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**PARISH
NEWSLETTER**

27th AUGUST

2023

**TWENTY FIRST
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY
TIME**

Lamp intentions this week:

Sacred Heart Lamp- Ludmilla Tukova

Blessed Sacrament Lamp 1 - Theresa Walls RIP

Shrine Lamp – Ludmilla Tukova

Mass intentions from Saturday 26th August 2023

Sat 6pm: Jerry Lyons - Anniversary.

Sunday 9am: Pro Populo

11am: Jose Antonio Correia – latterly Dead

5.30pm: B.M'S Intentions- Health, work, spiritual wellbeing

Mon 10am: Holy Souls OLM

7pm: NO MASS - Bank Holiday

Tues 10am: Ann Barry – Sick Int.

7pm: November Dead List 2022

Wed: 10am: Michael O'Beirne – RIP

7pm: Holy Souls OLM

Thur:10am: November Dead List 2022

7pm: Holy Souls OLM

Friday 10am: November Dead List 2022 .

7pm: Holy Souls OLM

Saturday 10am: Holy Souls OLM

6pm: Jerry Lyons - Anniversary

Sunday 9am: Seamus Ryan - Anniversary

11am: Lena Alcendor- Anniversary

5.30pm: Pro Populo

Masses & Sanctuary Lamp intentions can be booked online: willesden@rcdow.org.uk or by phone 02089654935

MASS INTENTIONS ARE AVAILABLE FROM 7th SEPT and SANCTUARY LAMPS *from next weekend!*

BOOK AT THE REPOSITORY, OR VIA THE PARISH OFFICE.

USUAL MASS TIMES:

Saturday 6pm (Anticipated said Mass for Sunday)

SUNDAY 9am (simple said: Livestreamed)

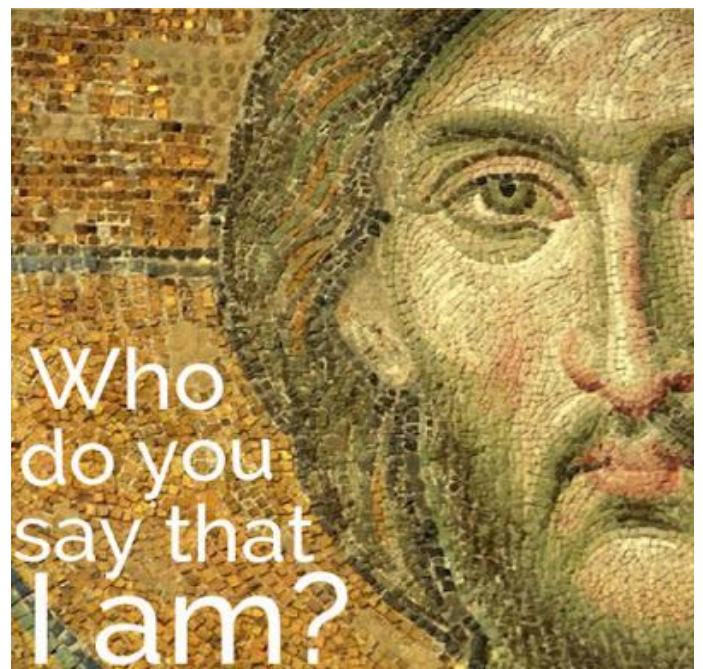
11am (Solemn Mass with Choir)

5.30pm - (Traditional Latin)

Monday to Saturday 10am, Monday - Friday: 7pm.

(No evening Mass on Bank Holidays)

Confessions: Tue 6.15-6.45pm & Sat.10.30-11.30am & 5-5.45pm.



At an opportune time Jesus tests his disciples with a crucial question: *Who do men say that I am and who do you say that I am?* He was widely recognized in Israel as a mighty man of God, even being compared with the greatest of the prophets, John the Baptist, Elijah, and Jeremiah. Peter, always quick to respond, exclaimed that he was *the Christ, the Son of the living God*. No mortal being could have revealed this to Peter; but only God.

S. Cyril of Alexandria (376-444 AD), an early church father comments on Peter's profession of faith in Jesus: Peter did not say "you are a Christ" or "a son of God" but "**the Christ, the Son of God.**" For there are many christs [meaning *anointed ones*] by grace, who have attained the rank of adoption [as sons], but [there is] only one who is by nature the Son of God. Thus, using the definite article, he said, the Christ, the Son of God. And in calling him Son of the living God, Peter indicates that Christ himself is life and that death has no authority over him. And even if the flesh, for a short while, was weak and died, nevertheless it rose again, since the Word, who indwelt it, could not be held under the bonds of death. (FRAGMENT 190)

Lord Jesus, I profess and believe that you are the Christ, the Son of the living God. You are my Lord and my Saviour. Make my faith strong like Peter's and give me boldness to speak of you to others that they may come to know you personally as Lord and Saviour and grow in the knowledge of your great love.

Fr Jonathan, Farewell Mass, Saturday 9th September at 6pm, followed by a reception in the Marian Hall. There will be a second Collection after the masses next weekend for those who wish to contribute towards a farewell presentation.

THIS WEEK: IN CHURCH:

Weekday Rosary: in the Shrine at 10.30am.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Tuesdays & Saturdays between the masses.

Shrine Prayers: Tuesdays after the 7pm Mass

~~*Coffee and Bible Study: Thursday after 10am Mass (BREAK UNTIL SEPTEMBER)*~~

Legion of Mary: Sundays, 12.30pm – 2pm in the Presbytery

Church Cleaning: Wed 8.30am-10am.

Ghanaian Catholic Association: First Sunday of the Month after the 11am Mass, in the Marian Hall.

Nigerian Catholic Association: Third Sunday of the Month after the 11am Mass, in the Marian Hall.

1,000 Hail Mary's: First Saturdays, after 10am Mass, in the Shrine Chapel

ONLINE:

Children's Liturgy: <https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/>

*Livestream Mass: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/willesden> or the **Willesden Shrine** Facebook Page. 9am Sunday.*

Sign up to e-alerts from the Parish to receive news, updates and the weekly Newsletter directly to your email!

Go to the parish website: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/willesden>

Parish Offerings:

Weekend of 5th/6th August £1,354.50; Shrine Restoration £88.75; Organ Fund from the Funeral Collection in Memory of Joy Cave RIP £82.74.

Weekend of 12th/13th August £1,121.83; Shrine Restoration £49.61; Organ Fund; £20.00

Weekend of 19th/20th August £1,152.19, Shrine Restoration £97.08.

Many thanks to all who support us.

THE REPOSITORY In addition to Sundays will also be OPEN Mon – Thursday after the 10am Mass.

Please note, Monday 28th August is a Bank Holiday, and so there will only be one Mass at 10am.

March for Life. Next Saturday, 2nd September, Bishop John Sherrington will celebrate the 10.30am Mass at Westminster Cathedral marking the beginning of the March for Life UK day. All are welcome.

Martin Carey RIP. The body of Martin Carey will be received into the Shrine Church on Friday 15th September at 9.45am for a Eulogy before the Requiem Mass at 10am. Committal follows at the West London Crematorium at 11.15am.

Phelim Goggin RIP. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Phelim, son of Rose Goggin, who died tragically in Ireland.

A message from Fr William Johnstone who has been appointed as Assistant Priest here at the Shrine, and will be arriving later in September.



Fr Stephen has asked me to write a few words of introduction as I prepare to take up my appointment as assistant priest in the parish. I was ordained on 26th June 2021 (the Feast of St Josemaría Escrivá) so I have been a priest for just over two years. I served as a deacon at the Church of Our Lady in St John's Wood and then my first appointment as a priest was in Welwyn Garden City in Hertfordshire where I have been based up until now. My path to the Catholic priesthood has been a long one. I was born in a very rural part of Cumbria near Hadrian's Wall. My parents are members of the Church of England and on my mother's side of the family there were several generations of Anglican clergy. I became a Catholic in my early thirties, having been very influenced by the writings of St John Henry Newman.

Shortly after this I applied to the Diocese of Westminster and I was sent to the English College in Rome to train for the priesthood. Although I completed most of my training in Rome, I decided that I needed more time to discern my vocation. I spent twelve years doing a variety of jobs, most recently working as one of the diocesan archivists. In early 2017 I felt a definite call by God to explore the idea of priesthood again and after a couple of years of parish placements (along with classes at Allen Hall) I was ordained deacon and then priest by Cardinal Vincent Nichols.

So now I find myself preparing to join you at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden. I am very much looking forward to meeting you all. Please keep me in your prayers as I say goodbye to my parishioners in Hertfordshire and begin this new chapter in my life.

***Sunday 3rd September, Choral Vespers & Benediction,
4.30pm. Music includes: Sicut Cervus- Palestrina, Magnificat; Short Service- Byrd.***

Refreshments after the 9am Mass EVERY SUNDAY

After the 11am Mass on 2nd & 4th Sundays

Come, and join us!