

SHRINE & PARISH OF OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN,

<u>1, NICOLL RD, LONDON, NW10 9AX.</u> Tel: 0208 965 4935 email: <u>willesden@rcdow.org.uk/</u>

Website <u>https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/willesden</u> Rector and Parish Priest: Fr Stephen Willis. In Residence: Fr Felix. Parish Secretary: Karen Toole: Safeguarding: Sylvia Vernon. PARISH NEWSLETTER 5rd September 2025 TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Lamp intentions this week: Sacred Heart Lamp- Jean Marie - Thanksgiving Blessed Sacrament Lamp 1 - Theresa Walls RIP Blessed Sacrament Lamp 2 – Peace in Life – Edith Kpenyong. Shrine Lamp 1 – Augusta Maria Rodrigues -RIP Anniversary

Mass intentions from Saturday 3rd September 2023

Sat 6pm: Eileen McQuaid - Anniversary. Sunday 9am: Seamus Ryan - Anniversary 11am: Lena Alcendor- Anniversary 5.30pm: Pro Populo Mon: 10am : Michael & Bridget Nee & family – Anniversary 7pm: Michael O'Beirne -RIP Tues: 10am: Holy Souls OLM **7pm:** Pat Connaughton – Lately Dead Wed: 10am: Bernard Levine – Anniversary 7pm: Holy Souls OLM Thurs: 10am: Sean Mulkeen - Lately Dead **7pm:** Lily Filan – Lately Dead Fri:10am: M Gracias - Months Mind 7pm: William Goggin -Lately Dead Saturday 10am: George Albert Levine - Anniversary **6pm:** Holy Family Intention Sunday 9am: Julie Feany – Anniversary 11am: Pro Populo 5.30pm: Vincent Masterson - RIP

Masses & Sanctuary Lamp intentions can be booked online: willesden@rcdow.org.uk or by phone 02089654935 MASS INTENTIONS ARE AVAILABLE FROM 26th SEPT and SANCTUARY LAMPS from next weekend!

USUAL MASS TIMES:

Saturday **6pm** (Anticipated said Mass for Sunday) **SUNDAY 9am** (simple said: Livestreamed) 11**am** (Solemn Mass with Choir) **5.30pm** – (Traditional Latin) Monday to Saturday 10**am**, Monday - Friday: **7pm**. (No evening Mass on Bank Holidays) Confessions: Tue 6.15-6.45pm & Sat.10.30-11.30am & 5-5.45pm.



What will you give to God in exchange for freedom and eternal life? Are you ready to part with anything that might keep you from following the Lord Jesus and his perfect plan for your life? Jesus poses these questions to challenge our assumptions about what is most profitable and worthwhile in life. In every decision of life we are making ourselves a certain kind of person. It is possible that some can gain all the things they have set their heart on, only to wake up suddenly and discover that they missed the most important thing of all. Of what value are material things if they don't help you gain what truly lasts for eternity. Neither money nor possessions can buy heaven, mend a broken heart, or cheer a lonely person.

A true disciple gladly gives up all that he or she has in exchange for an unending life of joy and happiness with God. God gives without measure. The joy he offers no sadness or loss can diminish. The cross of Jesus Christ leads to victory and freedom from sin and death. What is the cross which Jesus Christ commands me to take up each day? When *my* will crosses with *his* will, then his will must be done. Are you ready to lose all for Jesus Christ in order to gain all with Jesus Christ?

Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and all my will, all that I have and possess. You have given them to me; to you, O Lord, I restore them; all things are yours, dispose of them according to your will. Give me your love and your grace, for this is enough for me. (Prayer of S. Ignatius of Loyola, 1491-1556)

<u>Fr Jonathan, Farewell Mass</u>, Next Saturday, 9th September at 6pm, followed by a reception in the Marian Hall. There will be a second Collection after the masses this 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 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: <u>https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/</u> Livestream Mass: <u>https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/willesden</u> 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: <u>https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/willesden</u>

Parish Offerings:

Weekend of 26th /27th August £1,147.11; Shrine Restoration £93.45; Organ Fund £20.00 *Many thanks to all who support us.* <u>THE REPOSITORY</u> In addition to Sundays will also be OPEN Mon – Thursday after the 10am Mass.

Mass of Ages. Copies of the Latin Mass Society's Magazine are available at the beck of church.

<u>Martin Carey RIP.</u> 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.



Push open the door of a church... There are a thousand reasons to push open the door of a church, and all of them are good because they lead us to God. In fact, when logistically possible, many parishes leave the doors of their church open all day, inviting any passer-by who wishes to come and take a break from the daily routine. A church does not come alive only during a mass or a celebration, even if these moments make it shine particularly brightly. It is certainly a privileged place for collective prayer (Mass, Eucharistic adoration or the rosary organised by the parish, etc.), but it is also built on our personal prayers. It is made up of those little moments stolen from our daily routine, of those sorrows, joys and hopes that men and women have left at the foot of the cross, over the years, sometimes even over the centuries... And then there is His presence. Always there, discreet and immense: "One is less alone at the back of a deserted church" as Marceline Desbordes-Valmore says in her poem The church of Arona.

Church doors are there to be pushed open. So let's enter, visit and pray in every church we come across!

Depending on our sensitivity and mood, our prayer can take many forms: recited prayer, inner dialogue, inhabited silence, lit candles, contemplation of stained glass windows or paintings... and even simply being there...

Being there for a few minutes, doing nothing, just to be with Him, just to taste His presence before returning to our activities.

WESTMINSTER PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM; SATURDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER. A coach has been booked for the parishes of NW10 to join the Westminster Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. The Coach Fare is £25, and there is an Additional payment of £5, which is the Pilgrim Levy to support the Walsingham Shrine. The day will include Pilgrim Mass, Rosary Procession on the Holy Mile, and Benediction on the site of the original Abbey. There will be possibilities to pray in the ancient Slipper Chapel, and visit other churches.... And shops! If you wish to go, please place payment of £30 per Pilgrim in an envelope, and drop off at the Presbytery as soon as possible. Please place the name of the Pilgrim/s and contact number on the envelope. Final details to be confirmed, but likely to leave at 7.30am, and return by 8pm approx..



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

Refreshments after the 9am Mass EVERY SUNDAYAfter the 11am Mass on 2nd & 4th SundaysCome, and join us!