it by the grace of God, there is perhaps nothing that brings us closer to God and makes us most like him than the readiness to forgive and the aptitude to love even enemies. These are so contrary to our feelings of not wanting to be anyone's fool or doormat. And yet, the gospel insists: You who were God's enemies, you who have been forgiven, forgive, be reconciled, be merciful as your heavenly Father is merciful.

MEDITATE: Nothing in the gospel is more difficult than this – to love our enemies, to do good to those who mistreat us, to lend without any expectation of return.

ACT: Write a prayer to the Lord asking for patience to love more freely. Carry this in your pocket, wallet or purse this week.

PALM CROSSES

In preparation for the Lenten Season please return your Palm Crosses to the church by the end of February for use on Ash Wednesday [5th March].



ANNUAL LENTEN RETREAT 2025

At St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Wembley. Led by Fr. Toby Lees OP.
Friday 7th March – Sunday 9th March, 5.30 – 8.15pm.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION



Due to circumstance beyond our control we are unable to hold our St. Patrick's Day Bacon & Cabbage Celebration this year. So, for this year we intend to celebrate it on the day itself **Monday, 17th March**. Mass will be celebrated at 11.00am followed by lunch in the Hall. This will be a ticketed event (60 maximum available). Lunch will consist of Stew & Soda Bread, and for Dessert there will be a selection of Irish cakes and biscuits. With a licensed bar. Tickets, priced at £5, will be available from next weekend.

LIVE STREAMING 24/7 - FOR YOUR AWARENESS

The sanctuary area is continuously monitored via a 24/7 livestream, serving as a focal point for prayer and contemplation for congregants who are at home. Please be aware that if you are present in this area, your image and actions will be captured on the livestream.

DONATIONS AND COLLECTION OF MONEY

GIVING BY STANDING ORDER IS THE PREFERRED METHOD

Offertory Envelopes and other donations can be placed in the Collection Box at the entrance or at the exit of the Church.

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

CONTACTLESS DONATIONS

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

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

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES & GIFT AID

If your circumstances have changed please do inform the Parish Office.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES



25th July – 1st August 2025 - Pilgrimage led by Cardinal Vincent.
Please contact Elizabeth Uwalaka on 0207 798 9173 or
lourdes@rcdow.org.uk or www.rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes

LAURENCE'S LARDER

Thank you for your kind donations.
Please leave your donations in the box provided by the Lady Chapel.

BRENT DEANERY PILGRIMAGE TO ROME: 24th – 28th NOVEMBER 2025

A pilgrimage to Rome is being organised in Brent deanery to enable us to go to Rome during the Holy Year of 2025. The cost will be £1,130 for a twin/double room on a half board basis. There are very few single rooms at £100 supplement. This price does not include lunch or baggage in the hold. For further details and payment of deposit, please visit the website at www.pilgrimagepeople.org and quote **BRENT01** when booking. When arriving at the payment page, **be sure to tick "deposit"** at the top of the page otherwise it will ask for the whole amount. Alternatively, you can phone Pilgrimage People on 0800 612 3423. **Closing date 24th February 2025**. See posters on noticeboards for details.

Please contact Pilgrimage People directly. Bookings will **not** be made through the parish office.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION
CONFIRMATION 2025

The next session for the candidates will take place on
TUESDAY 25th February, at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall.
The "Mass of Acceptance" will take place on Saturday 1st March
at the 5.30pm Mass.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults [RCIA]

Next meeting: ***Wednesday 26th February at 7.00pm, in the Parish Hall.***
All are welcome

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The next parents and children's session will take place on
Saturday 1st March, at 10.30am in the Parish Hall.

ANNUAL MASS FOR MATRIMONY

The annual Mass for Matrimony will be celebrated in the Cathedral by Cardinal Vincent on **Saturday 17th May at 2.30pm** for couples celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2025. If you qualify, please contact the Parish Office with these details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, number of years married, postal address, email (or phone number, if no email).



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY 2025

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

WESTMINSTER WAY PILGRIM WALK

Available online are resources to walk the 'Westminster Way', including a Leader's Guide and Pilgrim Passport. This pathway takes pilgrims through Central London, in the steps of the saints as 'beacons of hope'. Starting at English Martyrs, Tower Hill and ending at Westminster Cathedral, pilgrims are invited to look closely at different expressions of sainthood and the saints who embody them. Find out more at https://rcdow.org.uk/jubilee-2025/westminster-way/.

MASS FOR BEREAVED PARENTS

will be celebrated in the Cathedral by Bishop Paul McAleenan on
Saturday 5th April at 2.00pm.

REPOSITORY

Limited number of statues, candles and other religious objects available.
You are welcome to browse.

CHURCH CLEANING

If you have any spare time to please come along and join us after the 9.30am Mass on Tuesday mornings to help clean God's House. This is also a good way of meeting others in our parish.

LITURGY FOR THE SEVENTH WEEK OF YEAR 1 - Psalter Week 3

All services can be followed online: **https://www.churchservices.tv/wembley3**
Saturday 5.30pm and Sunday 10.00am/11.30am Masses are recorded
[Licensing Permission: One Licence: A - 735446; CCLI: 1698960]

Sunday 23rd February: 7th Sunday, Year C [10.00am/11.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: 1Samuel 26.2,7-9,12-13,22-23; Psalm: 103; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 15.45-49; Gospel: Luke 6.27-38. **Intention:** 10.00am: Mary and Richard Govan [RIP]; 11.30am: People of the Parish

Monday 24th February: Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 1.1-10; Psalm: 92; Gospel: Mark 9.14-29. **Intention:** Stella Barry [RIP]

Tuesday 25th February: Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 2.1-11; Psalm: 36; Gospel: Mark 9.30-37. **Intention:** Agnes Tiernan [Intention]

Wednesday 26th February: Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 4.11-19; Psalm: 118; Gospel: Mark 9.38-40. **Intention:** Betty Harrington [Intention]

Thursday 27th February: NO SERVICE

Friday 28th February: Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 6.5-17; Psalm: 118; Gospel: Mark 10.1-12. **Intention:** Josie McInana [RIP]

Saturday 1st March: 8th Sunday, Year C [5.30pm] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Sirach 27.4-7; Psalm: 92; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 15.54-58; Gospel: Luke 6.39-45. **Intention:** People of the Parish.

Sunday 2nd March: 8th Sunday, Year C [10.00am/11.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Sirach 27.4-7; Psalm: 92; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 15.54-58; Gospel: Luke 6.39-45. **Intention:** 10.00am: Patricia Hollingsworth [RIP]
11.30am: Raymond Menezes [RIP]

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK - [for those who have asked to be remembered]



We keep in our thoughts and prayers: Sue McGovern, Cathy Singer, Martin Geary, Susan Bradley, Radwan Naffa, and Yves Remedios.
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 - Friday 8.00am - 4.00pm 020 8967 5130. Kindly leave a voicemail including patient's name and ward or e-mail: LNWH-TR.CHAPLAINCY@NHS.NET

May the Lord Jesus bless, console and strengthen all the sick,
and may Mary, health of the sick, intercede for them.

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]*